

## **President's Statement**

The period from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 was another busy, challenging and successful year for the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) and Malaysian Sports. The 28<sup>th</sup> OCM Annual General Assembly held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009, and the biennial elections of Office Bearers of OCM were conducted without any hitch.

During the year, OCM participated in the following multi-sports Games:-

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Youth Games, held in Singapore, from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Martial Arts Games, held in Bangkok, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Indoor Games held in Hanoi, from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- The 25<sup>th</sup> SEA Games held in Vientiane, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The overall results at the above Games were good. In particular the Malaysian Contingent of the 25<sup>th</sup> SEA Games, surpassed the target by winning 40 gold medals and finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the overall gold medal tally. More significant and satisfying was the Malaysian Men's Football Team winning the Gold Medal, after 20 years and the Women's Badminton Team winning the Gold medal in the Team Event, after 34 years.

Besides participation in multi-sports Games, OCM organized all its annual events and activities such as the OCM Annual Dinner, Annual Events Seminar, Olympic Day Run, Technical Courses for Coaches Sport Administration Courses. In addition, OCM also successfully organized the Delhi 2010 Queen's Baton Relay in Melaka and the Queen's Baton Fun Run in Kuala Lumpur. OCM made an impressive but unsuccessful bid to host the 125<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur in 2013.

One of OCM's important priorities is to assist the National Sports Associations (NSAs) affiliated to OCM, in whatever way possible to improve the governance of their associations. In this connection, OCM conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rating Exercise for the NSAs, from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010. All 50 affiliates of OCM submitted their Rating Questionnaire to OCM for evaluation and confirmation. Meetings were held with representatives of all 50 affiliates and consensus, after amendments to a few NSAs, was reached on the marks achieved by all the 50 affiliates. Certificates were presented to each NSA, in recognition of their ratings.

In addition OCM also conducted sports management courses for staff and officers of the NSAs and sports organisations, to further improve their competence and effectiveness. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Sport Management Course (ASMC) was successfully concluded over 4 week-ends with 13 sports officials completing the Course. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ASMC is in progress and a Basic Sport Administrators Course was held in March this year. As part of its continuing programme for updating of sports knowledge, OCM successfully supported and assisted in the organisation of Asian Sports 2009, a conference on sports marketing.

The XIII Olympic Congress was held in Copenhagen from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The Olympic Congress is an important forum for the Olympic Family to discuss the future of the Olympic Movement. It is held at intervals decided by the IOC and the normal interval is more than 12 years. The recommendations and some of the important papers of the XIII Olympic Congress had been distributed to the affiliates of OCM. Affiliates of OCM are requested to study the recommendations of the XIII Olympic Congress to keep pace with the development and advancement of sport within the Olympic Movement.

OCM successfully organised its 10<sup>th</sup> Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, with the objective of collating views and opinions from representatives of NSAs, sponsors, officials, media personnel, to assist OCM in formulating its next Five Year Strategic Plan (2010 to 2015). The findings of the Conference are now under five working groups tasked to formulate the OCM Strategic Plan.

One of the conclusions of the XIII Olympic Congress was the importance of National Sports Associations (NSAs) as they are the ones who form their respective International Federations (IFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). If NSAs are weak, then their IFs and their NOCs are also weak and the national sports structure of a country will also be weak. In this context, one of OCM's main objectives in this decade, will be to strengthen our NSAs, to ensure their governance are of high standards and to reduce and resolve all disputes within the NSAs. To achieve this objective, it is

imperative that the NSAs affiliated with OCM should be united and stay united in order for sports development to progress in a positive environment.

OCM successfully concluded its negotiations with Measat Broadcast Network Systems Sdn Bhd to establish a 24hrs, 7 days a week TV Channel of Malaysian Sports under the name of Astro Arena. Astro Arena, was successfully launched on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 by YB Dato' Ahmad Shabery Cheek, the Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia, at OCM Indoor Sports Arena, Level 3, Wisma OCM. On the same day, the Strategic Alliance Agreement between Measat Broadcast Network Systems Sdn Bhd and OCM was signed. Astro Arena started broadcasting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 on Channel 801.

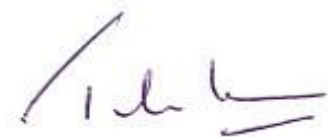
The Financial position of OCM continued to strengthen. The surplus for the year 2009 was RM693,187/= on a total income of RM9,445,838/= for the year as against RM1,299,784/= on a total income of RM10,458,426/= for the year 2008.

For the second year OCM provided financial grants to all affiliates of OCM for the year 2010. The grant was RM6,000/= for an Ordinary Member and RM4,000/= for an Associate Member. The evaluation of Wisma OCM was completed and the Property, Plant and Equipment of OCM are now valued at RM55.3 million as against RM22.2 million in 2008.

The OCM Trust Fund Deed which was approved on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009, has finally be established with the appointment of the three members of the Trust Management Committee from OCM and three independent members. Other than the initial investment of RM8.0 million, no additional funds have been invested during the period under review.

The second half of 2010 will have the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games, Delhi XIX Commonwealth Games and the Guangzhou 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach Games in Muscat, Oman. OCM is confident that Malaysian athletes will build on the momentum of the success of the 25<sup>th</sup> SEA Games to achieve the best ever medal tally in the above Games.

To conclude, I wish to thank the Government of Malaysia, the International Olympic Committee, the Olympic Council of Asia, the Commonwealth Games Federation, the SEA Games Federation, sponsors, supporters, my colleagues on the OCM Board and the Council as well as the staff and volunteers of OCM for the invaluable support and guidance.



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