



A source of support for athletes

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SHENZHEN — Exhausted and tired after a day's fierce competition? A massage at the polyclinic in the Universiade Village will help relieve the fatigue and laziness.

All the services, as well as other medical treatment provided at the polyclinic, are free for more than 20,000 registered card holders during the games, including the athletes in the Universiade Village, coaches, team officials, staff of the Universiade Village and volunteers.

"Some athletes have come to the polyclinic for acupuncture and massage treatment already and they like it," said Liu Jianquan, office director of the polyclinic.

Running from Aug 1 to 23, the 2,500-square-meter Universiade Village polyclinic, located in the international zone of the Universiade Village, is staffed by 265 doctors, of which 12 are massage and acupuncture therapists. It offers a wide range of services to patients, including basic and emergency medical services, transfer services, emergency support and massage therapy.

Though all medical staff in the Village polyclinic speak fluent English, volunteers

also provide language services to those speaking other languages to ensure a convenient medical environment for all residents.

Erdenebayar Duurenbayar, a tennis player from Mongolia, came to the polyclinic after finding his lips swollen due to the hot and humid weather in Shenzhen. With the help of doctors and volunteers, he got some tablets and ointment after an examination. The whole process took only 15 minutes.

"The location is easy to find," said Nyamdelger Gunsengkhorloo, captain of the Mongolia's tennis team, who accompanied Duurenbayar for treatment. "It's very convenient as well, especially for minor problems. The volunteers have been very nice and helpful and also providing language help to us."

"I just got some medicine from the doctor," said Mansoor Abdullah from Sri Lanka, who was feeling sick. "Everything is free and convenient and I appreciate that."

With the integrated functions of a hospital emergency room and a general clinic, the polyclinic will provide a wide range of health-care services and ambulatory care. Five ambulances are available around the clock and patients can be sent to hospitals



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A volunteer helps an athlete get medicine at the dispensary window at the polyclinic in the Universiade Village.

within 20 minutes of the Village.

It is estimated the polyclinic is capable of receiving about 600 patients each day, according to Guo Daiqi, deputy dean of the polyclinic.

"In light of experiences at the Beijing Olympics and Guangzhou Asian Games, the reception capacity of the polyclinic will meet the needs in the Universiade Village," said Liu Jianquan.



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