



OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA

Your Excellency Madam Shen Yiqin State Councilor of the People's Republic of China,

Dear Asian National Olympic Committees,

Dear athletes, and friends of sport across Asia and the world.

Assalamu alaykum.

Wǎnshàng hǎo.

This is the moment Asia has been waiting for.

Tonight, we open a celebration that belongs to our entire continent, to 45 National Olympic Committees, to billions of people across Asia and to our inspiring athletes. And we do so, in a nation with an incredible record of hosting international sport events. Few countries can compete with China, having hosted the summer and winter Olympic Games, countless Asian Games and many more. Tonight, we add the 6th Asian Beach Games Sanya 2026 to that proud legacy.

On behalf of the Olympic Council of Asia and all 45 National Olympic Committees, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China, the city of Sanya and the Chinese Olympic Committee for your vision, passion and commitment to making these Games a reality.

These Games promise to be truly exceptional.

This island paradise will welcome our finest athletes, setting the stage for world-class competitions which will captivate fans across Asia and beyond. Together, we will celebrate the very best of beach sports.

The athletes here tonight are ready. What they will produce on this stage will be unforgettable. They will compete with courage, with skill, and with the spirit that defines Asian sport. And they will do something even greater than win medals. They will inspire.

Inspire young people from every corner of our continent to dream bigger, reach further and believe in the impossible.

These Games bring us together in a way only sport can.



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In Asia, our diversity is our greatest strength; countless languages, traditions, and cultures. But our passion for sport unites us. Here, we stand as one Asia. Together.

Our world and our continent face serious challenges. There are wars. There is hardship. There is division. Yet these Games speak a language of peace. Of solidarity. Of our shared humanity. They are a symbol of hope. A message of what can be achieved when Asia comes together in peaceful competition.

To our athletes, I urge you to spread this message of peace and to showcase the best of us. I wish you great success for these Games. Compete with joy. Represent your countries with honour and pride. These Games belong to you.

To our volunteers, continue to inspire us with your energy, your warmth, and your dedication that we can see and feel here tonight.

To the media and sponsors, we count on you, to continue to promote and support the magic of the Asian Beach Games.

To the people of Sanya, we say xièxiè for your warm welcome, your generous hospitality and your friendship. We know that you will show your support for all the athletes.

And finally, to every fan here tonight and all those watching across our continent and around the world, welcome. Welcome to the spirit of Asia and welcome to our Asian Beach Games.

It is a pleasure, to invite Her Excellency Madam Shen Yiqin to officially declare the 6th Asian Beach Games Sanya 2026 open.