

London 2012

After an exhaustive 2 year search to find the hosts, London won the right to stage the 2012 Olympics games. The International Olympic Committee President, Jacques Rogge, made the dramatic announcement at 1249 BST on the 6th July 2005 at the Singapore meeting.

News of London's win delighted flag waving supporters of the bid in Trafalgar Square and Stratford in the East End of London, where the new Olympic Park will be built.

There had also been bids from:-

- Paris
- Moscow
- New York
- Madrid

Moscow, New York and Madrid were eliminated, leaving it a closely fought contest against the favourites Paris. Paris had been the favourites throughout the campaign.

London's hopes were raised after the impressive presentation by Lord Sebastian Coe, the bid chairman. There had only been 4 votes in it – 54/50. This had been a long awaited win as this was the first time that the Olympic games will be held in London since 1948. Of the win, the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, commented, that "This was a momentous day for Britain".

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