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**Note from the President of the National Olympic  
Committee, Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
to the President of the International Olympic  
Committee (IOC)**

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**Summary:**

Letter from the President of the DPRK's NOC, Kim Yu Sun, to the President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, on co-hosting the 1988 Olympic Games.

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ATTN: □MR. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH, IOC PRESIDENT, LAUSANNE  
FROM: □KIM YU SUN, PRESIDENT OF DPR KOREAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, PYONGYANG

I acknowledge receipt of yr tlx dtd june 24, 1988.

U must hv been well aware that the topic under our discussion at the Lausanne joint meetings and on many other occasions including the visit to our country by the IOC delegation on May 1987 was the question on the north-south co-hosting of the 24th Olympic Games.

Nevertheless u r now requesting us the explanation of the co-host, at which we wonder why.

As for the matter of sports n events u mentioned, we hv already made clear more than once that it is no more than a component within the framework of the co-host n it also went down with everyone.

We consider deeper attention should be paid to seeking for the methods for the co-host under the condition that the Olympic Games is to be held in the Korean land and the spirit of supporting the co-host is surging higher among the south Korean people out of the desire towards the national reunification.

The fundamental matter at present is the agreement of the south Korean authorities upon the co-host.

We also follow the stand of the south Korean side, being irritated over the fast passage of time.

I hope that the IOC wl hv understanding of such stand of ours n cooperate with us in finding out all possibilities for the realization of the co-host.

Yours sincerely,

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