

## China Commits US\$10 Million In Anti-Doping Research

China has become the first country to formally announce an investment of US\$10 million in anti-doping research following the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) pledge to its member nations for their contribution to a government equivalent fund.

The IOC President Thomas Bach in December 2013 announced that the organization would invest US \$10 million to fund innovative athlete-centered [anti-doping research](#), which would include new techniques for detecting prohibited substances and methods, and further called on governments to match the amount. WADA President Sir Craig Reddie since then has been encouraging world governments to pledge their own support to protect clean athletes by making commitments before 16 November to make contributions that will help raise the total research fund for the joint IOC / WADA initiative to US \$20 million.

The Vice Premier of State Council for China, Ms. Liu Yandong, has become the first national government leader to commit support by contributing \$1M to the cause. Sir Craig Reddie remarked WADA is hugely appreciative of the support shown from the Chinese government in contributing to this fund for innovative anti-doping research and added that this marks a significant step forward for the anti-doping community. The WADA President added the IOC's initial commitment to the research, and the signal sent by the Chinese government, provides an excellent example of how sport and government can work together for the greater anti-doping good and, importantly, to help give athletes the level playing field they so deserve.

Sir Reddie also added following a very productive personal meeting on a wide range of anti-doping matters with the Vice Premier of China, Ms. Liu Yandong, he would like to offer my thanks to her government and also to Mr. Liu Peng, the Minister for Sport for China and President of the [Chinese Olympic Committee](#), for their strong demonstrations of support in the protection of the rights of clean athletes. China has led the way and set an example for other national governments to follow. The WADA chief added over the coming weeks, as the IOC's 16 November deadline approaches, he will continue to engage governments and encourage them to follow China's lead so that we can keep sport clean for all athletes.

IOC President, Thomas Bach said it is vital for the future of sport that we protect the clean athletes and that is why he so warmly welcomes this contribution by the Chinese government. Bach urged other governments to follow suit and match the ten million dollars the IOC has provided to improve anti-doping research and added without clean athletes there can be no credible competition, and without credible competition sport will also cease to be attractive to spectators and fans and would ultimately wither and die

Vice Premier of China, Ms. Liu Yandong said she would like to thank WADA for its significant contribution to the development of anti-doping in China over the course of many years. Sport is an integral part of social development. Ms. Yandong added the Chinese government always attaches great importance to the development of sport and its instrumental role in society, and anti-doping plays a critical role in the healthy development of the Olympic Movement. She also

remarked the Chinese government is continuously committed to the [fight against doping](#) in sport, and the promotion of clean sport and upholding a "zero tolerance" of doping.