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By e-mail only

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Dear Mr Shimizu,

Thank you for your recent letter to IOC President Thomas Bach, who has asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

The IOC was one of the first sports organisations to seriously consider the impact environmental conditions can have on the practice of sport and, equally, the significant impact sport can have on the environment. Accordingly, environmental considerations are important elements of Games planning and operations - from the beginning of a city's desire to stage Olympic Games through to the long-term effects of those Games.

In regard to the national stadium in Tokyo, we understand that the Organising Committee is aware of the concerns raised by the Custodians of the national stadium. They have confirmed to the IOC that the Japan Sport Council (JSC) is currently examining the optimal solution for the design of the stadium, which has been an important legacy for Japanese sports since it served as the main stadium for the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games.

The JSC is the organisation responsible for the stadium renovation and we encourage you to speak to them for more details on their plans. We are confident though that the JSC and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee will deliver a great stadium to showcase the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Thank you for your interest in the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games.

Yours sincerely,

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