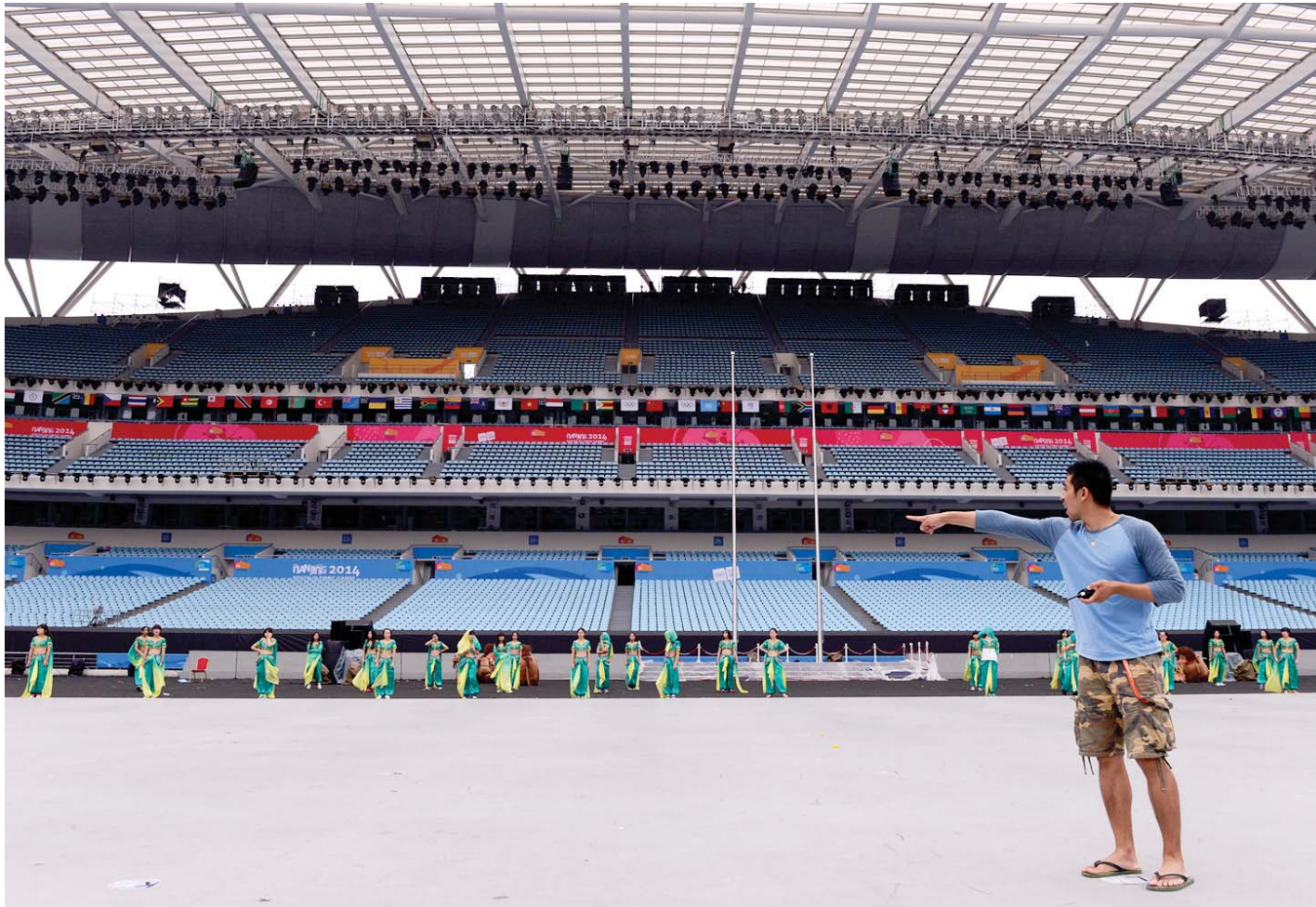


VENUES



Venues during the Youth Olympic Games will be repurposed for either commercial or public use. PHOTO BY WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY

Nanjing lays out plan for post-Games use of sites

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The athletes' village for the upcoming Nanjing Youth Olympics will be entirely converted for commercial use as part of Nanjing's promise to leave no venues idle after the sports event wraps up on Aug 29.

Covering a total area of 140,000 square meters and a construction area of 500,000 square meters, the village has six accommodation buildings and four supporting structures.

The accommodation buildings will be transformed into high-end apartments and will be listed for sale, while the cafeterias will be rebuilt into a food court with assorted retail facilities.

The fitness center in the village will be turned into a kindergarten and the multipurpose building into a primary school.

The Nanjing Youth Olympic Games has 35 sports venues, including 27 competition venues and eight training venues. All of the venues will be repurposed for either commercial or public use.

The venue for cycling at Lao Mountain will open to the public after the sports event. Free bike rentals will be offered.

The Laoshan National Forest Park stretches across 80 million square meters, 80 percent of which is forest. The bike lane at the park is 23 kilometers in length. Facilities and amenities include timing and scoring equipment, spectator stands, podiums, equipment storage rooms, athletes' break areas and administrative areas. Some of the venues are temporary constructions and will be recycled after the Youth Olympics. The permanent constructions will be used to support future international cycling events hosted in the Laoshan area.

The Youth Olympic Sports Park, the venue for rugby, BMX cycling, hockey and beach volleyball, will become a national training base and will seek title sponsorship and onsite advertising. The city will combine the park with nearby tourism resources to build the venue into a versatile sports entertainment attraction that is capable of holding large-scale business meetings and concerts.

While the venue is now ready for competition, renovation will not be fully completed until July 2015.

Main venue ready for start

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The main venue of the Nanjing 2014 Summer Youth Olympic Games is up and ready to host the opening ceremony of the two-week meet that starts on Aug 16. Seven of the 30 sports during the meet will be held at the Nanjing Olympic Sports Center.

It covers an area of 89.6 hectares, with a total construction area of about 401,000 square meters.

The venue, which cost about 4 billion yuan (\$650 million), includes a 61,443-seat multi-use stadium, a 13,000-seat gymnasium, a 4,000-seat FINA standard aquatic complex, a 4,000-seat tennis center, a 23,000 square meter Information Technology Center, and various other sports fields.

The complex will be staffed by more than 1,800 volunteers who are going through a stringent training program that includes preparing tracks, recognizing national flags and supplying drinking water.

At full capacity, the venue's cafeteria can serve 13,000 people simultaneously. A total of 5,000 to 6,000 people are expected to dine in the cafeteria each mealtime. A special squad has been created to ensure food safety.

Medical facilities include four stations, 10



An overall view of the Nanjing Olympic Sports Center. PHOTO BY WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY

courtside medical points for athletes and eight for spectators. About 2,100 security guards will be employed to ensure the venue's safety.

The Olympic Park is one of 27 competition venues for the meet. Another eight will be used as training areas.

The complex is located in the center of Hexi district, with Middle Jiangdong Road to the east and Binjiang Avenue to the west.

It is about three kilometers from the Youth Olympic Village.

The seven sports to be contested there are athletics, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, swimming, diving and the modern pentathlon's swimming and shooting disciplines.

The venue is accessible through metro lines 2 and 10, as well as bus No 7, 85, 92, 161, 126, 160 and D7.