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Progress in Sochi, But Much to Be Done, IOC Says

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SOCHI — Jean-Claude Killy and IOC inspectors gave their approval of the progress in Sochi for the 2014 Winter Games after a two-day visit.

Killy, head of an International Olympic Committee inspection group, said Wednesday that recent tests at 10 of the Olympic venues have gone well and "the feedback from sports federations has been mostly positive."

The IOC inspectors have seen "a great deal of progress, but there is still a lot to be done," Killy said. "We are completely sure of the professionalism and expertise of the people here."

Concerns about Sochi's preparations were underlined last month when President Vladimir Putin ordered the firing of the deputy head of the Russian Olympic Committee over delays and huge cost overruns in building the ski jump.

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