

# Para-swimming race in Wuhan breaks world records

The 2017 National Para-swimming Championship was held at Hongshan Cultural and Sport Center from June 22 to 25.

Swimming has always been the major event for the Paralympians to win gold medals.

Presently, Chinese disabled swimmers hold 38 world records. The 2017 National Para-swimming Championship was composed of three categories: the physical impairment group, the visual impairment group, and the intellectual disability group, with 338 athletes from 26 teams coming from all over the country to participate. It was



Athletes competing in the pool

amazing that on just the first day the athletes broke two

world records and three national ones.

## University sailing teams compete on Huangjia Lake

The First Hubei College Sailing Regatta for University Students was held at the Huangjiahu Sailing Training Base of Wuhan College on June 18. The Naval University of Engineering, PLA, Wuhan College, and Wuhan Sports University won the top three prizes.

Nine local universities attended the competition: Wuhan University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, the Naval University of Engineering PLA, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan Sports University, Wuchang Shouyi University, Wuhan Technology and Business

University, Wuhan College, and Wuhan Guanggu Vocational College. There were four to six athletes on each team and large sailing boats were used in the contest.

The sailing team from the Naval University of Engineering PLA, a strong team that is traditionally far ahead of other national universities, often takes

part in various major sailing events around the world. In recent years Wuhan University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, and others have founded their own school sailing teams. Wuhan College was the first in Hubei Province to offer a sailing elective course last year.



## Tongji Hospital doctors prescribe music as treatment

On June 22 at the out-patient service hall of Tongji Hospital, Optics Valley, a group of music performers attracted people's attention. More than 20 cancer patients sitting in a circle were playing the African drums, triangles, Cabasa, tambourines, and other percussion instruments under the guidance of professional musicians and doctors. Actually, they were receiving a special kind of drum-circle musical therapy introduced by associate professor Chu Qian. "This week, our first group of patients is receiving musical treatment. I've suddenly discovered that music can help doctors be heartily welcomed by their patients. It promotes mutual understanding and trust." Chu said that the oncology department of Tongji Hospital will continue its long-term cooperation with the Music and Dance School of the South-Central University for Nationalities to provide musical therapies for cancer patients of various kinds.

## Student opens garden atop library

By Huang Zhe

Yang Chen, a junior student from the Mechanical Engineering School of Wuhan Polytechnic University, is enthusiastic about attending to his "hanging garden" on top of the university's library building. He has planted more than ten kinds of flowers and vegetables, including sunflowers, Galsang flowers, zinnias, and mint, all of which are thriving. The university library opened a "creation and entrepreneurship space" on the top floor by reshaping the original flower beds to optimize the use of free space, in order to cultivate students' innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. After persistent effort in the application process, Yang finally obtained permission to use the space in February. He has finished the first phase of his planting scheme in an area of over 20 square meters. After returning from summer vacation, he will resume with the second phase of his planting scheme.