

Volunteers' legacy to continue after Asiad

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GUANGZHOU — The Asian Games volunteers are laying a foundation for voluntary work in Guangzhou after the event, said an organizing committee official.

"We will retain the outstanding volunteers and are working on a plan for post-Games voluntary work in the city," said Wei Guohua, a deputy chief for voluntary work, at a press conference on Tuesday.

More than 6,000 games and 50,000 city volunteers are working during the event in areas such as language service, security, medical care and traffic guidance, under the slogan "Together we can make it better", said Wang Huanqing, the chief of the volunteers.

Selected from 1.5 million candidates, they come mostly from universities, but also include 900 from other provinces and abroad.

They work in communities and 600 volunteer stations across the city.

In language service, 3,000 volunteers translate eight foreign languages, and call-in help is also available.

The games' organizing committee invented a "volunteer



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Volunteers are a key part of the success of the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou.

point" program to evaluate the performance of the volunteers, based on the time and efficiency of their work.

Under the program, outstanding volunteers will be rewarded.

Designed for administrative and motivational purposes, it will help in the research of voluntary work and will be carried on after the Games, Wei said.

Zheng Xingyi, a sophomore

from Guangzhou who provides shuttle bus information to guests in the Main Press Center, said she works eight hours a day, with a day off after every two work days.

"It is fun to meet so many people from other parts of the world," Zheng said. The volunteers' work has been recognized by officials of international sports organizations.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge wrote down: "Thanks to the great volunteers".

Olympic Council of Asia President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah said in his speech at the Games' opening ceremony: "Your smiling is the name card of Guangzhou. I would like to express my special thanks to the many unselfish volunteers that have given their time and efforts to this endeavor. It is your hard work, dedication and participation that will ensure the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games are a success."

In support of the volunteers, the organizing committee provides them uniforms, food and drinks, transportation and insurance free of charge, but there is no cash subsidy.

A call center is in place to provide the volunteers with work guidance and psychological counseling, and mobile phone text messages are available for weather forecasts and work situations.

MEDAL TALLY >>

through Tuesday's competition

				Total
China	77	28	27	132
ROK	22	17	24	64
Japan	15	34	29	78
DPRK	3	6	9	18
Chinese Taipei	3	5	12	20
Hong Kong	3	5	3	11
Kazakhstan	2	5	9	16
Uzbekistan	2	5	6	13
India	1	4	6	11
Malaysia	1	1	3	5
Philippines	1	0	3	4
Macao	1	0	0	1
Vietnam	0	4	5	9
Thailand	0	3	6	9
Iran	0	3	3	6
Singapore	0	3	2	5
Mongolia	0	2	5	7
Myanmar	0	2	1	3
Indonesia	0	1	7	8
Kuwait	0	1	0	1
Laos	0	0	2	2
Pakistan	0	0	1	1
Tajikistan	0	0	1	1

24 HOURS >> HOW THE DAY PLAYED OUT

10:38 Cho Ho-sung from the Republic of Korea (ROK) claims a record with gold medals at four different Asian Games. Cho and Jang Sun-jae were members of the team which won gold in the men's pursuit. With a total of five gold medals each, Cho and Jang are now the most successful track cyclists in Asian Games history. Cho collected his first Asiad gold medal in Hiroshima in 1994.

11:58 Indian athlete Susyana Tjhan and Japanese competitor Yuki Hiraoka shared the wushu bronze medal in a rare tied result in the women's *changquan* final at Nansha Gymnasium.

14:45 China upset defending champion Chinese Taipei 2-1 to win its first women's team tennis Asian Games gold in 24 years at Aoti tennis center.

Hometown hero Li Na, ranked No 11 in the world, made short work of

Chen Xue and Zhang Xi left no one in doubt as to their favorite status with a skilful display in windy condition on center court, converting more than 75 per cent of their attacks, combined with a stingy defense.

16:56 Defending women's champion and No 1 seed China made short work of the ROK's Lee Hyun-jun and Lee Eu-na 21-7, 21-9 to claim its second victory from as many matches in the first session of the day two preliminaries at the beach volleyball venue.

17:45 Pang Kum-chol from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was a surprise winner in the men's 77kg event in the Dongguan Gymnasium after pre-event favorite Su Dajin from China failed to make a lift in the clean and jerk section.

Pang seized the advantage by making his first lift to 185kg in the clean and jerk, while Su looked on after missing his first attempt at 190kg.

17:50 Nepal ended Hong Kong's Asian Games' cricket campaign with a seven-wicket win at the Guangdong Cricket Stadium.

Nary Thapa's 27 from 25 balls anchored Nepal towards its target of 73 before Sarita Magar and Neera Rajopadhyay finished it off with 4.4 overs to spare.

Hong Kong lost its way after captain Wong Connie Ar Yan's was dismissed for 47.

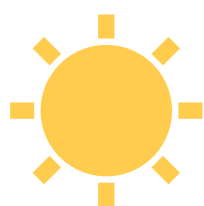
19:18 Iran took an important step towards the medal round as it held off Bahrain 31-24 at the Guangdong Gymnasium in a physical handball game between familiar foes.

Bahrain, in search of its second win in three games, fell behind early as it struggled to stop an aggressive and precise Iran backcourt. Iran's center-back, Allahkaram Esteki, topped the scoring with 11 goals and right wing Sajad Esteki contributed four more.

20:49 Kim Soo-myun of the ROK and Zhang Cheng long from China tied for gold in the men's floor exercise final at the Asian Games Town Gymnasium.

Zhang, the top qualifier, outscored Kim by 0.2 points in the execution component of the score, but ceded the same to Kim in difficulty. With a score of 15.4 each, Kim and Zhang shared the title.

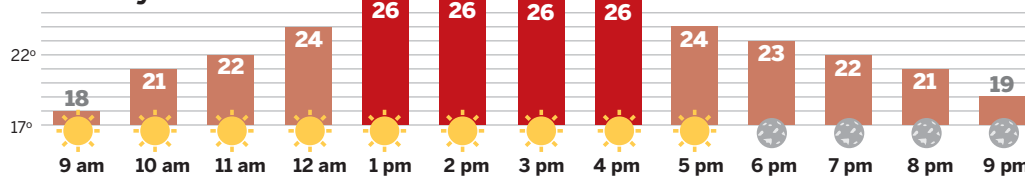
21:16 China reached the semi-finals of women's soccer by beating Vietnam 1-0 in Group A as a dogged defensive display from its opponent was ended by a controversial refereeing decision.



Today's forecast
Sunny

Max **27°C**
Min **17°C**
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Hour by hour



Thursday
28°C
18°C

Friday
27°C
16°C

