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COPAL met with the PASO Coordinating Commission

Carlos Neuhaus Tudela, President of the Organizing Committee and Executive Director of the Special Project of the Lima 2019 XVIII Pan American and Sixth Parapan American Games and his team met with the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Coordinating Commission who arrived to supervise the progress of the games. The meetings were held on Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th and Monday 27th of February at the Westin Hotel in San Isidro.

Neuhaus held extensive meetings, which included a visit to the Pan American Village grounds in Villa El Salvador, along with Keith Joseph, Jimena Saldaña, Ivar Sisniega, Nicole Hoevertsz, Veda Bruno-Victor, Roberto Kenny, members of the PASO Coordinating Commission.

The PASO members received the reports from the Commercial and Marketing teams as well as the Projects and Infrastructure teams. Followed by the presentations from the Operation’s Team with the following areas: Sports, Venue Management, Medical Services and Anti-doping, Games Services, International Relations and Protocol, Transport, Broadcasting, Technology and Communications.

During the three-day meetings, Neuhaus and his teams, were able to clarify all concerns put forth by the PASO representatives.
Ivar Sisniega: “This is the most satisfying visit PASO has had focusing on the Lima 2019 Pan American Games”

The Mexican representative, Ivar Sisniega, First Vice-president of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), and member of the Coordinating Committee was present for the round of meetings with the President of the Organizing Committee and Executive Director of the Special Project of the Lima 2019 XVIII Pan American and Sixth Parapan American Games, Carlos Neuhaus Tudela and left with the best of the impressions regarding the progress of the event. Sisniega, as Vice-president, offered his evaluation about these constructive meetings. “It’s the most satisfying visit we have had. We have seen growths in the planning, clearly defining the requirements you will have. In preparation for everything you will require to bid and to build. It is the best visit we have had.

We are very excited and in good spirits about what is being developed. We are much more confident that Lima 2019 will be amazing Games. We will continue collaborating very closely with the Organizing Committee so the Games may be successful”, stated the ODEPA Vice-president. “The first thing we must understand about the Games is that they are Peru’s Games. It should be an event that unites Peruvians, that improves sports and the infrastructure in the country, and generate an improvement in the sports level. But most importantly, let the whole world know about Lima and Peru. These are games that will be broadcasted in America and to other parts of the world, and you (Peru), can demonstrate all about your culture, history and tradition during the opening ceremony, in a very appealing way; which will be seen by millions of people and everyone will want to visit. Showing your hospitality, your gastronomy and your warm welcome”, Sisniega added.

Regarding the construction of the Pan American Village in Villa El Salvador, the PASO Vice-president stated: “These Games are helping to rehabilitate, offer a new life and hope to the young people from the marginal areas of Lima. For Villa El Salvador, Villa Maria del Triunfo and Callao, is a way to really give new spaces to the young and adult people, fighting against delinquency. I believe that there will be a Lima and another capital after the 2019 Pan American Games”.

When asked about the next PASO visit, Sisniega said “we won’t define it precisely, we could be back during the next four to five months. In April, we have an Assembly; but at the end of the year we have the PASO General Assembly, in attendance of 41 countries. For many, it will be the first time they see the progress of the Lima 2019 Games”.

Sisniega spoke about the construction and presentation of the sports stages. “Usually, the constructions of the sporting venues are ready six months’ prior to the Games, or a little earlier. We would like to see everything finished by the end of 2018. We would like to see the start of construction specifically in La VIDENA and the Pan American Sports Village”, specified the Mexican Directive.
Construction begins in the Pan American Village of Villa El Salvador

In presence of Martín Vizcarra Cornejo, First Vice-President of the Republic and Minister of Transport and Communications; with Carlos Neuhaus, President of the Organizing Committee, they broke ground to begin the construction for what will become the Pan American Village which will accommodate athletes and delegations who will arrive to the expected Lima 2019 XVIII Pan American and Sixth Parapan American Games. Lima will accommodate 6,700 athletes and 2,680 officials at the XVIII Pan American Games, for a total of 9,380. For the sixth Parapan American Games, the Pan American Village will house 1,850 athletes and 925 officials, for a total of 2,775.

Minister Vizcarra, as maximum authority of the organization, was at the Village, located in the dynamic district of Villa El Salvador, where he declared that he was confident in meeting the deadlines in order to achieve the culmination of the constructions prior to the most important sport event in recent years. “The construction of the most important component the Pan American Games has begun. This is important because it will accommodate all the athletes. It is the venue that requires the most construction time. If we finish within the established deadline, everything else will be attained, because the rest requires less time. Everything will be accomplished. Not only do athletes arrive to compete, but Peru will be in the eyes of the whole world”, added Vizcarra. The Minister also spoke about the adjustments that will be done in the Pan American Village. “There are two modifications being done to the Plan: 1. the area that will be used. Less area and fewer but taller towers. A savings of 300 million soles. 2. The topsoil stripping saves four months of construction time. This saves time and money. We are starting construction. We are sure we will reach the goal with the responsible efforts we are making”, he affirmed.

Vizcarra highlighted that in a matter of four months the buildings which will accommodate the athletes in the Villa will begin construction. “They will begin with topsoil stripping, which will take four months. We will save time. During the following months, the contractors should start the construction of the buildings. The public bidding will be open so the best national or international construction companies who can compete transparently and with the right use of resources. We will return in three months to see the progress. This is an agreement of all Peruvians. It is the start of beneficial endeavors for all of Peru”, emphasized the Minister.

The Vice-President explained he has hopes for the new Master Plan. “It is a challenge and we are confident we will achieve our objective. We have optimized the timetables. There is a new timeline were deadlines have been adjusted in order to reach the games with spare time. The villa is a new venue which starts form zero. It demands more time. It’s a litmus test. If the Village is completed, everything else will be as well”, assured Vizcarra.

The construction of the Pan American Village contemplates access for 850 athletes with disabilities whom will occupy the village during the Sixth Parapan American Games, event immediately following the XVIII Pan American Games.
The contest of the official mascot for the Lima 2019 XVIII Pan American Games and Sixth Parapan American Games was launched

The Lima 2019 XVIII Pan American Games and Sixth Parapan American Games will be the largest sports party that Peru will have lived in history. Traditionally it is known that for this kind of international competition, an official mascot identifies the Pan American and Parapan American Games; and all Peruvians are part of this process. On February 23rd, the contest to choose the best design was launched, which will mark history and stay in everyone’s memory.

The idea is that the mascot should reflect Lima’s history and culture. It should illustrate life and passion, as well as portray the warmth and hospitality of the people from Lima. It should also convey the message of determination, improvement, courage, equality and the spirit of these games.

The design of the mascot must be based on positive elements that form part of the historic, cultural and natural identity of the city of Lima. It can make reference to an animal, plant, person, animated object or anything else, related to the venue. The name must be friendly.

The Jury will be formed by two representatives of the Organizing Committee of the Lima 2019 Pan American Games (COPAL), as well a member of the Municipality of Lima and a member of the San Marcos University. There will also be representatives from the Toulouse Lautrec and ISIL Institute’s Graphics Design Department.

The best of three will be selected

From all the designs submitted, the best of three in obtaining the consideration and approval from the jury will be selected. These three designs will be subjected to an open vote from the general public through the webpage of the Pan American Games (www.lima2019.pe) and the winner will be the one whom receive the most votes.

Three important prizes will be awarded. The first place will receive a prize of 15 thousand soles. The second place will receive 10 thousand soles and the third place will receive 5 thousand soles.

Minors can also participate with their designs; however, they must be represented by an adult. The terms and conditions of the contest can be found in the webpage www.lima2019.pe. The contest is open for all Peruvians as no prior design knowledge is required. You can participate individually or in pairs.

The designs will be received between February 23rd and May 8th 2017. The jury’s evaluation will be on the 15th and 16th of May. Whilst the release of the three finalists will be on May 31st. The electronic vote of the finalist will be between May 31st and June 30th of 2017.
5. First-rate Transport for the Lima 2019 Games

Lima gets ready to host the most important competition which takes place every four years in the continent. The 2019 Pan American Games, will allow the Peruvian capital the possibility to modernize its transportation benefiting millions of people who will enjoy its legacy.

One of the most important topics is the development of the Transport Management plan, which the PASO Coordinating Committee is already aware of. It is established within, that there are 28 institutions which are part of this group which includes Ministries, Regional, Provincial and Local Governments.

It is also important to point out, that the transportation circumstances have been considered for the Sixth Parapan American Games, which will gather 1,850 athletes with disabilities. 10 new infrastructures are under consideration, as well as the enhancement of nine others. Five are being considered by the private sector as well as 120 kilometers of bicycle lanes. For 26 days 15 routes will give priority to 679 kilometers of roadways whilst the Pan American and Parapan American Games take place.

9,380 athletes are expected to arrive, including team officials for the XVII Pan American Games. The arrival of 1,850 athletes and 925 officials for the Sixth Parapan American Games for a grand total of 2,775. With an additional 2,532 PASO Family and officials. For their commute, the use of 317 buses, 732 cars and 72 vans have been considered, in order to arrive to the different competition venues, using the Pan American Lane, which will be exclusive for the vehicles transporting the Pan American Games participants.
6. A Sports Police Task Force has been allocated to the Lima 2019 Games

A little over two years away from the most important sporting competition that Peru has lived in recent times, Lima is getting ready to welcome visitors, who will be part of the 2019 XVIII Pan American and Sixth Parapan American Games, with all the security measures in place. Security will be crucial and because of this, we are already working way in advance on all the details which will offer the guarantees and reassurance to visiting delegations, tourists and the Peruvian attendants.

One of the novelties that these Games will offer is the creation of a new Sports Police Task Force, specialized on crowd control. There will be 1,200 officials whom will form part of this unit and towards the future, be the group in charge of public sporting event and massive events organized in the city of Lima.

This unit will be tested throughout 2019. There will be 19 assessments for the Pan American Games, between January and June of that year. This is to understand the level of reaction and control of possible security issues. Furthermore, there will be five trials which will be organized for the Pan American Games.
Carlos Neuhaus, President of the Organizing Committee of the Lima 2019 Pan American and Parapan American Games (COPAL), highlighted the savings in time and money with the optimization of the construction that started at the Pan American Village of Villa El Salvador.

"In the beginning, the Village had 39 towers of 10 floors and apartments of 95 meters. It wasn’t feasible, that’s why we have reduced buildings to 7 of 20 floors. The land does allow the construction of 20 floors. We must dig a foundation equivalent to two basements. We are also reducing the apartment area from 95 meters to 75", pointed out Neuhaus.

"We will save 300 million soles. We can do these jobs with national entities such as the Army or the Ministry of Housing. We will save between three to five months in our time line. We are recovering the time not utilized appropriately to finish before the Games", added the Head of COPAL. Neuhaus also spoke about the constructions in the other venues which will be used for the sporting competitions in 2019. "We already have the construction viability for the Villa Maria Venue. We should have the viability for Punta Rocas this month. Construction there will take less time. The construction could start a year before the Games. Punta Rocas will leave us a legacy of a High Performance Center. Surfing has brought great distinction to our country. We successfully entered surf into the Pan American and the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020. Our athletes will have many opportunities", he claimed. The Head of COPAL assured his confident that the 41 delegations from the whole continent will find all venues prepared.

"We will save between three to five months, because we are working intensely with first rate professionals. It is good to know that 70% of the venues are ready. There will be adjustments and improvements in some venues. This will happen in venues such as La Videna, which will host nine sports. An additional athletics track will be built there", Neuhaus emphasized.