

IOC Pays Visit to Sochi to Check on Preparations

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SOCHI — With the Winter Games less than a year away, International Olympic Committee inspectors are paying their latest visit to Sochi to check on preparations.

The IOC coordination commission, headed by Jean-Claude Killy, began two days of meetings and site visits Tuesday in the Black Sea resort.

It is the panel's ninth and penultimate trip to Sochi before the opening of the games on Feb. 7, 2014. Russia is spending more than \$50 billion on venues and infrastructure projects to prepare for its first Winter Games.

Also taking part in this week's meetings are leaders of the seven winter sports federations on the Olympic program.

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