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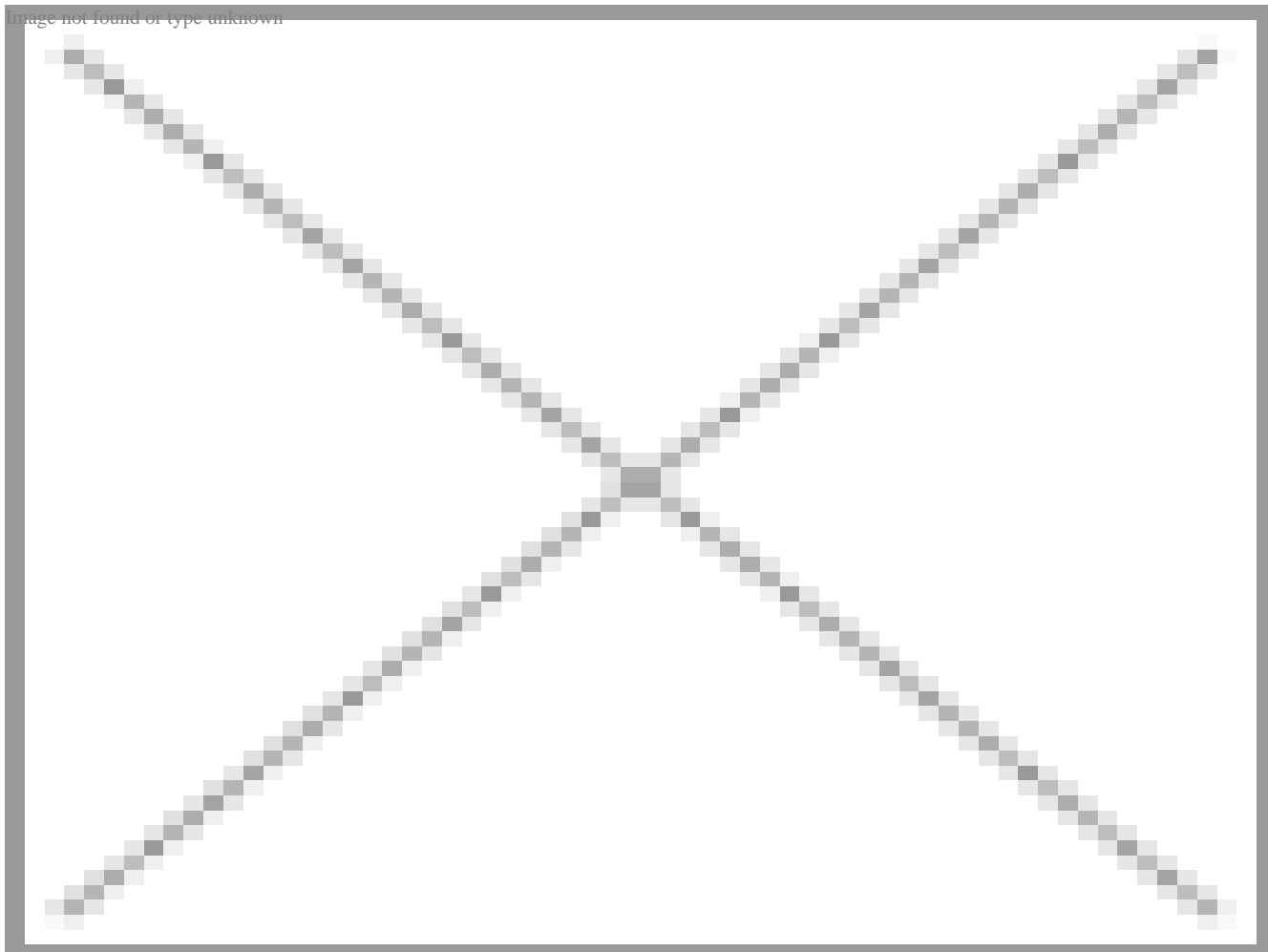
WOONGTAE JUN (KOR) GREETES KOREA PRESIDENT YOON DURING SPORTS VISION REPORT CEREMONY



Olympic bronze medalist Woongtae Jun (KOR) took centre stage when Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol oversaw the 2023 Korea Sports Vision Report by the Korean Sport & Olympic Committee (KSOC).

Jun (KOR) joined the leader of the Republic of Korea on stage during a glittering ceremony to mark the Report ahead of the Hangzhou Asian Games later this year and the 2024 Paris Olympics. The event on February 14 at Korea's National Training Centre in Jincheon saw President Yoon make a congratulatory speech encouraging national team athletes and coaches ahead of the major events in the upcoming years.

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It was President Yoon's first visit to the NTC since taking office last year, and he pledged strong support for elite sports to revitalize the sports movement in Korea. He also stressed that his cabinet will foster the sports industry, as a future growth engine, and for this, elite Korean athletes should be among the world's best. The government will fully support national team athletes to concentrate on training and become world-class athletes.

Jun (KOR), currently ranked No.4 in the world rankings, took an oath in front of President Yoon on behalf of 1,600 Korean athletes and coaches. He was joined on stage with President Yoon and KSOC President Lee Kee Heung, who is an IOC Member.

After lunch, everyone, including the Korean national Modern Pentathlon team took commemorative photos with President Yoon.

Korea's pentathletes at the NTC were in the midst of preparing for the Hangzhou Asian Games, originally scheduled for 2022 but postponed to September 2023.

When they identified themselves as the Modern Pentathlon national team, President Yoon acknowledged their chosen sport and described pentathlon as one of the hardest and oldest sport in the Olympics. He said he looked forward for a big success at the next Asian Games and also Olympic Games.