

Mbale Tigers at "Dream Program" 2014

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Khamuka Khadija Zubair a Member of Mbale Tigers Table Tennis Club and best Table Tennis player among disabled Table Tennis players in Uganda was selected by Paralympic Committee of Uganda to participate in Dream Program 2014 that started from January 13 " 25, 2014 in Pyeong Chang, the host city of the 2018 Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games.

This annual winter sports camp provides winter sports experience such as skiing and skating and promotes exchange of culture and friendship among youth from all over the world. This year, the camp gathers 160 youths from 39 countries, and 5 nations send their youths to Dream Program for the first time: Ecuador, Iraq, Mozambique, Qatar, and Zimbabwe.

Dream Program, an initiative established in 2004 by Gangwon Province during PyeongChang's bid for the Olympics Games to promote the values and ideals of the Olympic Movement and expand the base of winter sports globally, celebrates its 11th edition this year.

Since then, Dream Program has invited 1,246 young people from 62 different countries where winter sports are not enjoyed due to various reasons. Among the participants, a total of 46 athletes represented their own countries as national team members at the international winter sports event, including the Olympic Winter Games.

The Program has received praise from the international sports community for promoting peace and harmony through sports, contributing by PyeongChang's bid and also gotten support for national government authorities by raising awareness of Korea through the world.

For this year, Dream Program will introduce an educational session called "Champions of Tomorrow" in which participants learn the Olympic values through physical activities and group discussions, using the Olympic Value Education Program tool kit. Also, the young people visit the PyeongChang Alpensia Sports Park, including Ski-jumping Tower, to look around the Olympic venue and experience bobsledding and biathlon.

Since last 4 years, Ski Federation of Pakistan which comes under the Pakistan Air Force Headquarters is also sending their athletes to represent Pakistan in this winter Games and last year in 2013 Pakistani two athletes Master Noor Muhammad and Master Shah Hussain of Naltar Ski School clinched two top positions by winning Gold and Silver medals. Uganda, Rwanda and Nigeria are among the African countries participating.