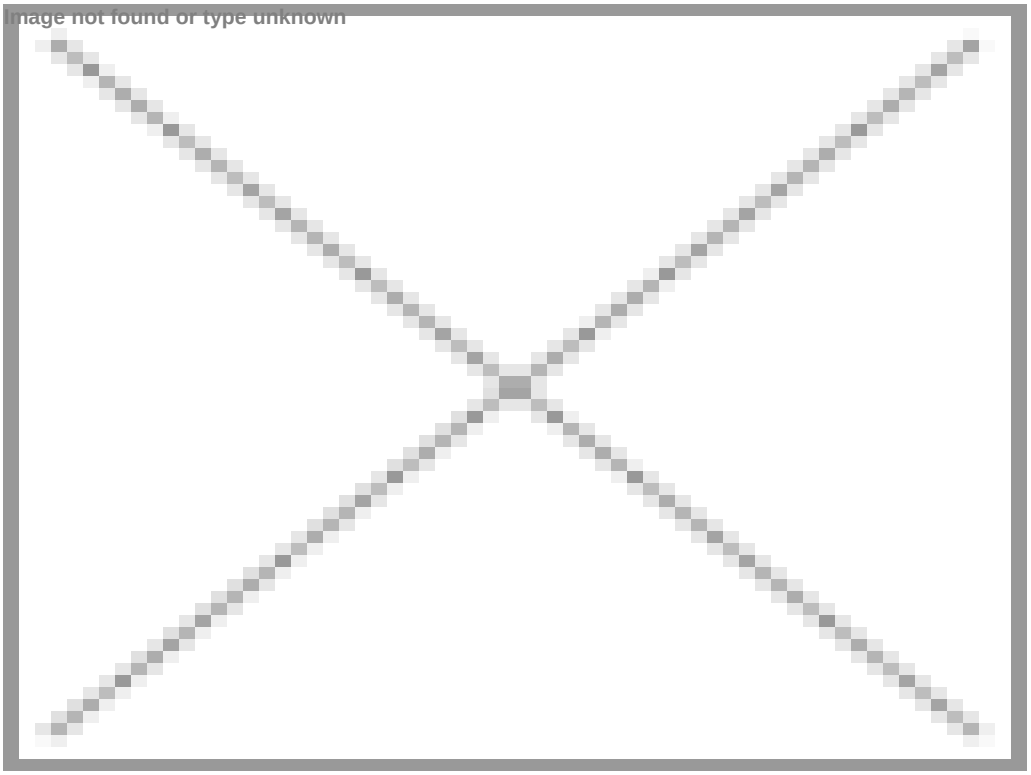
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EGYPTIAN PENTATHLON COMMUNITY WELCOMES IOC PRESIDENT BACH TO CAIRO (EGY)



Dr Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), met numerous members of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon community during a visit to Cairo (EGY).

The IOC President had informal talks with UIPM Athletes Committee Chair Yasser Hefny OLY, as well as his predecessor Aya Medany OLY, Tokyo 2020 Olympic silver medallist Ahmed Elgendy OLY and two-time African champion Haydy Morsy OLY.

Yasser Hefny said: “President Bach emphasised that the athletes are the very heart of sports and was very keen to have us always in the front lines. It was great to meet him and I was very happy that we were able to have a casual, positive discussion with him about the future of our sport.”

Officials such as UIPM Vice President Sharif Elerian, who is also President of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation and Secretary General of the Egyptian Olympic Committee, also had the chance to engage with the leader of the global Olympic sports movement.

President Dr Bach’s visit included talks with the Egyptian Sports Minister, Dr Ashraf Sobhy, who confirmed, according to reports, that Egypt is preparing a bid to host the Summer Olympic Games 2036.

Egypt, which has one of the strongest development programmes in Modern Pentathlon and topped the medal table at the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA), would become the first African nation to host the Olympics if successful. Dakar (SEN) will host the Youth Olympic Games 2026.