

15th ASIAN GAMES DOHA 2006 DAGBS NEWSLETTER

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BROADCASTER BRIEFING RECAP - 7 DECEMBER

The main points addressed in today's Broadcaster Briefing included:

- The booking deadline for the second day of Athletics and the last day of Badminton is tonight at 18:00. The booking deadline for the Women's Football Semi-Finals is also tonight, at 23:00.
- Changes have been made to the competition schedule, some of them due to the weather conditions. As always, please refer to INFO2006 for details.
- The weather forecast for the next few days of the competition predicts continued rain. DAGBS and DAGOC are doing their best to make contingencies to deal with this situation, and it is expected that the competition will proceed with only minimal difficulties.

FAQ - OPENING CEREMONY SONGS AND MUSIC

Q: Where can I find songs and music from the Opening Ceremony for use in my broadcasts?

A: The songs and music from the Opening Ceremony can be found on a special Opening Ceremony CD which is available for purchase at the Asian Games superstore in Khalifa Stadium.

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Yesterday evening DAGBS passed the 1,000-hour mark of its multilateral coverage of the 15th Asian Games Doha 2006.

DAGBS wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all those who have made these first thousand hours a great broadcasting success, and encourages everyone involved to maintain the current standard of excellence for the rest of the event.

DAGBS PROFILE - DAVID SHIELD (HEAD OF PRODUCTION FACILITIES)

David Shield, Head of Production Facilities, is responsible for supplying and configuring all of the technical needs and all of the equipment used in the multilateral production of the 15th Asian Games. "My job," says David, "is to organise the engineering and planning of what we need to fulfill the production requirements. The daily challenge is to effectively manage the massive number of production teams." David coordinates over forty sets of kits, producing up to 31 different feeds at the same time.

David's enthusiasm in describing the different methods and unique equipment used to cover each event is a testimony to his 27 years of experience in sports broadcasting - ten years with the BBC and 17 with TWI. He offers an example of his job's complexities: "For the road races we acquired four helicopters with stabilised cameras and three motorbikes, also with cameras; we then outfitted these same cameras onto boats for the Canoe-Kayak and Rowing events."

Of all the specialty systems utilised by DAGBS, David is most excited by the Indoor Camera Envelope (ICE), a remote-controlled helium-filled sphere mounted with a camera, which is being used for the first time ever in the coverage of any sporting event (see DAGBS Newsletter #2).

David's excitement, however, extends beyond the new technology used to capture the Games — he is equally thrilled to witness the 15th Asian Games Doha 2006. "The diversity of sporting events at these Games is incredible," he exclaims. "I have learned a huge amount of new sports," he continues, concluding his exuberance with, "I enjoyed the Kabbadi!"



David Shield - kitted up

RIGHTS HOLDER PROFILE - MCORP TV (SINGAPORE)



MCORP - Laughing all the way

Ignatius Teo, Executive Producer at MediaCorp Studios, and his 13 team members are excited to take part in the 15th Asian Games Doha 2006. Ignatius, whose six years experience in sports broadcasting include coverage of the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, says, "These [games] are so well organized... the excellent infrastructure, nice stadiums, and good competition... it shows that the Asian Games have grown throughout the years in popularity and standards. It is nice that we in Asia have such an ideal opportunity to meet and compete with each other in sport."

Ignatius expects around 400,000 people in Singapore to tune in to MediaCorp's broadcasts. "The thrill for our viewers," he says, "is watching our athletes go up against and match the athletic potential of the powerhouses like China and Japan. The Games are good for cultivating camaraderie. It is the passion attached to sports that brings the country together."

In addition to the feed supplied by DAGBS, his team will produce a daily highlights programme to send to the fans rooting in Singapore. "Table Tennis, Badminton, Bowling, and Sailing, sports that we excel in, are the main focus of the programme; they are the most popular with our viewers," says Ignatius.

The challenge of producing a daily programme on time, complete with good stories and pictures, motivates the MediaCorp team to excel. "The work gives us a rush and we are confident that we can do it," says Ignatius. "Moreover," he continues, "we have the great food at Free Flow [the IBC restaurant], the sporting events on the monitors, and lots of laughter to keep us engaged and working as a team."

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