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**All-China Sports Federation Application for Chinese  
Membership in the Asian Games Federation**

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**Summary:**

After withdrawing from international sports events during the Cultural Revolution, the People's Republic of China recreated ties with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through the Asian Games. In the application, the PRC asserted it's right to represent all of China "including the Taiwan province" and be recognized as "the sole legitimate organization representing China."

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ALL-CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION  
FEDERATION NATIONALE DES SPORTS DE CHINE

9, TIYUKUAN ROAD, PEKING, CHINA

TELEGR.: SPORTSCHINE PEKING

H.I.H. Prince Gholam Reza Pahlavi  
President  
Asian Games Federation

August 7, 1973

Peking

Dear Mr. President,

The All-China Sports Federation has the honour of presenting its compliments to you and takes pleasure in informing you of the following:

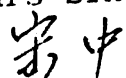
The All-China Sports Federation is the sole national sports organization governing physical culture and sports on the entire territory of China (including the Taiwan province), and consequently should also be the sole legitimate organization representing China in the Asian Games Federation. But the Chiang Kai-shek clique is still illegally represented in the Asian Games Federation by usurping the seat of China. This is a situation the Chinese people can never accept.

The All-China Sports Federation demands that the Asian Games Federation, acting in accordance with Article Six of its Constitution, which states that only one national sports organization from one Asian country can be admitted, immediately annul the illegally appropriated membership of the Chiang Kai-shek clique.

Under this condition, the All-China Sports Federation hereby applies for membership in the Asian Games Federation, it will adhere to the Constitution of the Federation and fulfill its obligations as a member.

With my highest esteem,

Yours sincerely

  
(Jung Chung)  
Secretary General  
All-China Sports Federation