

What they say



Hangzhou, capital of East China's Zhejiang province, is a window to China through which people from other countries can see the nation's rapid changes and economic development. They can also experience its time-honored history, rich culture and beautiful scenery through the city's calling cards, including West Lake, tea and silk. I believe the Hangzhou Asian Games will be a great opportunity for the city to promote itself.

The reporter competition is an effective way for the organizing committee to stimulate students' enthusiasm for the Games, since the number of our students in China is very large. If one student can affect 10 classmates, 10 can affect 100 and 100 can affect 1,000. With that in mind, I believe the Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 will have a great influence on the city, China, and across the whole world.

Wu Minsu, journalism professor at Communication University of China



The student reporters should be able to communicate with athletes, coaches and technical officials from various countries without barriers.

It is necessary for them to have an in-depth understanding of each sport and make a certain level of investigation into the background and preferences of all athletes.

Moreover, I hope these student journalists can learn various methods of multimedia, including the ability to shoot and edit videos and report events comprehensively.

Practicing spoken English frequently, learning from experienced journalists and reading excellent news writing improve their reporting and are the best ways to grow as reporters before Hangzhou 2022.

Gao Yongwei, foreign languages and literature professor at Fudan University



The Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 is an opportunity for Hangzhou and China to showcase the culture and values nested in the city and country to the world. Reporters play a crucial role in that process by acting as the bridge connecting Hangzhou to the rest of the world.

Student reporters must have proficient language skills in Chinese and English. They should also be observant and possess strong analytical skills when drafting a news story or conducting an interview.

Finally, confidence is the key to any form of good communication and presentation. Confidence allows one to speak with more clarity and helps one build a friendly environment for effective communication.

Dong Yanping, international studies professor at Zhejiang University



I think the most important thing that young people should be aware of when reporting is not unlike what all reporters should be aware of. They should always be unbiased. Unless the news story is specifically for an editorial page, reporters should ignore their own feelings and biases to report news fairly and accurately.

I would like to wish these students the best of luck. I would also like them to remember that even if they are not selected, they are still successful for making it this far. It takes hard work, courage, and determination to take part in a major competition such as this. So, thank you, dear students, for your hard work, and best of luck to you in the competition. Keep striving for excellence in your lives.

Cary Ann Vincent, foreign teacher at Hangzhou Normal University

Contestants' works



Section: Primary School Group
Name: Gao Xing
Age: 11
School: Beijing Dongjiao
Minxiang Primary School

"Jordan, open! Chicago with the lead! 5.2 seconds left, Michael Jordan, running on fumes, with 45 points!"

My dear audience, you just witnessed the greatest moment in basketball history — Jordan's last shot! It was against the Utah Jazz and marked his sixth NBA championship and finals MVP.

As a young but adept basketball player, I love the sport for two main reasons.

First, basketball helps us make real friends. So many students nowadays don't socialize with real friends. Instead, they socialize with their endless homework assignments or so-called smartphones.

By playing basketball, you get to play with real people and really compete. And naturally, you make some actual friends!

More importantly, basketball makes you strong both physically and mentally because it's a difficult game to play. To be an elite player, you need to master so many moves.

You need to be strong to finish all of these complex moves. At the same time, your mind must be sharp to follow the movements of the other nine players around you on the court. You need to anticipate every possible movement of these nine players, so that you can help your team beat the opponent. You see, basketball is a healthy way to sharpen both your body and your brain.

Perhaps the most precious thing in the greatest players of all time, including Jordan and the late Kobe Bryant, is their love for basketball. By playing a sport that they truly love, they became better teammates and better people. Let's all join this big crowd of basketball lovers and enjoy the beauty of this sport.

Dear Andrew,

If you want to visit a city in China, Hangzhou is a perfect choice. There's a well-known saying in China about this city: "Up there is paradise, and down here are Suzhou and Hangzhou." I was born and raised in the city and reckon it is one of the most beautiful and hospitable cities in the world.

It's at one end of the longest canal in the world and is



Contestants participate in the news writing tournament of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Bilingual Student Reporters Competition held from Dec 25 to 27. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

famous for its beautiful scenery and cultural relics. The Grand Canal and West Lake are world heritage sites that have witnessed Hangzhou's glorious history. Many poems and legends speak of the lake's beauty and tell romantic stories about it.

Hangzhou is also proud of its prosperous economy. It's home to the internet company Alibaba and can now truly be called an international city. As a Hangzhou local, I believe the city's humanity is its greatest asset. It's open and full of warmth and love. In Hangzhou, the most common jobs are respected and our people encourage hard work. So it was no surprise when the government recently honored a young deliveryman for his outstanding work. Taxi drivers here are so patient that they even stop for wandering cats.

These are some of the things that make Hangzhou special, and I'm sure it's why the Asian Games will be held here in 2022. I love Hangzhou not only because of its beauty but also because of its people. I'm sure you'll love it, too.

Your friend,
Saipan
Oct 20, 2020

Section: Senior Middle School Group
Name: Wang Ruzhi
Age: 15
School: Experimental High School Attached to Beijing Normal University

I remember reading a piece of news during the semifinal of the 2018-19 ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Cup, when South Korean skater Choi Ji-Hyun pushed China's Li Xuan. Choi's push caused Li to lose control and fall off the course. The judge noticed the push and disqualified Choi, instead sending Li to the final. But Li was affected by the push and, despite advancing, only got sixth place.

The news led people to feel nationalistic. Driven by utilitarianism news nowadays tends to weaken the spirit of sporting events by instead inciting belligerence and anger among its consumers. As a reporter, I believe our biggest challenges are improving the quality of news and

increasing the spirit of sport. I can do that by spreading accurate information and promoting cohesion between nations instead of invoking conflicts.

News quality should be the top priority. It encompasses the timeliness, authenticity, comprehensiveness and depth of news information. In news gathering and writing, I should observe the facts comprehensively and report them objectively. The facts should be vivid and concrete, with language that is clear and easy to understand. I will pay attention to some ordinary people's natural views on the Asian Games to organically combine it in my writing with official public opinion.

The Asian Games must also shoulder its responsibility of showcasing the spirit of sports, which includes perseverance and national cohesion. China's media has been strengthening the value and role of the gold medal, while weakening the essence of the spirit of sports. Our country's multimedia only focuses on the strong points of Chinese athletes and pays little attention to lesser known events, especially competitions with Chinese athletes. I want to get rid of the "gold medal complex" and show the spirit of sports in my writing.

I want to guide the audience's rational understanding of the gold medal by paying more attention to the spirit of hard work and perseverance. I will applaud those who win silver medals, bronze medals and even those who didn't win medals. Those who have paid for their dreams, whether they succeed or fail, are heroes.

To sum everything up, it can be very challenging to report interesting and meaningful news.

We must have a high level of self-learning and cultivation, and have a full understanding of the competitions and athletes. We have to know why and how something happens to illustrate the true spirit of the games. I will try my best to overcome these obstacles.

And by that time, our togetherness should prevail over our differences, our humanity should prevail over our short-sightedness, and heart-to-heart dialogues should prevail over tightly barred doors. Let's make the Asian Games a monument of heart-to-heart humanity, a full-score answer to untranslatability and a commitment to our shared future.

Section: University Group
Name: Shao Yuchao
Age: 20
School: Hangzhou Normal University

As a student studying translation, I can hardly remember how many times I have prayed, if only my readers could understand the original language! The more I translate, the more powerless I feel when coming across untranslatable phrases and actions. It can be such a difficult, or even impossible task, to find the perfect representation of what people are really saying with their hearts.

My frustration lasted only until my trip to Brisbane, where I helped an old Chinese-speaking lady find her missing grandson. I was moved by the boy throwing himself into the grandmother's arms, after she had told me how much she loved him. But I was soon shocked to learn that the grandson was born in Australia and spoke only English.

That moment, in the foreign land of a remote country, I had an epiphany. I could translate the grandmother's words, but I could never translate her love for her grandson.

Her love was untranslatable, because I stood before the boy as just a kind stranger instead of a caring family bound by blood. I could act to be, or approximate, but could never be there.

But did I have to? Did I have to go over to the boy and translate for him "your grandmother said she loves you very much", so that he could understand?

I don't think so. Love is untranslatable, but it doesn't need to be translated because it's part of our shared humanity. It's felt by our own hearts and it's as real as the chilly wind outside. Humanity is a universal language that doesn't need translation.

In the coming Asian Games, there's a pile of translation to be done. But the core of the Games is always untranslatable: the passion of the athletes rushing for the finish line, the devotion of the volunteers to the Games, the perseverance of the medical workers who stand by as the Games go on. These beautiful fragments of humanity that pass from heart to heart are untranslatable.

But they are the pillars of the Asian Games, which in itself is above all Games of humanity.

This is why the Asian Games is of special importance to today's world. We need to unite humanity for a greener, healthier, safer, and more peaceful and prosperous world. And as we move forward to a globalized future, there will only be more global opportunities and challenges.

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Liu Weiling (first left), deputy editor-in-chief of China Daily, and Mao Genhong (first right), deputy secretary-general of the Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee, attend the awarding ceremony of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Bilingual Student Reporters Competition held on Dec 27. XIAO DA / CHINA DAILY

Youth competitions aim to improve journalism efforts for Hangzhou 2022

Organizers want students to report news impartially and be proficient in English

By YUAN SHENGGAO

The 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Bilingual Student Reporters Competition held in Hangzhou, East China's Zhejiang province, from Dec 25 to 27.

Yu Ziteng, Sun Gao and Chen Shihua from Ningbo and Hangzhou Zhejiang province, as well as Xie Tianwei from Wuhan, capital of Central China's Hubei province, took first prize in their respective age groups. The age groups included primary school, junior high school, senior high school and university.

At the finals, contestants were asked to talk about various topics, including their favorite sports, athletes and host city Hangzhou's charm.

They were also asked about the challenges in news reporting on the Games and the Games' slogan — Heart to Heart, @Future.

Chen Shihua, who won the senior high school category,

addressed the challenges in news reporting in her speech: "First of all, I will try my best to do comprehensive research on the athletes, especially digging into details that are typical but usually ignored."

"Those details include information on their physical condition, daily routines and the times when they thought about giving up. While interviewing, I will remind myself to be sensitive yet composed in hopes of striking a chord with the athlete."

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Zhang's mother, Lin Min, said that Zhang showed great interest and talent in news reporting and interviewing when she was a kid. The mother hopes her daughter can learn a great amount during the event and establish a foundation for her career planning after graduation.

The news reports, photos and videos produced by student reporters will be published in the 21st Century English newspaper and on its online platform i21st.cn.

Qualified contestants will also have the opportunity to serve as volunteers and conduct interviews with athletes in Games-time, Xu Decing, director of the Press and Public Relations Department of the HAGOC told China Daily.

"Hangzhou 2022 will not only be a large sporting event, but also an important gala for people-to-people and cultural exchanges," said Liu Weiling, deputy editor-in-chief of China Daily.

Liu expressed hope that this event will inspire more young people to tell China stories at the Hangzhou Asian Games and make their own contributions to the country's international communication and cultural exchanges, as well as to the promotion of world peace and development.

Echoing Liu, Dong Yanping, international studies professor at Zhejiang University, said the Games is not only a sporting event, but also an opportunity for people from across Asia to gather around and share their cultures and values.

The competition will showcase how new generations of Chinese students can overcome language barriers and connect China to the world.

It will give students the opportunity to play an active role in the Asian Games and promote the event among younger generations, Dong said.

Village construction reaches milestone

By YUAN SHNEGGAO

The Asian Games Village for the Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 will go into trial operation by March 2022, six months ahead of its official opening, said a local senior official.

Miao Chengchao, deputy secretary-general of the Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee and vice-mayor of Hangzhou, told China Daily on Dec 24 that roof-sealing work at the Games' village in Hangzhou, East China's Zhejiang province, has finished, a major milestone in its construction.

Located on the south bank of the Qiantang River, the village enjoys convenient transportation.

It is only 3.5 kilometers from the Hangzhou Olympic and International Expo Centre. A 30-minute drive is all it takes to reach 15 competition venues in the city's urban area.

Comprising a total of 108 buildings, the 113-hectare village consists of an athletes' village, a technical officials' village, and a media village as well as international and public zones.

In terms of its design concept, the village's color, architecture, landscape and flood lighting combine Hangzhou's cultural elements to highlight the city's elegance.

Covering an area of 30.4 hectares, the athletes' village is divided into Plot 1 and Plot 2.

These will provide accommodation, catering and recreation and entertainment services for more than 10,000 athletes during the Asian Games Hangzhou 2022.

Plot 1 will be used as a lodging place while Plot 2 will be equipped with restaurants for athletes and a physical recovery and strength-training center.

The 16.4-hectare technical officials' village and 19.4-hectare media village are to house nearly 4,000 technical officials and about 5,000 journalists during the Games.

In addition, delegations from Asian countries can enjoy medical and commercial services in its international and public zones, which are located between the athletes' village as well as the technical officials' village and the media village.

The construction plans implement the Games' concept of "Green, Smart, Economical, Ethical", and strive to build a green, ecological, low-carbon, healthy and modern city, according to an official of the organizing committee.

Besides, the village adopts a model of transit-oriented development for the efficient use of ground-

Timeline

June 30, 2018
Asian Games Village started construction.
End of 2021
The village is scheduled to be complete.
March 2022
The village is expected to go into trial operation.
September to October 2022
The village will open for the Games.
2023
The village is set to begin its post-game period.

level and underground spaces. As it used environmentally friendly technologies and materials during its construction, more than 50 percent of the complex meets China's standards for green buildings.

This has led it to be labeled a National 2-Star Green Ecological Urban Design, the first of its kind in the province, said Li Shenfei, an official with the Venues Department of the HAGOC.

Moreover, the village is to use technologies such as cloud computing, the internet of things, artificial intelligence, big data and 5G communications. It will provide unmanned retail, real-time intelligent translation and electronic patrols during the Games and will be transformed into a smart community after the Games, Li added.

The athletes' and technical officials' villages will be sold to locals as residences after the Games.

The media village will be transformed into apartments for the talents in the city.

After the Games, the international and public zones will be equipped with public facilities including a community cultural center, community sports center, youth center, museum, concert hall and a library.

"The village will undergo landscape design, construction of an external curtain wall, mechanical and electrical engineering and internal decoration. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2021 before going into trial operation in March 2022," said Chen Zhanling, chief engineer of Hangzhou CBD Investment Group, one of the investors of the village. "As one of the key infrastructures of Hangzhou 2022, the village will showcase a new look of China as well as the character of Zhejiang and its capital Hangzhou upon its completion," said Chen Weijiang, deputy secretary-general of the Games' organizing committee and vice-mayor of Hangzhou.



From top: The Asian Games Village is under construction. Design sketch of the technical officials' village. PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY