

# IBSF President Ferriani in Korea

International Bobsleigh Skeleton Federation (IBSF) President Ivo Ferriani has arrived in Seoul for the Memorandum of Understanding with Pyeongchang County to host international competitions and for the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) General Assembly for six days.

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony



Photo (left): Mr. Young-il Lee – PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation, Mr. Jae-kook Sim – PyeongChang County, Mr. Ivo Ferriani – IBSF, Mr. Chan-min Chyun – KBSF (From Left to Right)

Photo (right): President Ivo Ferriani signing the MOU document.

With the IBSF Intercontinental Cup coming up in December, the Pyeongchang Olympic Sliding Centre will host IBSF competitions including the Asian Championships, IBSF Youth Series, and the Korea Cup. As the 2024 Gangwon Winter Youth Olympic Games are a year and three months away, a meeting was held on the matter of pre-inspection plans through various international competitions alongside with the Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony.

IBSF President Ferriani said, "This MoU is a milestone to check the direction of sliding sport in Asia," adding, "I am confident that we will be able to open a new horizon for sliding sport from Pyeongchang, where the Olympics were held."

Chanmin Chyun, Korea Bobsleigh Skeleton Federation President and Communication Vice-President of IBSF, said, "As President Ferriani is a part of Sustainability and Olympic Legacy Commission at the IOC, we may expect the increased utilisation of the Olympic Sliding Centre in the future as well as its value as the Olympic legacy."

## Participation in the ANOC General Assembly



Photo (left): President Ferriani at the Welcome Reception of ANOC General Assembly

Photo (right): Ferriani talking with Dr Klaus Schormann, President of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne(UIPM)

Ferriani, who is also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), attended the "26th Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) General Assembly" at COEX in Gangnam-gu, Seoul on the 19th, held several meetings with ANOC members, and had a busy schedule not only as an IOC executive member, but also as the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) President.

## Korea National Team Visit / Olympic Sliding Centre Visit



Photo (left): President Ferriani with Korea National Bobsleigh and Skeleton Team

Photo (right): Ferriani talking with Korean officials regarding the sliding sport events in PyeongChang during the Olympic Sliding Centre visit

On the 21<sup>st</sup> October, the last day of his visit to Korea, Ferriani visited the Olympic Sliding Centre and the Korean national team to encourage them, and had a meeting with Korea Bobsleigh Skeleton Federation (KBSF) President Chanmin Chyun in order to discuss the future international competitions in Korea and the development of the sliding sport community in Asia.



## JTBC (Broadcasting Company) Visit



Photo (left): President Ferriani having a short tour of the Broadcasting company in Korea

Photo (right): President Ferriani having a meeting with Mr. Seong-hwan Hong, Chief Executive of JTBC

President Ferriani also visited JTBC, a Korean broadcasting company to discuss matters on the broadcasting rights. JTBC is one of the Korea's broadcasting companies interested in promoting various disciplines of different sport events including bobsleigh and skeleton. JTBC has previously earned the broadcasting rights of the Olympic Games in 2026, 2028, 2030 and 2032.

## National Assembly Building Visit with Yong Lee



Photo (left): President Ferriani together with Yong Lee, Member of the Korea National Assembly, the former Korean National Team Leader

Photo (right): President Ferriani with Korean officials at the National Assembly Building of Korea

President Ferriani had a lunch with Mr. Yong Lee, the former Korean National Team captain, who has been one of the frontiers of the Korean bobsleigh and skeleton discipline. He led the Korean national team at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang to earn one gold and one silver medal, each from skeleton and bobsleigh. During the meal, Mr. Lee and President Ferriani had a small talk regarding the possibilities of hosting the 2036 Summer Olympics at South Korea as the Korea Sport and Olympic Committee(KSOC) was considering either Seoul or Busan as its preferred host city candidate.