

Belgian Events in Singapore /August 2010

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

The inaugural Singapore Youth Olympic Games (YOG), held from the 14th to the 26th of August, will be the highlight of this month.

On July 19th, the Belgian Olympic Committee announced the final composition of the Belgian Junior Olympic Team. The 51 selected athletes will compete in 16 of the 26 sports being featured at the YOG. This includes 2 team sports: Girls' Volleyball (the current European Youth Champions), and Men's Hockey.

The complete list together with the competition schedule can be found on the website of the Belgian Olympic Committee (<http://www.olympic.be>) and on the Embassy's website (<http://diplomatie.be/Singapore>)

Tickets are available on <http://www.singapore2010.sg>
The Belgian Junior Team is counting on you!



As previously announced, **HRH Crown Prince Philippe** will represent King Albert II at the opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games on the 14th of August. Prince Philippe, guided by IOC Chairman J. Rogge, will also meet with and cheer on the Belgian Junior Olympic Team in the Olympic Village.

East Flanders markets itself as London Olympic Games training ground

Under the banner 'Gateway to London', the province of East Flanders and the city of Ghent have launched a promotional campaign to encourage foreign sporting delegations to organise their training in the run-up to the Olympics in East Flanders. They argue that Ghent is just as far away from London as the north of England is and training is going to be very costly in the UK during that time. While the distance is easily travelled, Ghent also has the same climate as London explains Hilde Bruggeman of the East Flanders deputation.



Both the swimming teams of Uganda and New Zealand have voiced an interest thus far. The extensive sports science framework that the University of Ghent offers and the comprehensive professional sporting infrastructure in the province are both additional bonuses. Ghent has a professional sports hall, a water-sports course and cycling centre while the Puyenbroeck Provincial Sports Centre is located nearby in Wachtebeke. Ghent, a sparkling city with a rich history, would also gain from the prospective tourism. Supporters from South America, Asia or Australia could include Ghent on their continental tour after their stay in London.

<http://www.gatewaytolondon.be>



BUSINESS

Val Saint Lambert, a Belgian crystal glassware manufacturer, will be at the Singapore Gifts & Stationery Show between the 18th and 20th of August. It will be represented by Parry International Enterprise Pte Ltd.

For more information, log on <http://www.val-saint-lambert.com> and <http://www.gsshow.net/>



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Blue Talk, a Belgian company which designs mobile applications, took part in the Soccerex Asian Forum from the 28th – 29th of July.

(www.bluetalk.be)



SHOWING THE WAY

The Drinking Partners are back with another beer dinner! This time, it is at Juliana's at The Hollandse Club Singapore. Beer dinners at Juliana's have been private affairs, open only to club members and members of BLAS (Belgium and Luxembourg Association of Singapore). For the 1st time, this beer dinner is also open to the public! Being a members only club, Juliana's is somewhat of a "best kept secret" that not many people know about. Did you know also that the Hollandse Club is the **ONLY** country club in Singapore with a Belgian Beer Café? This beer dinner will feature the Flemish Sour Ale (Rodenbach), the famous Duvel and Satan beers as well Lambic beers. Seats are limited and reservations are necessary as Chef needs to purchase and prepare each guest's 5 course dinner.

Do call 6726 1373 or email info@thedrinkingpartners.com

The guest speaker for the dinner will be Prof Jean-Paul Deslypere.



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