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2012 Youth Olympic Games: VNR 1 - 14 January 2012

The Games will feature 63 medal events in 15 Olympic winter sports disciplines, including for the first time, Women's Ski Jumping. The honour of the first ever competitive ski-jump by a woman in the Olympics went to Taylor Henrich of Canada.

SHOTLIST (Duration: 5' 43")

- Stadium scene-setter and Olympic flag (3 shots)

I/V Jacques Rogge, President IOC

I'm very excited about that, I'm very confident that they will be very successful everything has been very well prepared and we are also in a wonderful city in a country that loves winter sports.

I/V Yuna Kim, Figure Skater, Olympic Gold Medallist and YOG Ambassador

I'm very excited to be here as an Ambassador and not as competitor, and I'm looking forward to watching the figure skating competition and to meeting all the young skaters.

- Opening ceremony crowd and teams parade (18 shots)

I/V Jacques Rogge, President IOC

It offers to young athletes the possibility to compete not only in high-level sport but also to benefit from a very specific education, and we try to give them an education in values and social responsibility and in a lot of skills that will be useful not only for their athletic life but for their life as a human being.

Interviews with athletes and coaches:

I/V Edgar Grosjean, Chef de Mission FRANCE (in French)

What I wish them is that the most important reward for each of them will be a marvellous memory of Olympism, this would be the best medal they ever could get, the best reward of all.

I/V Ulf Tippelt, Chef de Mission, GERMANY (in German)

I think it gives them an experience they will use during their future career. It gives them a motivation to continue high-level sport, and I think everybody who has taken part here will want to go to the 'big' Olympic Games later on.

I/V Vlachleslav Vedeniin, Coach, RUSSIA (in Russian)

They will have brilliant opportunities, they communicate with guys their age around the world, they travel, they obtain valuable experience taking part in the international competitions. I hope they will be able to use it further in senior competitions, world championships, Sochi 2014 Olympics. It is not just about the competitions and medals, it is about the experience, the atmosphere, you hear what is going on here at the stadium! This is something that one could only experience at the Olympic Games, no other competition provides for these emotions!

I/V Tom Balland, Thibaut Colominas, FRANCE (in French)

Yes, it's a good idea to have so many people of such a high sportive level gathered. It's really great!

I/V Victoria Carl, GERMANY (in German)

Oh I really enjoyed it very much. People from all nations are very friendly. It's simply great.

I/V Anthony Heringshaw, USA

It just brings all youth together so everyone can meet one another and just have fun

- Opening ceremony fireworks (3 shots)

- Olympic torchbearer ski-ing down slope

I/V Jacques Rogge, President IOC

It is a very big year because to have Innsbruck and the London games in the same year it will require a lot of work, but also a lot of passion and a lot of dedication. At these games here in Innsbruck you have the future of the youth of the world, and in London you will have the present.

- Olympic flame torchbearer

- Egon Zimmermann lights the 1964 Olympic Cauldron

- Franz Klammer lights the 1976 Olympic Cauldron

- Paul Gerstgraser lights the (newly created) Youth Olympic Games Cauldron

- Fireworks

- Jacques Rogge speech sound-bite "To the athletes I say these games exist for you. You have come here from 70 countries not just to compete against each other but also to learn from each other. Some of the friendships formed over the next 9 days will last a lifetime."

- Spectators

- Olympic flag

- Crowd shots blowing horn

- Girls singing

- 1st women's ski-jump Taylor Henrich, Canada

- Taylor Henrich walking away with skis after completing the jump

I/V Taylor Henrich, Canada (1st ski-jump by a woman in Olympic competition)

It's an honour, I don't know it's exciting.

- Spectators cheering (3 shots)

I/V Jacques Rogge (about the Ski-jump event) Yes, we've seen after the Singapore summer games that some events join the traditional games and the best place to experiment with new events is definitely at the Youth Games.

- Spectators and banners with mountains in the distance.

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