

# Wuhan boasts two new world champions

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Last week, two Wuhan female athletes won gold medals during the 17th FINA World Championships held in the capital of Hungary.

## Chang Yani wins diving gold

A Wuhan girl, Chang Yani, won her first international diving gold medal at the 17th FINA World Championships held on July 17 in Budapest, Hungary. Chang and her experienced teammate Shi Tingmao, an Olympic champion, combined to take gold with 333.30 points after outstanding performances in all five rounds at the women's three meter springboard synchronized diving final. This is the first time Chang Yani has competed in the world games and has won a gold medal.

Her coach, Zhu Qingmin, said Chang

trained very hard and that she had always felt she needed more training to improve. In the finals, Chang's dives improved after each round. The Chinese team stayed in first place throughout the event's first three dives. After the fourth round, they led the second-place Canadian divers by only six points. Despite the stress, Chang and Shi displayed their full skills in the concluding fifth dive when their high-level performance contributed to the final results of 333.30, a 10-point victory over the second place finishers.



Chang Yani and Shi Tingmao during competition

## Ying Chengxin wins synchronized swimming gold

On July 22, Team China won the gold medal because of their excellent performance in the synchronized swimming team free combination final of the 17th FINA Aquatics World Championships. This was the first-ever gold for Team China at the FINA World Aquatics



Team China during competition

Championships, which marked a historical breakthrough.

A member of the team, Ying Chengxin, is from Wuhan. Ying and her teammates trained seven to nine hours per day prior to the championship. "After prolonged training periods, our movements were much more

flowing and elegant, and we developed cohesion." So it was all worth it," commented Ying.

Outside of the team free combination event, Ying and her teammates also won silver medals in the Women's team technical and the team freestyle event.

## Waste locomotive parts made into art pieces

By Han Wei



Can the waste parts of locomotives be made into art? Yes! In an event hall at the Wuhan Railway subsidiary depot, two such pieces are on display. One entitled "Nobleness", resembles lotus flowers. The other, called "Purity", looks like bamboo leaves.

The designer, Liao Guangyi, used to be a locomotive repairman. He likes creating things with waste materials. His bamboo work is outlined by water pipes from a diesel engine, with leaves of some scraps and tender young strips by copper wires. They are all painted green.

The "Nobleness" is composed of some curled lotus leaves made from a gearbox cover, connected with the lotus stem made from copper pipes, petals from a secondary filter cover, and lotus fruit from the pedestal of the safety valve for the braking system.

## 10 years of love for "left-behind" passengers

By Han Wei

Train No. K922/3 runs from Hankou to Guangzhou East along the Beijing-Jiulong Railway Line. Since the train passes through old revolutionary bases such as Hong'an and Macheng in east Hubei province and stops at Guangzhou and Dongguan where numerous migrant workers gather, thousands of left-behind children will set out on their journeys south by this train during each summer or winter vacation to reunite with their parents.

Zuo Huahuan has been working as the chief conductor of the train for 10 years. For his young passengers he has prepared a "treasure box", in which there are stationery, toys and snacks. He has also prepared some picture books to help the left-behind children passengers enjoy a happy journey.