

How 'The Olympic Partner' (TOP) sponsorship programme has effected the Olympics, Los Angeles 1984 compared to London 2012

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Background of 'TOP'

The role the partners play:

- Help stage the games
- > Fund Olympic teams
- Supply technology
- Support grass routes
- Deliver sustainable solutions
- Create lasting legacies
- Provide vital revenue
- Promote Olympic values around the world
- Engage youth

"We could not have run the Olympic games without them" Thomas Bach, President, IOC



What the TOP programme does

- > They help to physically stage the Olympic games
- Fund the teams and athletes
- > Supports amateur athletes
- > Creates long lasting legacies for local communities



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Effects of the TOP programme in 1984

Self funded Olympics

- Boosted the US economy
 - US GDP increase
- > Golden triangle catalyst



Year	Real GDP	Percentage
		increase in
		GDP
1986	\$4,590,125	3.5%
1985	\$4,346,750	4.2%
1984	\$4,040,700	7.3%
1983	\$3,638,125	4.6%
1982	\$3,345,000	-1.9%



Effects of the TOP programme in 2012

- Olympics boosted the UK economy
 - > Technological advancements
 - Social media increase
 - Increased innovation



'Our relationship with the Worldwide Olympic Partners is more than a commercial relationship, it is a partnership' - Thomas Bach, IOC President

Comparisons of the effects on the 1984 and 2012 games

Similarities

- Significant part of funding for the Olympic Games
 - Golden triangle influence
- Both games give positives for the sponsors

Differences

- Social media influence on the recent games
- Advertisement influence on the present day
- Political use of the program in 1984





Supportive Literature on The Olympic Partner Programme

Journal - An Analysis of Stock Market Response to the IOC's Commercial Partnership: The Case of the TOP Partnership Program

Review Literature- Olympic Marketing Factfile

Book- Sport Management- principles and applications

To conclude...

- Provides vital revenue
- > Aids in the IOC's development plans
- > Assists in boosting economies, locally, nationally and internationally
- > Develops grassroots game



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