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**Letter from the National Olympic Committee  
President of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to  
the International Olympic Committee President**

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**Summary:**

A letter from the Chinese Olympic Committee to IOC President Samaranch urging the IOC to accede to North Korean demands that part of the 1988 Summer Olympics be held in the North.

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MR. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH Beijing, Sept. 19th, 1985  
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Dear Mr. President,

In recent years, the Olympic movement has become more and more influential in international life. And we feel delighted at this situation. However, we have noticed that the Olympic movement is at present confronted with some problems, which have aroused public attention. The Chinese Olympic Committee sincerely hopes that these problems will be properly solved. For this purpose you have done a great. At your invitation the representatives of both the NOC of D.P.R.Korea and the NOC of South Korea will meet in Lausanne for discussion this coming October. We greatly admire all these efforts of yours.

As you know, the D.P.R.Korea made an official proposal that the 24th Olympic Games are jointly held in Pyongyang and Seoul and that the both sides of Korea form one team to participate in the Games. We maintain that the proposal made by the D.P.R.Korea is worth serious consideration. If the proposal can be realized, it will help to ease the situation in the Korean peninsula and will also be conducive to the peaceful unification of Korea and the solving of the problems that confront the Olympic movement. It is our hope that the International Olympic Committee will do something for the negotiation in Lausanne between the both sides of Korea, so that positive results may be achieved. I believe that your efforts in this respect [sic] will win extensive support.

Wish the negotiation in Lausanne a great success.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

ZHONG SHITONG  
PRESIDENT