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Bid Procedure for the Games of the Olympiad of 2008

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Key bid procedure dates, the list of Applicant Cities and brief Candidate Cities overviews

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The 2008 Bid Procedure

The 2008 Bid Procedure marked the first time that the new two phase system which had been approved at the December 1999 IOC Session was used.

The first phase of the procedure, referred to as the “Candidature Acceptance Procedure” or “Applicant City Phase” was conducted under the authority of the IOC Executive Board. During this entire phase all cities were considered as “Applicant Cities”.

Following the Candidature Acceptance Procedure, those cities accepted as “Candidate Cities” advanced through to a second phase which is referred to as the “Candidature Procedure” or the “Candidate City Phase”.

The Applicant City Phase / Candidature Acceptance Procedure

THE APPLICANT CITIES¹

Bangkok (Thailand)
Beijing (People’s Republic of China)
Cairo (Egypt)
Havana (Cuba)
Istanbul (Turkey)

Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
Osaka (Japan)
Paris (France)
Seville (Spain)
Toronto (Canada)

¹ Applicant Cities are listed in alphabetical order

TIMELINE & REQUIRED APPLICANT STEPS

1 February 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for NOCs to submit the name of an Applicant City.
24 February 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A preliminary IOC information meeting was held for the Applicant Cities.
25 February - 20 June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During this period the Applicant Cities were required to prepare their replies to the “Questionnaire for Cities Applying to Become Candidate Cities to Host the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008”.
20 June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for the Applicant Cities’ submission of their replies to the “Questionnaire”.
21 June 2002 - 28 August 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Applicant Cities’ replies were examined by an IOC Candidature Acceptance Working Group.
28 August 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the IOC Candidature Acceptance Working Group’s Report to the IOC Executive Board.• The Applicant City Phase ends with the Executive Board acceptance of those Cities which will go forward into the Candidate City Phase.

**The Candidate City Phase / Candidature Procedure****THE CANDIDATE CITIES²**

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OSAKA</u></p> <p>Previous Times as Olympic Host City: none Former Bids to the IOC: none Other Japanese Olympic Host Cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Games - 1964 Tokyo • Winter Games - 1972 Sapporo, 1998 Nagano
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PARIS</u></p> <p>Previous Times as Olympic Host City: 1900 Summer Games, 1924 Summer Games Former Bids to the IOC: 1900, 1924, 1956 (Equestrian competition), 1992 Other French Olympic Host Cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Games – none • Winter Games - 1924 Chamonix, 1968 Grenoble, 1992 Albertville
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TORONTO</u></p> <p>Previous Times as Olympic Host City: none Former Bids to the IOC: 1996 Other Canadian Olympic Host Cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Games - 1976 Montreal • Winter Games - 1988 Calgary
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BEIJING</u></p> <p>Previous Times as Olympic Host City: none Former Bids to the IOC: 2000 Other Chinese Olympic Host Cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Games - none • Winter Games – none
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ISTANBUL</u></p> <p>Previous Times as Olympic Host City: none Former Bids to the IOC: 2000, 2004 (candidate city) Other Turkish Olympic Host Cities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Games - none • Winter Games - none

² Candidate Cities are listed in the order of drawing of lots



TIMELINE & REQUIRED CANDIDATURE STEPS

28 August 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The IOC Executive Board's decision to accept Osaka, Paris, Toronto, Beijing and Istanbul as Candidate Cities marked the transition to the second phase of the 2008 bid procedure.
6 September 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deadline for the signing of the Candidature Procedure document by each Candidate City and its NOC.
25 September 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An IOC information meeting is held for the Candidate Cities.
September 2000 - 7 January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">During this period the Candidate Cities were required to prepare their Candidature File.
December 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A 10 minute presentation to the IOC Executive Board is made by a small delegation from each Candidate City.
17 January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deadline for Candidate Cities to submit their Candidature File and a USD 150,000 deposit to the IOC.
Mid February - mid April 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">During this period the 2008 Evaluation Commission made a four-day visit to each of the Candidate Cities.
Mid May 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The "Report of the IOC Evaluation Commission for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008" was released.
13 July 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Candidature Phase draws to a close at the IOC Session with the final presentations of the Candidate Cities and the election of the 2008 Olympic Host City.

The 112th IOC Session, Moscow, 2001

THE CANDIDATE CITY PRESENTATIONS

The final step for each 2008 Candidate City was to make a presentation to the 112th IOC Session on 13 July 2001 in Moscow. Each presentation was a maximum of 45 minutes with each presenting delegation comprising six official delegates, four advisors and the IOC Members in the country. The presentation was followed by questions from the floor.

THE REPORT OF THE 2008 EVALUATION COMMISSION

Following the presentations by the Candidate Cities, and before the vote took place, the 2008 Evaluation Commission presented its Report to the Session.

THE VOTE

As stated above, the vote to select the Host City for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad was carried out on 13 July 2001 by secret ballot. As per the voting regulations, only those IOC members who were not nationals of countries for which there was a candidate city in a round were permitted to vote. The result of the vote was as follows, with Beijing elected as the Host City in the second round.



Rounds of Voting	1	2
Osaka	6	-
Paris	15	18
Toronto	20	22
Beijing	44	56
Istanbul	17	9

THE 2008 GAMES OF THE OLYMPIAD HOST CITY ANNOUNCEMENT

"I am delighted to know that Beijing has won the right to host the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008."

"The Chinese Government and people will go all out to support Beijing in turning the 2008 Olympic Games into a grand gathering to carry forward the Olympic spirit, promote world peace and enhance friendship among the peoples of the world."

- Chinese Head of State Jiang Zemin



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THE SIGNING OF THE HOST CITY CONTRACT

Immediately following the announcement of the Host City by the IOC President the Host City Contract is signed by the IOC, representatives of the elected City and the NOC concerned.