

President Ilves at today's appreciation ceremony in the Estonian embassy acknowledged our Olympic team for their successful preparations for and participation in the games.

"I am extremely pleased that Estonian athletes have ranked among the best in a range of disciplines at these Olympic games. A tremendous amount of work has been done to achieve these results. This work has been done by both the athletes and their background teams. I thank you for all these efforts and achievements," told President Ilves.

According to the President, such major events are emotionally important for Estonian people and even though medals won do not demonstrate the superiority of any country or people, results as good as these will please our people.

The Head of State also acknowledged Estonian businessmen and companies that, despite the complicated times, have still found it possible to support the top Estonian athletes.

President Ilves will today get an idea of the living arrangements of athletes in the Olympic village and will visit the international press centre. In the evening, the President will cheer on the athletes participating in the track-and-field events.

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