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**Letter from the President of the 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. Kim reaffirms that the DPRK would allow free-travel between the demarcation line and explains the context of the remarks made by an Ambassador of the DPRK about President Samaranch.

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July 7th, 1988

Esteemed Mr. President,

I gladly received your telex dated June 29th, 1988. Through your telex I came to be better aware of the energetic efforts you are making even at this moment when the appointed day is in the offing to carry into effect the sublime desire for the north-south co-host of the 24th Olympic Games thereby making it successful sports festivity.

I feel happy over this and send a reply as you a requested.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reaffirm you that our position remains unchanged towards the question of opening the MDL you proposed and our co-hosting.

If you again consider our telex dated June 15th, 1988 and the documents containing our co-host demand which was given to the IOC delegation on a visit to our country on May 1987, they will give a clear answer to all matters you raised.

Besides, as for the interview our Vice-President had with the KYOTO correspondent in Berlin in June last, we consider that the original text of the KYOTO news dated June 23 will help your correct understanding and dispelling of misunderstanding.

Convinced that esteemed Mr. President will express your deep understanding of our sincere efforts for the strengthening and development of the Olympic Movement, I wish you good health and success in your noble work.

□□Yours sincerely,

□□Kim Yu Sun  
□□President