

Olympic Committee to decide 2008 venue

The International Olympic Committee meets in Moscow later this month to take two landmark votes – to elect the host city of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008 and to elect a successor to Juan Antonio Samaranch, retiring as IOC president after 21 years

Bidding cities:



TORONTO 2008

Toronto, Canada

Pros: Excellent backing, compact site. **Cons:** Some distant venues

Paris, France

Pros: Good infrastructure. **Cons:** Complex urban Village site

Istanbul, Turkey

Pros: Has never hosted Games. **Cons:** Major financial concerns

Beijing, China

Pros: Has never hosted Games. **Cons:** Population, environmental challenges

BEIJING 2008

OSAKA 2008

Osaka, Japan

Pros: Excellent venues. Proven organisational ability. **Cons:** Transport congestion, inadequate finance