



## **OPENING CEREMONIES SCRIPT GUIDE SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMPETITIONS (SOEE 2013)**

1. MC: Welcome all guests, spectators, sponsors etc.;
2. Parade of athletes in alphabetic order ;
3. Entrance of SO flag accompanied by special music, raising flag on the pole;
4. MC: Introducing highest rep. of Special Olympics hosting Program to Welcome speech;
5. Welcome speech by SO hosting Program representative;
6. Entertainment;
7. MC: Introduction local Government leader or ministry representative or SOI/SOEE representative;
8. Local Government rep. and /or SOI/EE speech;
9. MC: Introduction athlete(s) and official to recite SO oath;
10. Oath recited by the athletes and official ;
11. Entertainment;
12. MC announce Torch Run approaching venue;
13. Entrance Torch Run runners with flame and passing flame to SO athlete(s);
14. Flame lit at the cauldron by the athlete;
15. MC introduce the highest VIP from the local/city authority (City Mayor)
16. Declaration Games/event opening "I declare .....Games to be open";
17. Entertainment;
18. MC thanking all persons gathered at the venue;

### **In addition**

- Opening Ceremonies should not be finished after 22:00
- No competitions should be scheduled in the morning on the following day if Opening Ceremonies is finished after 22:00
- Staging before Opening Ceremonies should not take longer than 45 minutes