By Sports Reporter

Doha 2030 promises gateway to sustainability and ultimate Asian Games experience

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The OCA Evaluation Committee, which recently visited Doha to assess the Qatari bid’s readiness for the 2030 Asian Games, were given an extensive tour of the country’s state-of-the-art facilities.

The delegation, which is on a three-day visit, was also given an extensive breakdown on how Doha is uniquely positioned to deliver certainty, sustainability and excellence for the whole of Asia, at a time when it is needed most.

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The expert delegation saw how Doha has leveraged its rich and tested sports venue and medical facilities, which have catered to the world’s best athletes in the world’s biggest events, as well as Asia’s first ever Asian Games experience in 2019.

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The Evaluation Committee saw how Doha’s plans to deliver a world-class Games experience are critical to successfully staging major events.

In his address to the Evaluation Committee, Hassan Al-Thawadi, Secretary-General of the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (SC), said: “We can say this because all of Doha 2030’s plans are based on sound expertise that put certainty on the table. We can already provide the perfect setting for athletes with everything they need so they can compete at their best and inspire the next generation. We can already guarantee athletes and all participants – OCA Family, officials, media and spectators – an unprecedented level of experience like no other; because we have a proven track record to successfully staging major sports events.

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Doha 2030 CEO and QOC Secretary-General HE Joassim bin Rashid Al-Suwaidi outlined the importance of certainty and sustainability in the current climate.

“This year has been defined by uncertainty, which is why the sport movement needs certainty now more than ever. Doha 2030 can do more than just offer certainty, we can say with absolute confidence that we will deliver the excellence that OCA and Asia's NOCs demand and that is inherent in our Games experience in 2019.

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The Evaluation Committee also experienced the city’s ultra-modern metro, which is part of Doha’s sophisticated transport network, promising sustainable travel and a modern environment.

The entire delegation was given an in-depth tour of the Athletes’ Village, which is currently under development.

Nada Mohamed Wafa, one of Qatar's first female Olympians, who competed at London 2012 and Rio 2016, presented to the Evaluation Committee how athletes have been placed at the forefront of Doha 2030’s plan. Doha is uniquely positioned to leverage the legacy of the FIFA World Cup to sustainability and ultimate excellence for the whole of Asia, at a time when it is needed most.

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As an Olympic Council of Asia delegation tours Qatar’s sporting venues to evaluate the country’s bid for the 2030 Asian Games, Gulf Times spoke to a cross section of people to get their views. We produce the excerpts

**Qatar is really one of the best and definitely the best in the region. The technology has been in use at various sporting events, and also at Al Janoub Stadium while it hosted the Asian Games in 2019. Qatar has all the facilities in place for a big event like the Asian Games in 2030. Qatar will be building on a very strong legacy.**

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Speaking as an athlete in a multi-sport discipline, Qatar as a country had a big role to play in the development of my sport.**

I am very excited as Doha again is bidding to host the Asian Games. 2006 was an amazing experience. I have been in Qatar for a long time now and I am amazed at the progress the country has made in the field of sports over the years. The 2006 Asian Games was a great experience. I had only seen some of the action in Qatar when the Asian Games were held in the region. Since then Qatar has come a long way. We are now also hosting the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.**

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OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA’S EVALUATION COMMITTEE VISITS QATAR

Doha 2030 Chairman and Qatar Olympic Committee President HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad al-Thani with Chair of Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Evaluation Committee for the 2030 Asian Games bid Andrey Kryukov and a student-athlete at the Aspire Academy yesterday. The OCA Evaluation Committee assessed Doha’s sporting infrastructure and preparedness to host 2030 Asiad.

Doha 2030 CEO and Qatar Olympic Committee Secretary-General HE Jassim bin Rashid al-Buenain with OCA Evaluation Committee at the Al Bayt stadium.

The OCA Evaluation Committee visited Al Bayt FIFA World Cup Stadium, which is expected to host some football matches in 2030 if Doha wins Asian Games bid.

Doha 2030 CEO and Qatar Olympic Committee Secretary-General HE Jassim bin Rashid al-Buenain with other officials with the OCA Evaluation Committee at the Lusail Arena.

An official of the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy explains to OCA Evaluation Committee how the FIFA World Cup will help Doha 2030 serve as a gateway for excellence.
Qatar takes on Costa Rica in a friendly match at the Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It is Qatar’s first international fixture in 15 months, as the team continues to prepare for the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.

**FOOTBALL**

**Tough test awaits Qatar against Costa Rica**

Qatar players train on the eve of their friendly match against Costa Rica in Vienna, Austria.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**North Macedonia qualify for Euro 2020**

Pandev scored the only goal of the game in the 56th minute in Tbilisi.

**BOTTOMLINE**

Finland ruin Thuram’s France bowl, Ronaldo inches towards goals record

Ronaldo had a stunning effort after being left to stride towards goal. Braghin brought on the well-organised France. The result will disappoint Braghin, but will benefit the well-organised France. On a day in which footballing brilliance will be on display, amidst a sea of brilliant moves and moments of sheer footballing skill, the match will be remembered for the quality of football on display.

**SELECTED INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY RESULTS**

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Browns hopeful for running back Chubb's return vs Texans

"It felt good to be back out there with everybody just to see those guys back."
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Amir Cup 2020 shooting begins with trap event

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The Amir Cup 2020 Shooting & Archery Competitions was held at Lusail Sports Complex on Friday, November 13, 2020. Amiri shooting and sport activities were also seen in Qatar as the Amir Cup 2020 began in Lusail, with the highest participation of the Qatari shooters and archers. The Amir Cup is considered by many as the most prestigious title outside of the World Championships.

As for the referees, he said, “We have a distinguished refereeing team and we have prepared a refereeing team not only for the short, trap and double trap events, but we also have箭, ring, and archery competitions. We hope that this committee will have a role to play in the future of the Qatari shooting and archery competitions as they are involved in the sport.”

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Winnable cleared to leave isolation in NZ after Covid-19 tests

Indians touch down in Sydney sans Rohit Sharma

Australia look to future, pick Pucovski and Green

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The former captain, who will continue as the team’s batting coach, confirmed the squad in the Sydney Daily Telegraph, which will be the “initial” squad to face India, with up to three possible changes to be made:

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- Shen Nesen and Abbott breathing down their necks.
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- Shah will undergo rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bangalore. He will start in the third round of novel coronavirus tests were conducted on Friday after the end of the IPL.
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The pace attack virtually picked itself, with fingers for Victoria to make his call-up all-but inevitable. He recently said he was in a good head space and ready to challenge for a Test berth once again, vying with incumbent Steve Smith, who has been in a lean spell.

Rolling all-rounder Green, described by Greg Chappell as the best he has ever seen, will also be fighting for a spot. He is considered less likely to get a start, at least in the opening Test, with Tim Paine and Matthew Wade currently vying for the middle-order spot, and Matthew Wade would hold the key, according to Sanjay Manjrekar.

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The PCB will also be utilising former captain Yousins’ expertise and skills for the tour of England this summer. “The athletes will only be permitted to leave the bio-secure environment for training and matches in order to contribute to the mental, physical and emotional well-being of the players and to help local economies in their respective provinces,” he added.

The Indian players have been allowed to travel with their families. Along with the Indian contingent, the Australian players who will form part of the IPL, will also be allowed to fly home after the fourth edition of the tournament.

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