

Color and culture open the games

The 16th Asian Games open in central Guangzhou on Friday in a blaze of pyrotechnics as China stages the biggest sporting gala since the 2008 Beijing Olympics.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

PETER PARKS / AFP

Members of the Chinese team enjoy the opening ceremony.

YANG SHIZHONG / CHINA DAILY

Dancers perform on the huge stage in the glitzy gala.

LU HANXIN / XINHUA

Audience members take part in warm-up activities before the ceremony begins.

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Excited Guangzhou residents gather on the street to watch the spectacular fireworks show.

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