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**National Speed Skating Oval,
Beijing, China**

the Chinese Embassy in Switzerland

Dear all,

The world is eagerly awaiting the start of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing. Nearly 3,000 athletes and participants from all over the world are preparing and looking forward to having outstanding games in Beijing. Beijing is ready.

At a time when the changes of the century and the epidemic of the century are intertwined, the call to strengthen solidarity and cooperation and to tackle the challenges together has become even stronger. The Beijing Winter Olympics, with the slogan "Together for the Future", expresses the desire to work together to tackle challenges and create a future together. The United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution on the Olympic Truce for the Beijing Winter Olympics, which was proposed by 173 countries, demonstrating the international community's firm support for the Beijing Winter Olympics. Facing the impact of the mutated Omicron virus, China will strictly implement all preventive and control measures and do its utmost to prevent the outbreak of the pandemic, and is confident and capable of ensuring the health and safety of all those participating in the Beijing Winter Olympics. In a few days, the Olympic flame will be lit again at the Bird's Nest. China is firmly committed to ensuring the success of the Games as planned, and will strive to provide the world with a spectacular, extraordinary and outstanding Olympic event.

At the same time, the Chinese New Year, the year of the tiger, is approaching. In Chinese folklore, the tiger symbolizes strength and courage and brings people good luck and happiness. Through the China Info newsletter, I would like to wish our readers a prosperous and happy Chinese New Year.

Thank you for your interest. You are warmly welcomed to subscribe to the China Info newsletter and send your valuable comments and suggestions.

**Yours sincerely
Wang Shiting
Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland**





Chinese President Xi Jinping met with President of the International Olympic Committee Thomas Bach. Xi Jinping told visiting IOC chief Thomas Bach that China is all set to deliver a simple, safe and splendid Winter Olympics.

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Wang Yi, State Councillor and Foreign Minister of China announced that the Beijing Winter Olympics will build more bridges of friendship and platforms of cooperation. Wang underlined that China is willing to work with the international community to vigorously advance the Olympic spirit.

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The Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic games are just days away. Here is a breakdown of some of the unique competitions and popular athletes to watch out for in these games.

Beijing 2022 ATHLETES TO WATCH

Gabriella Papadakis/ Guillaume Cizeron (FRA)

ages: 26 and 27

Four-time ice dancing world champions and Olympic silver medalists in 2018



Mikaela Shiffrin (USA)

age: 26

Four-time world slalom champion seeking third gold medal in as many Olympics



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Chloe Kim (USA)

age: 21

Snowboarding star of the Pyeongchang 2018 Games, winning halfpipe, at age 17



Eileen Gu (CHN)

age: 18

Freeskier represented the US then China where she is affectionately known as the "Frog Princess" after a green helmet she wore



Sara Takanashi (JPN)

age: 25

Four-time world champion seeking first Olympic gold



Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN)

age: 27

The "Ice Prince" going after a hat-trick of Olympic figure-skating gold medals

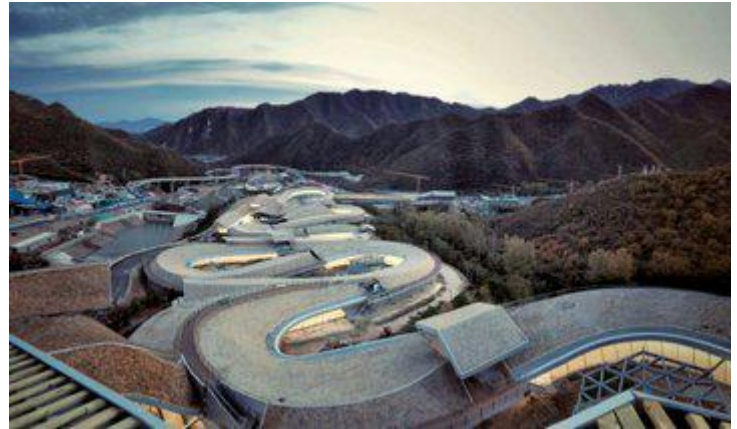
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Venues and stadions

With Beijing being in the unique position as the first city to host both Summer and Winter editions of the Olympics, several venues from the 2008 Summer Olympics will be reused for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

The venues for the Winter Games in 2022 have been divided into three zones, or clusters: Beijing, Yanqing, and Zhangjiakou. Take a more detailed look at every competition venue for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.



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UN General Assembly adopts Olympic Truce for Beijing 2022, highlighting the contribution of sport to the promotion of peace and solidarity



The resolution entitled “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal” was adopted today by consensus and co-sponsored by 173 Member States at the 76th Session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly (GA) in New York, December 2021. It calls for the observance of the Olympic Truce for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Beijing 2022, from seven days before the start of the Olympic Games, on 4 February 2022, until seven days after the end of the Paralympic Games.

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Chinese young generation find snow sports fascinating



Snow sports are not only very popular in Switzerland. In China, more and more people find these sports attractive. Among all the snow sports, snowboarding is particularly popular, even for children. Xiao Wo Niu is seven years old and one of a growing number of snowboard influencers. More than 250,000 people are already following his career on the Douyin video platform.

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GLOBALink | Officials, athletes looking forward to fantastic, safe Beijing 2022

As the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games are about one month away, expectations are running high. Officials and athletes across the world say they are looking forward to a "fantastic," "exciting" and "safe" event.



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IOC president Bach confident of safe, secure Beijing 2022



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International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach expressed confidence in a successful Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 in his New Year message published on the IOC official website.

"We are looking forward to successful Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 and we have great confidence, built on our experience, that we will stage safe and secure Olympic Winter Games for everybody," Bach said.

The Winter Olympic Games Beijing will not be postponed, so Christophe Dubi, Swiss IOC director. Confronted with the challenges the Omicron mutation caused, China and the IOC insist on the hosting of the Games on schedule.



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WHO says Beijing Winter Olympics anti-COVID-19 plan looks strong



"I'm confident that given the information we have, that the measures that are in place for the Games are very strict and very strong and we don't, at this point, see any increased risk of disease transmission in that context," said WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan.

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Playbooks not just a rule book, but a way of life in the lead-up to Beijing 2022

IOC President Thomas Bach said: "Beijing starts now for all of us. We must do everything to ensure that the Olympic dreams of athletes are not taken away just days before departure. The Playbooks are not just a rule book – they should now be a way of life".



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The State Council Information Office of China gave information on the sustainability of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games and released a report on the sustainable development of the Beijing Winter Olympic Games ahead of the Games.



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The Beijing 2022 Inside Stories channel features a video showing China's special relationship with ice skating. Through archival footage, expert and athlete testimonies, it shows the cultural depth of the sport and the passion that drives the people who practice it.

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Yao Ming, Chinese basketball star, said: "I'd like to see people skating on Shanghai's Huangpu River".



Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) President Yao Ming expressed his passion and love for winter sports during a forum with journalists in Beijing.

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Sand paintings: Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022



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***Beijing 2022 opening ceremony will be historic,
says chief director Zhang Yimou***



Expect a Beijing 2022 opening ceremony that is "different" from that of the 2008 Games with a way of cauldron lighting "unprecedented in the over 100-year history of the Olympic Games," as disclosed by chief director Zhang Yimou.

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***Beijing 2022 opening ceremony will differ from 2008,
but will be "equally impressive," says OBS chief***

The opening ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games is "very different" from that of the 2008 Summer Games but "equally impressive," said Yiannis Exarchos, CEO of Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS).



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Experience Chinese New Year with Gavin

The Chinese New Year is a joyful festival in which one can enjoy culinary delights. All family members come together to eat together during this time. Chinese New Year food is not only delicious, but it is also a tradition to eat certain foods on this festival. Almost every dish symbolizes a congratulation for the New Year, like fish, jiaozi, spring rolls, niangao and chicken.

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All around the Chinese New Year 2022

The Chinese New Year is worldwide known as the Spring Festival. It is the most important traditional festival in China, especially for families. Chinese New Year celebrations traditionally take a time of 16 days, from the Silvester to the Lantern Festival.

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The Chinese Spring Festival from the beginning to the end

Strictly speaking, the Spring Festival lasts for more than a month, from the beginning of the twelfth month of the lunar year to the first month of the next lunar year. The Spring Festival vacation set by the Chinese government is the seven days from New Year's Eve to the sixth day of the new lunar year. Preparations for the New Year's Festival begin long before this date, usually a few weeks before. The event has launched the music video "Meet in Beijing 2022: Greetings from Switzerland, the Kingdom of Winter Sports".



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Foreigners initiated in joys of Chinese New Year



Sixteen foreigners from 12 countries including the United States, Canada, Ireland, South Africa and Iraq experienced Chinese Spring Festival customs in Ningbo City, east China's Zhejiang Province.

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Winter Solstice: A bowl of sweet rice dumplings reunites family

Winter Solstice, or “Dongzhi” in Chinese, is the 22nd and the most important of the 24 solar terms on the Chinese lunar calendar. Its first day usually falls between December 21 and 23. It is considered the first solar term to be determined in Chinese history. On that day, the daytime is the shortest and the night is the longest.



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A Bite of China:

Celebrating the Chinese New Year

This is a movie about "back to time" and "looking for new year's taste". It will show the oriental cultural customs through the fantastic new year's food on the vast land of China. It will save a national life history and cultural archives with vivid lens language, and take the audience to look for the old customs and new year's taste again.

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Chinese New Year: The history and how it's celebrated



Chinese Lunar New Year will get its start on Feb. 1, 2022, and this year is the year of the water tiger.

Celebrations will take place around the world for 15 days and it will include activities like house cleaning, traditional cuisine, physical offerings, cash gifts and twinkling lights.

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Tiger paintings created to welcome upcoming Chinese new year in Malaysia



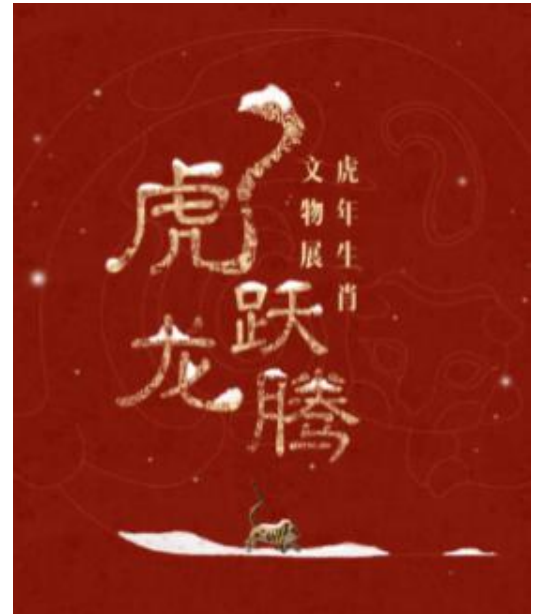
A painter creates tiger paintings in Klang of Selangor states, Malaysia, Dec. 30, 2021. An art project composed of 2,022 tiger paintings and 2,022 Chinese characters of Hu, meaning tiger, by local artists and enthusiasts was displayed on Jan. 16, 2022 to welcome the upcoming Chinese zodiac Year of the Tiger.

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Tiger-themed exhibition held at China's National Museum

As the Year of Tiger approaches, The Tiger as Talisman: 2022 Chinese New Year Exhibition, with a selection of artworks showcasing tiger in Chinese culture, opened to the public at the National Museum of China (Beijing).

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Tiger-shaped buns popular as Chinese New Year draws near



As the Chinese New Year approaches, tiger-shaped steamed buns become popular in Rongcheng, Shandong Province. Steamed buns with colorful patterns, an intangible cultural heritage of Shandong, is a traditional staple food during the Spring Festival in Jiaodong.

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