

# 7<sup>th</sup> ASIAN WINTER GAMES Rights Holders Newsletter



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## HISTORY OF THE ASIAN WINTER GAMES (2/6): SAPPORO 1990

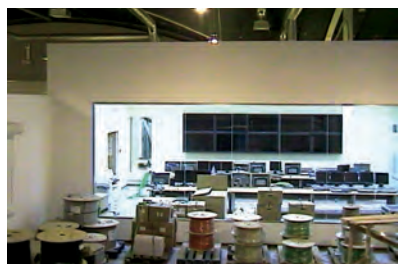
The Asian Winter Games returned to Sapporo four years after the first staging of the event. The initial plan had been for India to be the host nation but when difficulties arose in their preparations the decision was taken for Sapporo to take on the responsibility.

While the number of competitive sports was reduced, with Figure Skating missing from the agenda, the number of nations participating did rise. Chinese Taipei, Iran and the Philippines all made their debut appearance, joining the seven National Olympic Committees (NOCs) who had taken part in the 1986 Games.

Japan continued their dominance by collecting 18 gold medals, but in the overall total rankings China began to show signs of challenging the hosts as they departed with 26 medals compared to Japan's 47.

## WHO WATCHES THE IBC?

As is its custom, the IGBS IT department has set up a webcam within the Almaty IBC so that IBC users can survey their future work environment as well as monitor the progress of construction. The webcam is positioned above the IBC entrance, allowing for a view of the Contribution, Distribution and Transmission Control Room (CDT).



This webcam can be viewed 24 hours a day via the IGBS website ([www.igbs.tv](http://www.igbs.tv)). The image refreshes approximately every 10 minutes.

## ALMATY IBC COMING TO LIFE

As detailed in the first edition of this Newsletter, the IGBS Construction department has been working relentlessly to make the Almaty IBC the best possible workplace for Rights Holders of the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games and all other IBC users. Since that last update great strides have been made in a variety of IBC-related areas.

Multilateral areas were delivered on 24 November. IGBS engineers began to install equipment and cabling a week ago and expect to have finished by the end of this week and furniture delivery is on schedule. All Rights Holder areas will also be completed by this coming Friday, with the "Stage 3" area (briefing room, offices and storage) expected to be finished next week.



*What a difference a month can make: at left the same IBC image that ran in the previous edition of the Rights Holders Newsletter; at right the state of construction last week.*

Juan Mancheno, Head of Almaty IBC Construction, notes with pleasure that "the IBC for the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games is looking great. Its location on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor means it has a fantastic – and event-appropriate – view of the mountains. Users will also benefit from the Almaty daylight coming through the building's glass facade."

As planned, the IBC will be ready to welcome IGBS staff and other IBC users as of 10 January.

## BOOKING AND WORLD FEED UPDATES

Booking requests for permanent services at the IBC and Venues are now closed. Late requests for such services will be managed on a case-by-case basis and confirmed upon availability.

Rights Holders are also advised that World Feed Satellite Distribution of the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games will be handled by IEC IN SPORT. For additional information please contact Mr. Keith Lee: [keith.lee@iec.se](mailto:keith.lee@iec.se)

## 16<sup>th</sup> ASIAN GAMES GUANGZHOU CONCLUDE IN STYLE

While preparations continue for the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games Astana-Almaty 2011, a number of Rights Holders and IGBS staff members have only just finished working on the 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games Guangzhou 2010, which concluded in style with a world-class Closing Ceremony on 27 November. Working on behalf of Guangzhou Asian Games Broadcasting (GAB), IGBS handled coverage of Aquatics, Athletics and Cricket and was also responsible for the provision of English commentary and the production of a well-received twice-daily highlights package.

IGBS is pleased to have worked on its second consecutive Asian Games, following the 2006 edition in Doha, and wishes to congratulate GAB President Ma Guoli on the tremendous success of the event.