



2006 FIS Cross Country World Cup Changchun, China

Welcome to China



Dear Ski Friends,

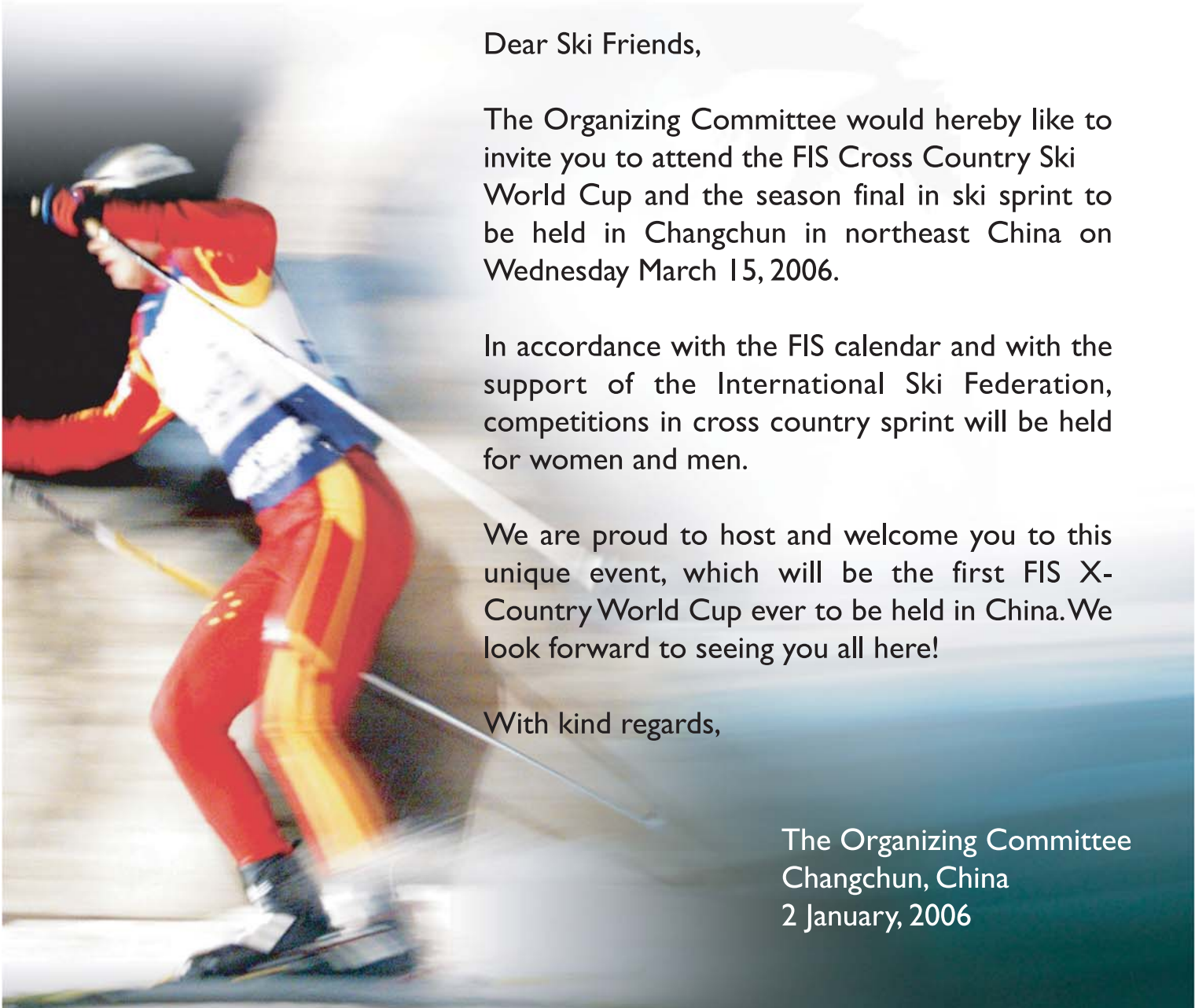
The Organizing Committee would hereby like to invite you to attend the FIS Cross Country Ski World Cup and the season final in ski sprint to be held in Changchun in northeast China on Wednesday March 15, 2006.

In accordance with the FIS calendar and with the support of the International Ski Federation, competitions in cross country sprint will be held for women and men.

We are proud to host and welcome you to this unique event, which will be the first FIS X-Country World Cup ever to be held in China. We look forward to seeing you all here!

With kind regards,

The Organizing Committee
Changchun, China
2 January, 2006



Changchun
Municipal Government
长春市人民政府





Changchun, 15 March 2006

The FIS X-Country Ski World Cup is finally coming to China. A truly historical event, this X-Country Ski Sprint Final is jointly organized by Chinese Ski Association, the City of Changchun and Nordic Ways. The competition marks the first of its kind in China.

China - An Emerging X-Country Ski Nation

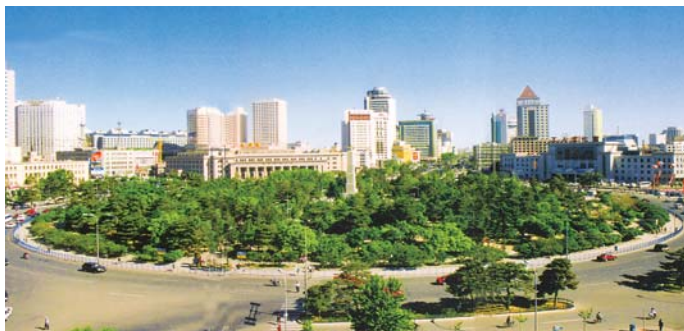
The Chinese market is growing rapidly in almost every thinkable aspect. The northeastern winter provinces are home to some 120 Million people and skiing has been gaining popularity in China in the past years. The city of Changchun has become the heart and center of the development of X-Country skiing, hosting the Vasaloppet China Week, with several short and long distance ski races. Adding to that, with the recent successes of the China National Ski Team, the Middle Kingdom is emerging on the international scene.



Changchun
Population: 6.83 million
Total Area: 18,881 sq km



Changchun - Host City



Situated in the heart of Manchuria in Northeast China, Changchun is the capital city of Jilin Province and the province's political, economic, scientific and cultural center.

The Changchun International Airport operates regular flights to Japan, South Korea and Russia, in addition to domestic flights all over the China mainland and Hong Kong (flight distance from Beijing: 85 minutes).

Accommodation will be arranged in hotels conveniently located within walking distance of the competition venue.



Registration

Start permission is given to all athletes starting for their National Ski Association according to the rules stated in the Viessmann FIS World Cup-Cross Country Skiing 2005/2006.

In accordance with the FIS regulations the OC will take care of certain costs of accommodation. We kindly request prior notification in writing as soon as possible regarding participation, arrival and room reservations.

Note that only official race registration forms from FIS are valid. No registration form will be accepted after 1 March 2006, 6:00 pm (CET).



Accommodation

Full board double-room based packages (including one banquet) are offered for non-accredited guests, full board accommodation in the event hotel - Changchun International Exhibition Hotel **** - from March 12 to March 16, 2006:

EUR 60/person/night (single room supplement: EUR 30/night)



Travel & Visa

Note that China requires a valid visa to be issued prior to arrival in the country. Contact the nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate for applications and issuing.

A special FIS World Cup charter flight will be arranged from Europe to China and then onwards to Sapporo, Japan - details from FIS will follow shortly.

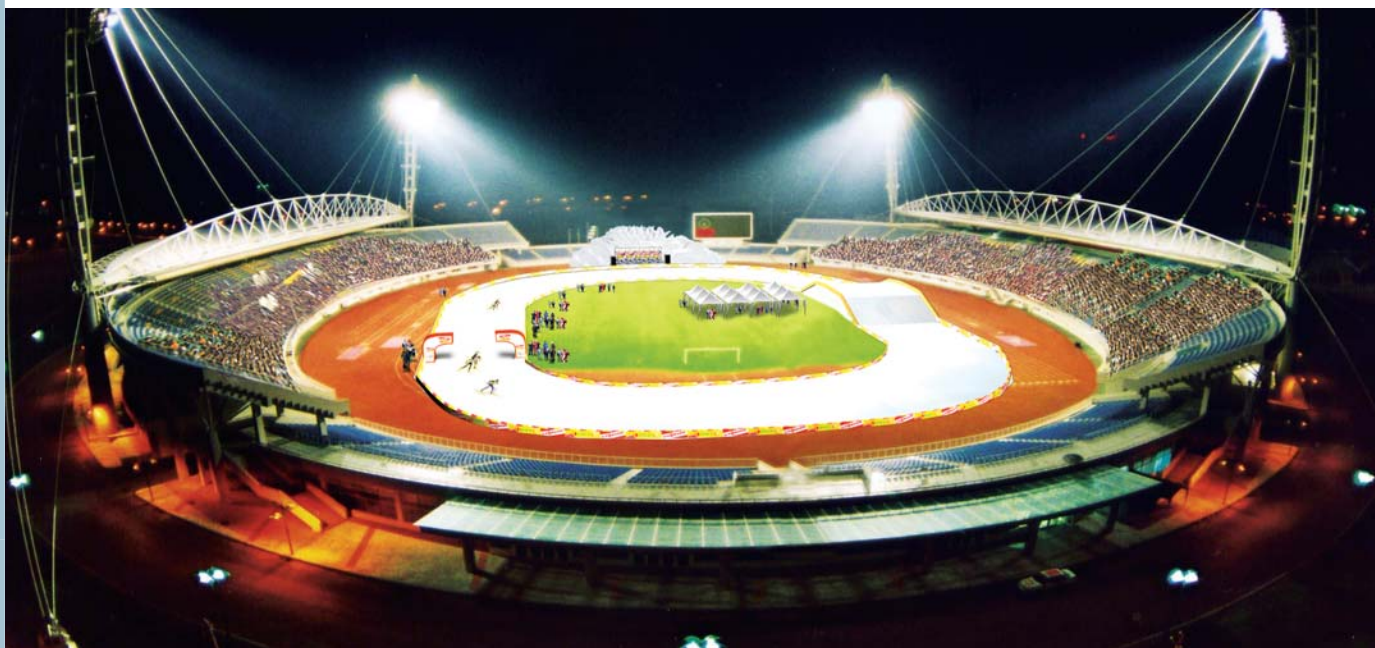
For skiers and officials traveling with the charter group, a Visa-On-Arrival can be processed if necessary - we do however strongly suggest visa applications to be done in advance where possible.

15 March 2006

Race Program Overview

5.15 PM	Qualification
7.00 PM	Quarter-finals, women
7.20 PM	Quarter-finals, men
7.45 PM	Semifinals, women
7.55 PM	Semifinals, men
8.05 PM	Small Final, women Final, women
8.15 PM	Small Final, men Final, men
8.30 PM	Prize ceremony - FIS World Cup Sprint 2006

(Note: might be subject to minor adjustments)



The competition venue is located within walking distance of the event hotel.
The stadium can seat 32.000 spectators. The sprint track is 650 meters long, racing over two loops.



For more information about registration, accommodation and program

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Note: Due to Chinese National Holidays between January 28 and February 5, the opening hours and availability might be limited.

Official Organizer	Host City	Event Producer
	<p>City of Changchun</p>	