Fact Sheet

1st Asian Youth Games Singapore 2009

Event Background

- The Asian Youth Games (AYG) was first mooted as part of Singapore's Youth Olympic Games (YOG) bid in 2007
- The Olympic Council of Asia's (OCA) Executive Board unanimously agreed to award the hosting of the 1st AYG to Singapore on 3rd April 2008
- The decision to let Singapore host the first ever AYG was approved by all 45 members of the OCA on 6th April 2008

Event Objectives

- To gather the youth from around Asia in a celebration of youth, sports and learning
- To provide a platform for youths in Asia to engage in friendly competition and imbibe the Olympic sporting values of excellence, friendship and respect
- To provide a forum for learning, cultural exchange and friendship among the youth

Official Slogan

"Asia's Youth, Our Future"

Official Logo



 The highly vibrant and energised star symbol is a unique combination of two overlapping and complimentary starbursts. This visual closeness of two stars that merge into one reflects the strong ties that have bonded over the years amongst the Asian countries for this international sporting event.

- The star also symbolises the excellence each participating sportsman and sportswoman brings, and we salute their sportsmanship with a blue-green athlete embedded within the star symbol.
- A synergy of dynamic colour palette highlights the diverse participating Asian nations that come together in celebration of youth, sports and friendship.
- Official Logo Designer: Brainwave Brand Development & Communications

Event Details

- Dates of competition: 29 June 7 July 2009
- No. of sports competed: 9 sports Aquatics (Swimming and Diving), Athletics, Bowling, Basketball FIBA 33 (3-on-3), Beach Volleyball, Football, Sailing, Shooting and Table-Tennis
- No of Sports Events: 90
- Age of athletes: 14 to 17 years old
- About 1,300 athletes from 45 countries are anticipated to compete at the 1st AYG Singapore 2009
- Website: www.ayg2009.sg
- Event Venues:
 - Aquatics: Singapore Sports School Swimming, Toa Payoh Swimming Complex
 Diving
 - Athletics: Bishan Sports Complex
 - o Basketball FIBA 33 (3-on-3): Anglican High School
 - Beach Volleyball Sentosa
 - Bowling: Downtown East
 - Football: Jalan Besar Stadium
 - o Sailing: National Sailing Centre
 - Shooting: SAFRA Yishun
 - o Table-Tennis: Toa Payoh Sports Hall

Asian Youth Games Athletes' Village

The AYG Athletes' Village, located at Downtown East, is the first Athletes' Village for a multisports Games housed in a theme park. The Village will cater to approximately 1,100 athletes and 300 officials.

The athletes will enjoy resort style accommodation as opposed to normal hostel style accommodation at other games. The resort style infrastructure and fun facilities (cinema, gaming arcade, bowling alley, spa, the Escape and Wild Wild West theme parks etc) at Downtown East fits in naturally with the theme of the Games. It is a modern and vibrant place for youth to meet and hangout. It is therefore a very appropriate venue.

The AYG Village at Downtown East will make use of existing infrastructures and facilities available to serve the needs of the Games. Part of the Village will be transformed into a giant outdoor classroom where the Ministry of Education will conduct the Culture and Education Programme for the athletes. The Village will be divided into four zones:

- (i) Residential Zone: Accommodation for athletes and officials.
- (ii) Functional Zone: Various service centres such the accreditation centre, info operation center etc, will be located in this zone.
- (iii) Entertainment Zone: Leisure activities will be held in this zone for athletes and officials.
- (iv) Cultural & Education Zone: Location for MOE's Culture and Education Programme's activities.