

Greetings message from the President of
the International Olympic Committee,

Thomas Bach

For the website of the Committee of the International Children's Games

Dear Friends,

Youth is our future... for society and for sport alike.

Promoting the practice of sport by the young generation is hugely important in our rapidly changing world. We need to get active and we need to think of ways to get kids 'off the couch' and playing sport. That is why the efforts and achievements of the Committee of the International Children's Games (CICG), a recognized organisation are so important.

Through the CICG's events, youngsters are encouraged to participate in sport and physical activity, and at the same time learn respect for each other, team spirit and fair play. And recent studies have shown that playing sport can also help with intellectual development and creativity.

The International Olympic Committee and the whole Olympic Movement count on the CICG as a partner to promote and reinforce the importance of sport as part of a healthy active lifestyle. Working together we can build a healthier, more prosperous and more peaceful society through sport, its educational values and universal appeal.

All my best wishes for the success of your endeavours, and please keep up your commitment to sport and young people worldwide.