

MEDAL TALLY >>

through Saturday's competition

				Total
China	19	7	2	28
Japan	4	10	9	23
ROK	4	3	8	15
Hong Kong	1	0	1	2
India	0	2	0	2
Iran	0	1	2	3
Uzbekistan	0	1	2	3
Indonesia	0	1	1	2
Thailand	0	1	1	2
Singapore	0	1	0	1
DPRK	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	3	3
Malaysia	0	0	2	2
Chinese Taipei	0	0	2	2



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GOLD RUSH >> TODAY'S MEDAL EVENTS

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Artistic Gymnastics

20: 30 Women's Team

Billiard Sports

13: 00 Men's English Billiards Singles  
16: 30 Women's 6-Red Snooker Team

Canoe/Kayak Slalom

11: 07 Men's Canoe Single  
11: 40 Men's Kayak Single

Cycling (track)

11: 30 Men's Team Sprint  
15: 08 Men's Individual Pursuit  
16: 09 Women's Individual Pursuit

Dancing Sport

17: 00 Latin - Samba  
17: 15 Latin - Cha-cha-cha  
17: 30 Latin - Paso Doble  
17: 45 Latin - Jive  
18: 15 Standard Five Dances Competition

Equestrian

12: 00 Dressage Team

JUDO

Women's -63kg  
Women's -70kg  
Men's -81kg  
Men's -90kg

Shooting

9: 00 Men's 10m Air Pistol Team  
11: 45 Women's 10m Air Pistol Team  
12: 00 Men's 10m Air Pistol  
14: 00 Women's 10m Air Pistol

Soft Tennis

14: 00 Women's Team  
16: 00 Men's Team

Swimming

18: 00 Men's 100m Butterfly  
18: 06 Women's 400m Individual Medley  
18: 25 Men's 200m Freestyle  
18: 42 Women's 200m Backstroke  
18: 59 Men's 50m Breaststroke  
19:14 Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay

Triathlon

9: 00 Men's Individual

Weightlifting

16: 30 Men's 62kg  
19: 00 Women's 53kg

Wushu

8: 35 Men's Daoshu\Gunshu All-Round  
9: 04 Women's Jiangshu\Qiangshu All-Round



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Zhang Guangning, Party secretary of the Guangzhou and secretary-general of the GAGOC, receives a special award of the Olympic Council of Asia from IOC President Jacques Rogge, accompanied by OCA President Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Sabah.

# GAGOC's success putting city in Olympic contention

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GUANGZHOU — Guangzhou will be capable of hosting the Olympic Games, based on the expertise it has gleaned from organizing the biggest Asiad to date, Jacques Rogge said on Saturday after attending the 29th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief was impressed by the managerial prowess of the Guangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee (GAGOC) after witnessing an elaborate opening ceremony the night before.

He described the curtain raiser, which featured swaying Chinese junks, flying acrobats and thousands of colorful performers following a water-based theme on a man-made island, as "absolutely fantastic".

"Guangzhou definitely has the skill to (host the Olympics)," he told reporters. "Guangzhou

(will) have the expertise and experience from these games."

Local media revealed that the vibrant city in South China has expressed great interest in bidding to host the world's biggest sporting event — last hosted in Beijing in 2008 — in the near future.

Meanwhile, the OCA lauded GAGOC for being prepared months in advance of the launch of the Asiad, and honored its secretary-general and Guangzhou Party Secretary Zhang Guangning for his contribution.

OCA President Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Sabah said the performance on Friday night, which cost the local government 380 million yuan (\$60.32 million), hinted at the exciting sports calendar to follow.

"After six years of diligent preparations, the city of Guangzhou in the People's Republic of China is about to show us the fruit of all of their hard work and effort in the form of a great 16th Asian Games," he said.

"We are about to witness Asia's best athletes battle it out over 16

days of intense competition while displaying sportsmanship and serving as ambassadors for Asia," he added.

Liu Peng, minister of the General Administration of Sport of China, also attended Saturday's meeting. Liu has several titles including president of the Chinese Olympic Committee and president of GAGOC.

Zhang thanked Fahad Al-Sabah and IOC and OCA personnel for their unwavering support over the last few years. He said the award belonged just as much to the residents of Guangzhou and all the Chinese people, and vowed not to rest on his laurels.

"Despite a successful opening ceremony, GAGOC will not slacken in the coming two weeks," he said.

He urged the committee's officials to continue doing all they can to ensure a successful and glitch-free games until the event wraps up on Nov 27.

The committee will continue striving to present the Asiad as not only a pageant of sports, but a feast of cultures, he added.

24 HOURS >> HOW THE DAY PLAYED OUT

**9:35** China's wushu star Yuan Xiaochao won the first gold medal of the Asian Games in men's *changquan* on Saturday. The defending champion impressed the judges and audiences en route to scoring 9.78 points, 0.6 ahead of second-placed Daisuke Ichikizaki of Japan. Iran's Peyghambari Ehsan took the bronze with 9.7 points. Yuan's feat marked the first time a Chinese athlete has won the first gold medal at an Asiad.

**10:56** Mariko Adachi lived up to golden expectations by winning the women's triathlon in a 1-2 finish for Japan.

**11:39** China won its 150th gold medal in Asian Games shooting competitions in the women's 10m air rifle team event. Besides shooting, China has won 100 or more Asian Games gold medals in athletics (140), gymnastics (102) and swimming (100).

**12:20** China opened its Asian Games cricket campaign in grand style as its women's team resoundingly defeated Malaysia by 55 runs in a Group A match. The win marked the team's international debut at a major event.

**15:48** Cyclist Jiang Fan dominated the qualifying round in the women's 3,000m individual pursuit, setting an Asian record of 3 minutes, 37.497 seconds.

**18:12** Wu Jingbiao opened China's weightlifting campaign by lifting a total of 285 kg to take the gold in the men's 53kg division at the Dongguan Gymnasium. To the crowd's delight, Wu set up his victory by snatching an Asian record of 133 kg.

**19:08** China's Zhu Qianwei won the women's 200m freestyle and compatriot Tang Yi finished second as China became the first nation to win gold and silver in this event at three consecutive Asian Games. Zhu's medal was also China's 1,000th gold medal in Asian Games history.

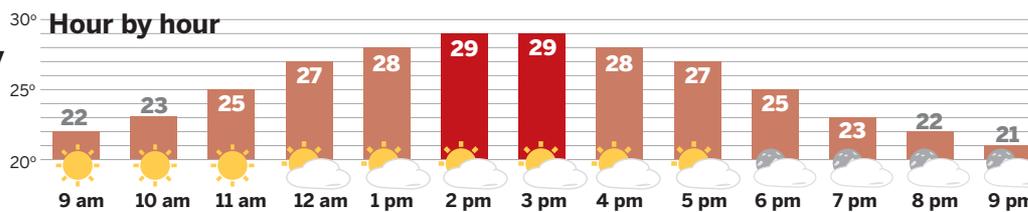
**19:31** The Olympic Council of Asia postponed some key decisions, including the program for the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Republic of Korea, until the next executive board meeting, set to take place in Muscat, Oman. Incheon organizers have proposed baseball, bowling, kabaddi, sepaktakraw, softball, squash and Wushu, but the OCA would like to see cricket included due to high spectator interest and TV ratings, and karate because of its Asian roots and global popularity.

**21:18** Indonesia's 3-0 defeat of Doha 2006 silver medalist India was the surprise of the women's team first-round at the Aoti Tennis Center.

WEATHER CENTRAL >> FORECASTS, TEMPERATURES AND TODAY'S CHANCE OF RAIN

Today's forecast  
**Mostly Sunny**

Max **30°C**  
Min **18°C**  
Source: weather.com



Monday **27°C**  
**16°C**

Tuesday **27°C**  
**16°C**

Chance of rain today **0%**