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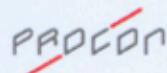
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Green Turtle, Tahr, Houbara are Asian Beach Games mascots

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Oman defeat
Qatar 4-1 at
Arab beach
soccer event

MUSCAT — Oman recorded an easy 4-1 win over Qatar in the ongoing Arab Beach Soccer Championship in Saudi Arabian city of Dammam yesterday.

For Talib Hilal-coached

Vettel leads Red Bull one-two



Deep and Adnan star in Oman's win over Kuwait

MUSCAT — Adnan Ilyas's unbeaten 82 runs off 84 balls and Deep Trivedi's all-round performance (four for 36 and 42 runs off 47 deliveries) helped Oman defeat Kuwait by five wickets and stay in contention for the semifinals.

Hussain picked two wickets apiece.

Oman, despite losing opener Hemin Desai (8) with scoreboard reading 23, made a steady progress thanks to Deep Trivedi's 47-ball 42.

Then in the latter stages

S Khalid lbw S T Hussain 7
M Akhundzada b S T Hussain 28

M Javed c S Ahmed b D Trivedi 24

K Yamin c A Ilyas b D Trivedi 20

H Shahid (not out) 3

Extras: (w-9, 2-b, 11-b) 12

Total: (all out, 49.5 overs) 247

Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-77, 3-84,

4-116, 5-117, 6-131, 7-176, 8-223,

في الشباك

لماذا التوقف؟

في نهاية شهر ابريل الحالي ستكون هناك أيام للفيفا وهي أيام تبحث عنها المنتخبات الوطنية في كل دول العالم من أجل قامة تجارب ودية والاستقدادة من هذه الأيام التي لا تأتي إلا في وقفات محددة في العام بسبب ظروف اللاعبين المحترفين في دول العالم المختلفة.

جميع المنتخبات في العالم سوف تخوض مباريات ودية في إطار الاعداد والتحضير للمنافسات القادمة ومنها المنتخبات المتأهلة الى نهائيات كأس العالم وبعض المنتخبات التي تجري تحضيراتها للمنافسات القادمة ومنها التصفيات الأولمبية التي

ستطلق في الربيع الأخير من هذا العام.
ووسط هذه الأجواء التي تعيشها منتخبات دول العالم نجد أن الجمود يطال منتخباتنا الوطنية برغم أن جدول مباريات الدوري سوف يتوقف خلال فترة أيام فيما خلال نهاية الشهر الحالي وحسب المعلومات الواردة لدينا فإن

اللآخرين متى ما كانت هناك حاجة.

منتخبنا الوطني لن يتجمع خلال أيام الفيفا القادمة ويكتفي ببرنامجه الإعداد الذي أعلن مسبقاً والذي سيبدأ في شهر أغسطس المقبل أي بعد نهاية كأس العالم.

وهنا يتبادر سؤال مهم لماذا هذا التوقف للمنتخب الوطني وبما أن برلمجة المباريات الدولية معلن عنها ووضعت ضمن روزنامة المسابقات المحلية فإن النية كانت موجودة بان

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طائر الحباري (الروت)

يمثل طائر العباري السماء الزرقاء الصافية والهواء النقي لسلطنة عمان ويرمز له بـ«الريبع» ضمن هذه التمويدات. شخصية العباري هي شخصية الكبير ضمن العائلة وهي أعقل من الطهر والسلحفاة وغالباً ما تبادر بالنصائح تحب الأطفال وتقتضي معظم وقتها مع أولاد وبنات إخوانها تدربهم على لعب رياضاتها المفضلة. وهي بالفعل تحب أن تكون ضمن فريق وتقضي وقتها مع عائلتها وأصدقائها كما أنها عطوفة ورؤيفة على استعداد دائم لمد يد العون أو الاستماع للآخرين متى ما كانت هناك حاجة.

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الطب (الحل)

السلحفاة (المد)

بعض الأحيان تبدو عليها صفات السذاجة للسلطنة مرتفعاً له ولذلك أطلق عليه اسم الجبل كدلالة رمزية في إطار التعويذات، مما يعرض حياتها للخطر لولا درعها ويتميز الطهر بالقوة والطلموم حيث يعشق الواقي الذي ينقذها في الكثير من الأحيان. المنافسة وغالباً ما يتحقق الفوز ولا يحب الخسارة رغم أنه لا يميل إلى الفش مطلقاً ويعتبر أيضاً عنيداً بعض الشيء في

يتمثل المد المائي العماني وقد اتخد من
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والعطف والتهذيب وتتمتع بـالمهارة العالية



MUSCAT 2010
2nd ASIAN BEACH GAMES

TOGETHER WE SHINE



The pristine shores of Oman welcome the athletes of Asia, and the world. With its seemingly endless coastline, unrivalled beach sporting facilities and the vibrant Omani culture that will forever etch itself into the hearts and minds of all visitors to the Sultanate.

Foreword

Message from the Director General

With the turn of a decade a new era awakens in the Sultanate of Oman. The 2nd Asian Beach Games Muscat 2010, the largest event of its kind ever hosted on our shores, will spread the spirit of sport across the continent and set the stage for the future of our country.

The past few years have seen the Muscat Asian Beach Games Organising Committee dedicated in its preparation to host the Games. With the launching of the One Year Countdown on 8 December 2009, the entire Sultanate joined together in welcoming Asia to our beaches in one year's time.

The final weeks of 2009 saw the soft launch of the Muscat 2010 Volunteers programme furthering the excitement and anticipation building in our nation. With hundreds of local youth signing-up in the first few days of open registration, 2010 brings with it a promise of further opportunities for the local community to be involved in the lead-up to the Games.

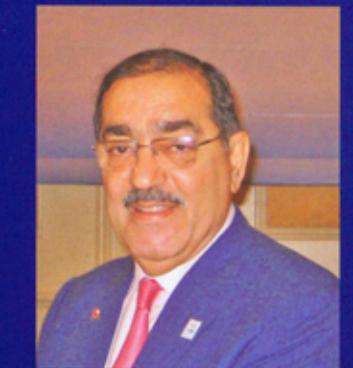
As the Countdown Clock ticks back 365 days-to-go we have many exciting moments before us. Each milestone we achieve brings us one day closer to 8 December 2010 when the Olympic Council of Asia's shining sun will join 45 countries and regions from across Asia to participate in 9-days of competition and cultural celebration.

Join us as we celebrate the year of Muscat 2010.

Together We Shine!



Habib Macki
Director General
Muscat Asian Beach Games Organising Committee (MABGOC)



The Mission

To successfully host Oman's biggest ever international sporting event, celebrating sporting and cultural diversity from across Asia while embracing Omani heritage and values.

The Vision

To proudly host a world-class Games that will position Oman as a progressive, outward looking and uniquely hospitable part of Asia, and define Oman as a host for future international events.

Milestones 2006-2009

As Muscat 2010 counts down one year to the Games we look back on our achievements to date...



8 December One Year Countdown Celebration



The Games

The Asian Beach Games is a celebration of sporting excellence that welcomes participation of the 45 National Olympic Committees in Asia.

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Beach sports are known to be the most ecological of any sport and, fittingly, will be played in Oman, a country known for its efforts in conservation and protection of wildlife and nature.

The Sports

3. Beach Sepaktakraw
Native to Southeast Asia, the sport combines elements of volleyball, soccer and gymnastics and is often called "kick volleyball". Using a rattan synthetic ball, players use their feet, head and chest to land the ball into the opponents' court.

4. Beach Soccer
A variant of traditional soccer, the beach version uses a smaller pitch and allows players to score from anywhere on the field-of-play. We are very proud that Oman is the reigning Asian Beach Games beach soccer champion.

7. Beach Woodball
Contested on the sand, beach woodball is a game where the athletes use a mallet for teeing off and a fairway for playing and putting, and has therefore been described as a mix of croquet and golf. Each team has from two to four players and the competitors who play the round, or rounds, in the fewest strokes win.

8. Bodybuilding
The competitors show off their bodies by performing a number of poses revealing a toned physique, which is achieved through a combination of fat loss, oils and tanning lotions. A panel of judges assigns points based on visual appearance according to Bodybuilding standards.

11. Sailing
Sailing is a surface water sport in which an athlete must control a boat with sails. The sailor must manage the force of the wind on the sails in order to change the speed of the boat and direction. Adept sailors must have experience in varying wind and sea conditions.

12. Tent Pegging
Originating as a military maneuver used during wartime, tent pegging has a long history in Asia. In this fast-paced sport, a lance or sword is used to pick pegs off the ground while riding a horse at full gallop and winning is based on time and accuracy.

1. Beach Handball
A relatively new beach sport, but one much loved in its original format, beach handball has followed in the footsteps of beach volleyball and beach soccer by taking handball to the sand. Played in teams of four, the game uses a rubber ball and a beach court smaller than the traditional handball playing arena.

2. Beach Kabaddi
An exciting combative sport requiring skill, poise and power, kabaddi combines the characteristics of wrestling and rugby and dates back thousands of years. The sport of beach kabaddi is played by teams of four, for two 15-minute periods.

5. Beach Volleyball
Making its Summer Olympic debut in Atlanta 1996, beach volleyball has been a popular sport since the 1920s. Originally played to give bored surfers something to do when the surf was down, the game quickly grew in recognition and is now a regular sight on some of the most famous beaches in the world.

6. Beach Waterpolo
An athlete's strength and aquatic skills are put to the test in this sport with a history dating back over 100 years. The high-energy action of the game requires teams to score points by shooting a ball into the opposition's net.

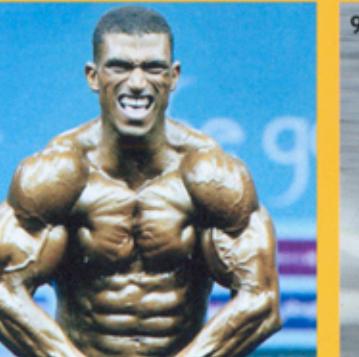
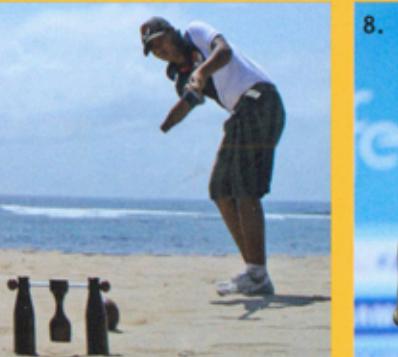
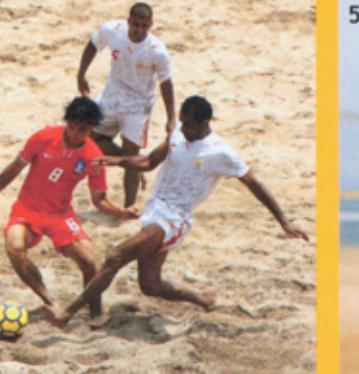
9. Jetski Sport
Athletes in this extreme water sport compete in racing or freestyle events on personal water craft. Judged for speed, skill, agility and riding ability this sport is competed around the globe.

10. Marathon Swimming
Marathon swimming is one of the most gruelling and testing events in the Asian Beach Games programme. Endurance swimmers compete over an open water course and the sport promises to live up to its name with the shores of Oman providing a challenge for these unique athletes.

13. Triathlon
One of the most popular events in the programme, the triathlon promises action in the water, speed and excitement on the bike, and endurance in the final leg as athletes race to the finish. Competitors must swim 1.5km in the sea, followed by a 40km ride and finish the event with a 10km run.

14. Waterski
Waterskiing was invented by an ingenious 18-year old Ralph Samuelson in 1922 who decided, if you can ski on snow, you can ski on water! 88 years later waterskiing makes its Asian Beach Games debut. Men and women will be edging out the competition in trick, wakeboard, and team events.

A total of fourteen sports will be contested at Muscat 2010



The Venues

Al-Musannah Sports City

At the heart of the 2nd Asian Beach Games Muscat 2010 lies the one-million sq m Al-Musannah Sports City. The purpose built facility is located 125km north of Muscat. Al-Musannah Sports City features a four-star hotel, serviced apartments, an events plaza, an Athletes' Village, a range of retail and restaurant facilities, and a 50-berth marina. In addition, MABGOC will provide a hub for the Games to be seen internationally with the construction of the Games Command Centre, Information Technology Control Centre, and International Broadcast Centre enabling media to share the beach action with the world.

Muscat

Various local beaches in the Muscat City area will host competition venues. Additionally, various non-competition venues showcasing cultural events and activities will be located in Muscat.



Counting Down...

365, 364, 363...

On 8 December 2009 Muscat 2010 celebrated its One Year Countdown with the launch of the Countdown Clock.

Hundreds of distinguished guests joined in the ceremonial revelation of the Countdown Clock by MABGOC Chairman His Highness Sayyid Haitham bin Tariq Al Said, which kicked-off the event themed 'The Countdown has begun!', attended by guests from Oman and abroad, the ceremony was broadcasted live on Oman TV.

Designed by Saleem Sakhi, a renowned Omani artist, the Muscat 2010 Countdown Clock is a larger-than-life depiction of the Games logo. Representing the relationship between the Omani people and the sea, the clock measures 8.1 metres high by 5 metres wide. Constructed with a steel frame and covered with aluminium, the clock has been treated with a coating of durable paint making it resistant to humidity, heat and environmental factors for up to 10 years.

Following the Games the clock will remain as a legacy marking this largest sporting event ever held in the Sultanate.



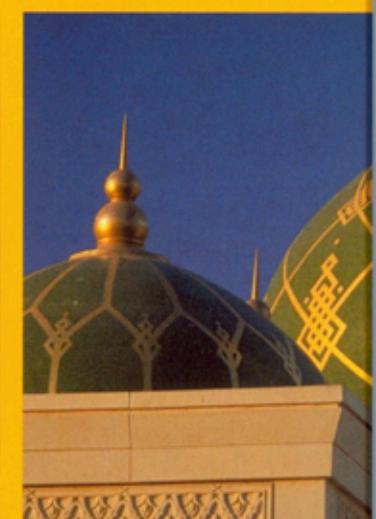
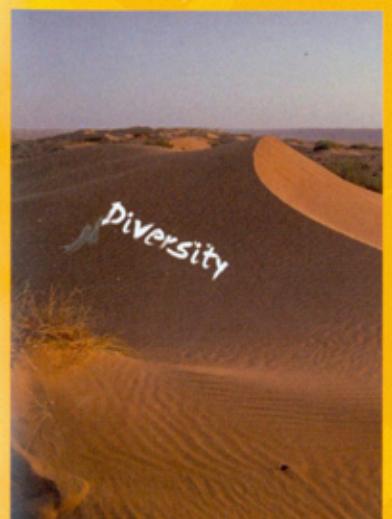
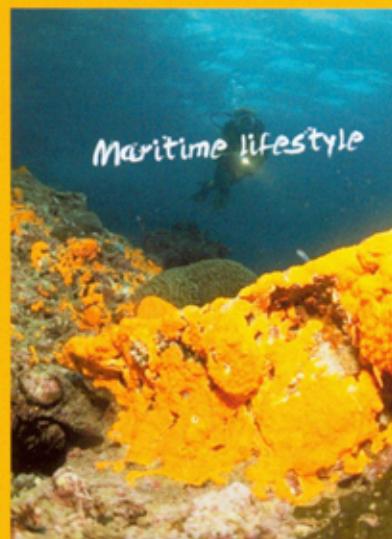
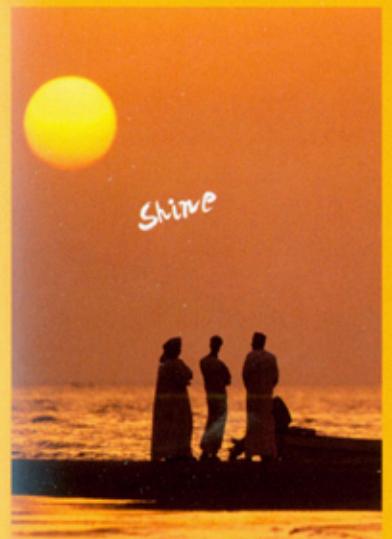
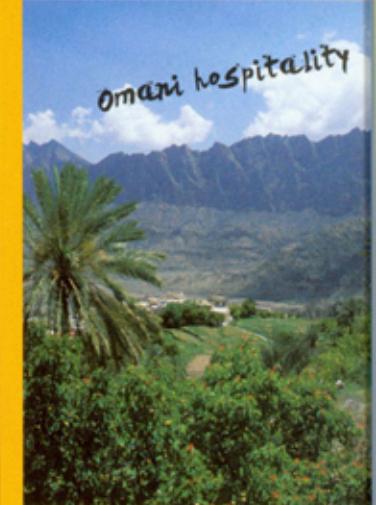
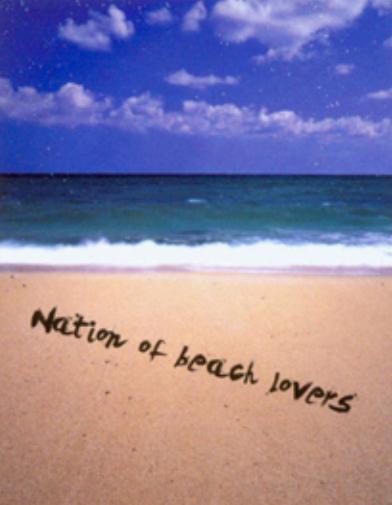
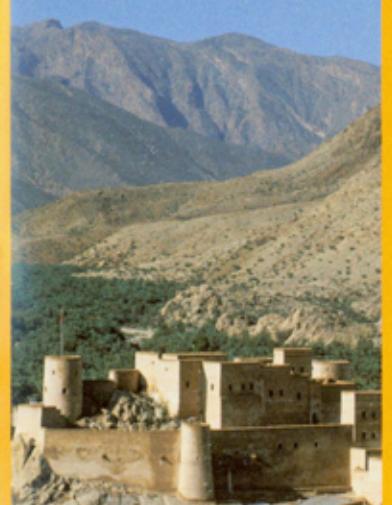
The Host Country

Oman is one of Asia's most diverse nations - both culturally and geographically.

From the tops of the mountains, to the crystal blue sea, to the inland desert, Oman is preparing to host thousands of athletes from across Asia.

The staging of the 2nd Asian Beach Games Muscat 2010 will welcome all of Asia to enjoy legendary Omani hospitality and experience the true taste of Arabia.

As a nation of beach lovers, Omanis have a strong tradition of using the sea and sand as their playground. This love of a maritime lifestyle will be showcased and shared with Asia in December 2010 as - Together We Shine!



Get Involved!

Want to contribute to the spirit of the Games?

Join the Muscat 2010 Volunteers programme!

MABGOC is recruiting volunteers, 18 years and older, for the various departments of Sports, Venues, Games Services, Protocol, IT, Media Services, Broadcasting, Marketing, Accreditation, Human Resources, Ceremonies, and Medical Services, which will enable applicants with related backgrounds to utilise their skills and acquire additional training, while garnishing experiences in their valuable contribution to the success of the Games.

For more information on how to register contact us by email at:
volunteers@muscat2010.org.om

You may not be a world-class athlete, but you can still be involved in the Games, here's how...



The Legacy

The 2nd Asian Beach Games
Muscat 2010 will leave a legacy
for the country, for the people
and for the future.

Enhancing Oman's recognition on a global scale, strengthening its reputation as a sport and eco-tourism destination and creating new economic opportunities are the legacies to be left for the country.

Providing skills and valuable work experiences to the local population, instilling a spirit of volunteerism and participation in community activities, and increasing awareness and involvement in sport will be left for the people of Oman.

Setting a benchmark of success, increasing awareness of the importance of active living, infrastructure development and focusing on environmental stewardship are legacies to be created for Oman's future generations.





Meet the Team

Muscat Asian Beach Games organising Committee has been formed to plan and deliver the 2nd Asian Beach Games Muscat 2010.

MABGOC is comprised of local and international staff with experience in organising Olympic, Asian Games and other national and international sporting events.



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