

2019 Military World Games' standards on par with Olympics

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Athletes' village with 30 apartment buildings under construction

The athletes' village is located in Jiangxia District, adjacent to Huangjia Lake. Thirty apartment buildings are currently under construction, ranging from 11 to 33 floors high. So far, some have reached the 18th floor.

After the event, the athletes' village will be converted into a residential area. The logistics center, the athlete management center, the training center, and the flag-raising square will be transformed into a junior high school and a primary school. The welcome center will be made into a business service area while the medical center and the international shopping street will become residential and commercial areas.

Parachuting field tested during WFE

As a venue for the military parachuting project, the Hannan General Aviation Airport has been put into use. The first World Fly-in Expo (WFE) was held in November with 500,000 spectators in attendance watching the flight show at this airport.

Covering an area of 900 acres, the airport has the world's largest single navigation hanger — Fergus FBO — built adjacent to the terminal building. The airport runway is 1,600 meters long and 30 meters wide. It can be used for the take-off and landing of skydiving aircraft such as the Y-12. The International Skydiving Invitational was successfully held here during the WFE.

East Lake Marathon Track to open by year's end

The second phase of the East Lake Greenway project will be the location for the MWG marathon, and it will be completed by the end of the year.

At present, the project's 73.28 kilometers have been connected, while the construction of stations along the route, parking lots, and landscape greening are under way.

Phase II will be linked to the first phase of the East Lake Greenway. By then, the total length will exceed 100 kilometers. The area will also be a place for locals to enjoy the beauty of nature and have a relaxing time.



CISM officials visiting Wuhan's venues for the MWG Photos by Liu Bin

Military pentathlon venue begins construction in Optics Valley

The project of the MWG venue for military pentathlon started construction on November 16, and is expected to be well-equipped for pilot tests by April, 2018.

The venue lies to the east of the Third Ring Road and abuts the Wuhan Institute of Ordnance Officers (WIOO). The project consists of a 300-meter shooting range, a 500-meter obstacle race track, 12 strips of field for grenade-throwing competition, an obstacle swimming pool and two 7-meter-wide cross-country race tracks. After the event, the space will be used by the WIOO for teaching and training purposes.

Football fields' grass height standard to be observed

The Hankou Sports Center will be renovated in accordance with international standards. This is being done because its football fields will be used for that sport's events during the MWG.

The height of the grass on the turf will be maintained at between three and five centimeters.

Renovations include an all-weather running track designed to meet IAAF's standards, four lighting towers for night events, a roof to be built in the shape of a soaring eagle and colored sky-blue to blend in with the nearby Xibei Lake. The center will reopen to the public after the MWG.

Roof finished on shooting range main structure

The shooting range for the MWG is to be located in Caidian District. The venue is estimated to be completed by June next year and ready for use in 2019.

After the event, the venue will be used as a base for shooting sports' training, open to both professional shooters and amateurs.

Shooting sports clubs will be established under the support of Hubei and Wuhan's shooting sports associations. A training base for young shooters will also be set up in alliance with local sports schools.

Dongxihu Sports Center capped in November

The Dongxihu Sports Center's main structure was capped at the end of November. The building resembles the shape of a fluttering Phoenix. Both the MWG football and table tennis matches will be held in this center.

In accordance with its architectural design, the center will cover an area of 207 acres and will consist of a 30,000-seat stadium, an 8,000-seat gymnasium and a 1,000-seat natatorium. After the event, the venues will be open to the public and will become an urban sports complex and fitness center.

Changjiang Axis projects to serve MWG in 2019

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Many cities in China have taken the opportunity to host major international games and conferences to improve their urban facilities and raise their profiles. Before the Military World Games opens in Wuhan in 2019, a group of new infrastructures and facilities will be in use, showcasing the beauty and attractiveness of the city.

Demo projects along Changjiang Axis to be finished by 2019

By 2019, the pilot demonstration projects on both sides of Changjiang Axis and the neighboring "urban balconies" will be completed.

The Changjiang Axis, with its major function in facilitating traffic, will include the left and right boulevards. A pilot project will link the axis with an array of "urban balconies" — Jiangnan Custom Balcony, Longwang Temple Balcony, Hanzheng Balcony, Zhonghua Road Balcony, and Moon Bend Balcony — designed for people to enjoy views of the Yangtze River. Bridges including the Wuhan Yangtze River Bridge, Erqi Yangtze River Bridge, and Qingchuan Bridge will be illuminated and decorated with colorful light shows.

10 Changjiang bridges across the river

The Zhuankou Yangtze River Bridge will span the river by the end of this year. The Yangsigang Yangtze River Bridge will be in use by September, 2019, when the MWG opens. Ten bridges over the Yangtze River (Changjiang) will be in use by then.

The diversification of the means of transportation in Wuhan signals the emergence of a modern cosmopolitan city. Slow-traffic roads will link the boulevard on the left side of the Yangtze River to Metro Line 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8, allowing easy access to the Changjiang Axis for residents and tourists.

New airline services connect Wuhan closer to the world

Wuhan Civil Aviation has so far been able to provide a network of 53 airline services to Europe, the Americas, Oceania, Southeast Asia as well as Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. Terminal 3, which is capable of serving 35 million passengers a year, came into use on August 31. As a result, Wuhan Tianhe International Airport now has the capacity to accommodate the Airbus A380, the biggest airliner in the world.

Wuhan Civil Aviation will continue to expand its business globally and provide more international services. Starting in January, 2018, China Southern Airlines will put in service a new flight to London with a 13-hour flight time.

