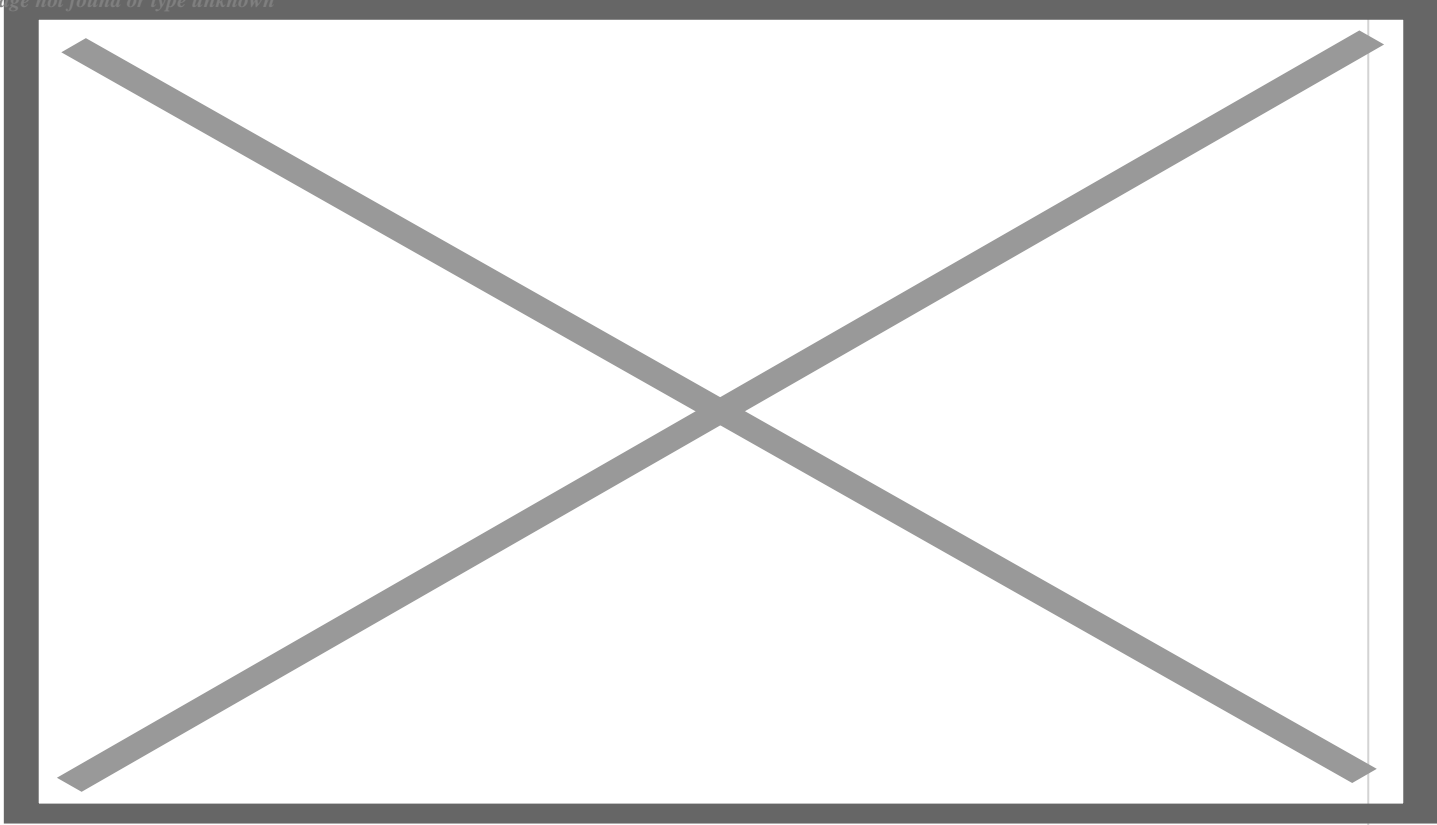


Xi Jinping declares China ready for Beijing 2022 success

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Beijing, February 3 (RHC/PL)-- President Xi Jinping on Thursday declared China ready to give its best, offer the Beijing 2022 Winter Games to the world safely and act in accordance with the principle -- "Faster, higher, stronger... together."

Greeting the start of the 139th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the president said that organizing the event allowed the Asian giant to involve 300 million inhabitants in snow and ice sports, promote regional progress, ecological conservation and green solutions to everyday problems.

He said the process also made it possible to open spaces for the global development of winter disciplines and thanked the IOC for its support as the country prepared for Beijing 2022.

Xi added that by moving from the One World, One Dream theme at the 2008 Games to Together for a Shared Future at the 2022 Games, China actively participated and illustrated its commitment to keeping the spirit alive in the Olympic movement.

Finally, he highlighted the IOC's work to promote solidarity and cooperation through sport even in today's turbulent times.

The Chinese president gave his speech via videoconference to welcome the 139th IOC session, in which the IOC president, Thomas Bach, the Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee and other leaders linked to the event will present work reports.

That meeting will also review the final report on the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, will be on pause from February 4 to 18, and then will resume discussions on the 19th for the renewal of the members of the international body.

In addition, the executive board of that body analyzed on Tuesday and Wednesday behind closed doors the final preparations for the event, the experiences of the athletes since their arrival in this capital and the mechanisms designed to ensure a doping-free competition, among other issues.

Although the mixed curling competitions started yesterday, Beijing 2022 will be officially inaugurated tomorrow and will make this city the only one in the world to host both variants of the five rings event, after hosting the 2008 summer version.

The Olympic Games will be held from February 4 to 20, while the Paralympic Games will take place from March 4 to 13.

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