



120 guides round the clock with the Olympians

ber of interesting details about the houses in the reserve, although arrangements have been made for professional guides for the sightseeing tour.

Staribratov - Deputy Chair of the Host Organizing Committee. The young people will take care only of their counterparts from abroad, while trained teachers will be attached to the team leaders, who are accommodated at Park-Hotel „Sankt Peterburg“. According to the rules, the students are accommodated at different locations from the team leaders, this is why board and lodging has been provided to the team members at the Novotel. Near the hotels, there will be ambulances round the clock. Medical insurances have been arranged for all team members and guides.



120 school students from the Mathematical and English Language schools suspended their holidays for ten days in order to take part as guides for the Olympians. The teenagers are in the 10th and 11th classes and a few months ago had to undergo a casting because of the high number of volunteers. In addition to a test in spoken English, the young people demonstrated good communicative skills as well. The candidates who passed the screening procedure attended a special training course in order to learn more about the history of Plovdiv and about the economy, educational system and culture of Bulgaria. Thus, they are ready to handle any questions asked by the international guests. Between the competition days, the participants will go sightseeing in the Old Town and the guides have learned a num-

A guide will be attached to each of the 83 teams in the Olympiad. In addition to meeting the team s/he is assigned to, a guide will have to be available to their group of international participants day and night. This is why all of them have been equipped with mobile phones preloaded with 500 free minutes, which they will keep as mementos of the Olympiad.

„You are our ambassadors of good will at this IOI. You must at all times be helpful, kind and friendly“, was the message to the young people from Ivaylo

