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### **International youth athletes to bond at Singapore 2010 Friendship Camp**

1. Youth athletes from around the world will gather for the Singapore 2010 Friendship Camp (SFC) from 8 to 12 December 2009. A total of 417 participants, comprising 262 student athletes from 130 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and 155 student athletes from Singapore, aged between 15 and 17, will learn about the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect and experience an exciting range of activities during the camp.

2. Athletes will get a sneak preview of what they can expect at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games next year through the exciting Culture and Education Programme (CEP) at the camp. The young athletes will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with well-known athletes like Michael Klim, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Asafa Powell and Dexter Lee during the Chat with Champions. They will also participate in a variety of interactive workshops, venture outdoors for an Island Adventure at Pulau Ubin and learn more about the environment.

3. The Singapore 2010 Friendship Camp will also celebrate the rich diversity of global cultures and arts, through the World Festival featuring an intriguing blend of sports and the arts, and a fusion of the East and West.

4. In addition, participants will get to enjoy the sights and sounds of Singapore, through a Downtown Rendezvous to the distinctive cultural districts of Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India. The youth athletes will also get to experience new sports including sepak takraw, pencak silat and tchoukball, and learn more about the elements of sports science in a fun and engaging manner, through a specially-tailored Sport Exploration Programme.

5. Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Home Affairs, said, "In the spirit of Friends@YOG, local participants from the respective twinned schools will be both buddies and hosts to the NOC-participants. I encourage our young participants to foster new friendship bonds across borders grounded in true Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect, and bring home their experiences to share with their fellow athletes."

6. Mr Goh Kee Nguan, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC) said, "We are very happy to welcome the athletes to the Singapore 2010 Friendship Camp. It is an excellent



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opportunity for us to connect more young people to the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games. I believe the participants will have memorable stories to share with their friends back at home and encourage others to join us in the journey towards the first YOG in August 2010.”

7. The Singapore 2010 Friendship Camp is organised by Singapore’s Ministry of Education (MOE) in partnership with the Singapore Sports School (SSS) and the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC). Accommodation will be provided at the Singapore Sports School.

## About the Organisers

### Ministry of Education, Singapore

The Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE) formulates and implements education policies and programmes in consultation with its stakeholders. These policies and programmes aim to help all students discover their talents, realise their potential, and develop a passion for learning that lasts through life. MOE also oversees the development and management of the Government and Government-aided primary schools, secondary schools and junior colleges. Please visit [www.moe.gov.sg](http://www.moe.gov.sg) for more information.

### Singapore Sports School

The Singapore Sports School was an initiative of the Committee for Sporting Singapore (CoSS) which was set up to help young and talented youths to excel in their sports within an environment where they can balance the demands of their sports training and studies. It has an enrolment of 420 athletes occupying a 7-hectare campus that includes world-class facilities and a boarding house. The school currently has nine academies - Badminton, Bowling, Golf, Netball, Soccer, Swimming, Sailing, Table Tennis and Track & Field. Please visit [www.sportsschool.edu.sg](http://www.sportsschool.edu.sg) for more information.

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Singapore will be hosting the inaugural Youth Olympic Games (YOG) from 14 to 26 August 2010. The Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games will receive some 5,000 athletes and officials from the 205 National Olympic Committees (NOCs), along with estimated 1,200 media representatives, 20,000 local and international volunteers, and more than 500,000 spectators. Young athletes - aged between 14 and 18 years - will compete in 26 sports and take part in the Culture and Education Programme. The Culture and Education Programme comprises seven formats that will help athletes to learn about five themes namely Olympism, Skills Development, Well-Being and Healthy Lifestyle, Social Responsibility and Expression.

The Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games aims to inspire youth around the world to embrace, embody and express the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect. It will create a lasting sports, culture and education legacy for Singapore and youths from around the world, as well as enhance and elevate the sporting culture locally and regionally.

For more information, please visit [www.singapore2010.sg](http://www.singapore2010.sg)

### List of National Olympic Committees

	National Olympic Committees		National Olympic Committees		National Olympic Committees
1	Albania	45	France	90	Netherlands
2	Algeria	46	Gabon	91	Netherlands Antilles
3	Angola	47	Gambia	92	New Zealand
4	Argentina	48	Georgia	93	Niger
5	Australia	49	Greece	94	Nigeria
6	Austria	50	Grenada	95	Norway
7	Bahamas	51	Guatemala	96	Oman
8	Bahrain	52	Guinea-Bissau	97	Palau
9	Bangladesh	53	Guyana	98	Paraguay
10	Barbados	54	Haiti	99	Peru
11	Benin	55	Honduras	100	Philippines
12	Bhutan	56	Hong Kong, China	101	Poland
13	Botswana	57	Hungary	102	Puerto Rico
14	Brazil	58	India	103	Qatar
15	British Virgin Islands	59	Indonesia	104	Russian Federation
16	Brunei Darussalam	60	Japan	105	Rwanda
17	Burkina Faso	61	Jordan	106	Saint Lucia
18	Burundi	62	Kenya	107	Sao Tome & Principe
19	Cambodia	63	Korea	108	Senegal
20	Cameroon	64	Latvia	109	Seychelles
21	Canada	65	Lebanon	110	Sierra Leone
22	Cayman Islands	66	Lesotho	89	Nepal
23	Central African Republic	67	Liberia	111	Singapore
24	Chad	68	Libya	112	Slovenia
25	Chile	69	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	113	Solomon Islands
26	China	70	Lithuania	114	South Africa
27	Chinese Taipei	71	Macedonia	115	Sri Lanka
28	Colombia	72	Madagascar	116	Sudan
29	Comoros	73	Malawi	117	Swaziland
30	Cook Islands	74	Malaysia	118	Switzerland
31	Costa Rica	75	Maldives	119	Syria
32	Côte d'Ivoire	76	Mali	120	Thailand
33	Cyprus	77	Malta	121	Trinidad & Tobago
34	Czech Republic	78	Mauritania	122	Tunisia
35	Denmark	79	Mauritius	123	Turkey
36	Djibouti	80	Mexico	124	Uganda
37	DR Congo	81	Micronesia	125	Ukraine
38	Ecuador	82	Monaco	126	United Arab Emirates
39	Egypt	83	Mongolia	127	United Rep. of Tanzania
40	El Salvador	84	Morocco	128	United States of America
41	Equatorial Guinea	85	Mozambique	129	Uruguay
42	Ethiopia	86	Myanmar	130	Virgin Islands
43	Fiji	87	Namibia	131	Zambia
44	Finland	88	Nauru	132	Zimbabwe