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LETTER OF SUPPORT

To whom it may concern,

Tauberbischofsheim, June 26, 2026

During my recent visit to the Taekwondo Competence Center (TCC) Friedrichshafen, I had the opportunity to experience first-hand the work carried out by its athletes, coaches and leadership team and to gain insight into its long-term vision.

What impressed me was not only the sporting excellence of the center, but above all its unique approach in combining elite sport, education, international solidarity and social responsibility within one integrated structure.

The TCC Friedrichshafen has developed an unique model that creates opportunities for athletes from different nations and backgrounds to train and develop together. In particular, the support provided to athletes through programs connected to Olympic Solidarity and the Olympic Refuge Foundation demonstrates how sport can become a platform for opportunity, inclusion and international understanding.

At the same time, the close integration between school, daily training and long-term athlete development represents an innovative approach that seeks to combine educational success and sporting excellence without creating disadvantages for young athletes in their academic pathway.

I was encouraged to learn about the plans to further develop the site into a future-oriented Olympic Taekwondo Center. Such an initiative reflects how local commitment, educational partnerships and international cooperation can create sustainable structures for future generations of athletes.

Projects of this kind demonstrate in a practical way that the values of the Olympic Movement are not only promoted, but actively lived.

For these reasons, I am pleased to express my personal support for the continued development of the Taekwondo Competence Center Friedrichshafen. I regard this initiative as an inspiring example of how sport, excellence, education and solidarity can be brought together and I support the efforts of Markus Kohlöffel and his team to further develop this project for the benefit of future generations of athletes.

I wish all those involved every success in pursuing this vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Bach', with a stylized, cursive script.

Thomas Bach
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Chair, Olympic Refugee Foundation