## Sports Wing of Brahma Kumaris to Participate in the First Edition of Singapore Youth Olympic Games as Guests

(14 to 26 Aug 2010)

We are pleased to inform you that the participation of the Sports Wing delegation of Brahma Kumaris in the first edition of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games 2010. Their participation has been approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee – **SYOGOC.** 







This was agreed and approved on the basis of participation of the Sports Wing of Brahma Kumaris who was a respected partner of the festival: 'Olympic Friendship' Children and Youth Forum. The forum had been held for the first time during the Beijing Olympic Games 2008, for accredited children and accompanying adults from the Olympic movement country members.

The mission of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and adopt and live by the **Olympic Values**.

The Singapore will be hosting the inaugural Youth Olympic Games from 14 to 26 August 2010. The Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games will receive **about 5,000 sportspersons** and officials from more than 171 **Countries**, 20,000 local and international volunteers, and more than 3,70,000 spectators. Young athletes - aged from 14 to 18 years - will compete in 26 sports disciplines in 184 events.

The Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games aims to inspire youth around the world to embrace, embody and express the Olympic Values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect. It will create a lasting sports, culture and education legacy for Singapore and youths from around the world, as well as enhance and elevate the sporting culture locally and regionally. Singapore is ready to welcome the world to the first Youth Olympic Games.

## WORLD CHAMPIONS AS YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES AMBASSADORS

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt, Olympic champion swimmer Michael Phelps and and pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva will be the Olympic Ambassadors during the Singapore Youth Olympic Games.

**IOC President Jacques Rogge:** "We are very pleased that Usain will now join Michael and Yelena as Youth Olympic Games Ambassadors. These athletes are at the very top of their respective sports and they know the importance of having inspirational figures in their lives. Children around the world look up to Usain and it is wonderful that he has decided to motivate young people to become more active by joining the Youth Olympic Games team."