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Top facilities on campus, top performances on the field

SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE HERE TO STAY, SAYS LI

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SHENZHEN — Sports infrastructure on campuses in Guangdong province has advanced to international level, significantly enhancing the province's ability to host major sports events.

College students have also given improved performances at the Universiade, Li Xiaolu, deputy inspector of Guangdong's department of education, said while discussing the province's achievements in sports at a new conference on Wednesday.

Nineteen swimming pools, including one indoor swimming hall, 24 standard athletic fields, 81 tennis courts, 99 volleyball courts, 254 basketball courts — these are just some of the facilities built since

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2005 at University Town in Guangzhou. The facilities are open to all university students in the province, Li said.

Guangdong province recently held the first Asian University Athletic Championships, the first Asia University Tennis Championships, the first International Lion

Dance Competition and the eighth National University Games.

“Various sports competitions are held for university students in the province every year. After the Shenzhen Universiade, we will soon have the 8th University Games of Guangdong province in late August,” Li said.

During the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou last year, 54 university athletes from the province competed for the national team in 17 events, winning 39 gold medals, 10 silver and nine bronze, Li said.

Guangdong was also involved in more international sports exchanges. Universities in the province had also cooperated in academic sports exchanges with overseas universities in the United States, Canada, Italy and France.

Entrepreneurs thrive in ambitious province

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SHENZHEN — Just months after this year's graduation period, 3,865 graduates of Guangdong province started their own businesses. That number included 1,550 who were bachelor degree holders and 2,202 junior college students.

In 2010, there were 1,596 young entrepreneurs, and 284 graduated with bachelor degrees in arts. Among them, 37 percent chose to start their business in Guangzhou, and another 8 percent stayed in Shenzhen.

The significant increase in the number of young entrepreneurs is believed to have come from the promotion of enterprising spirit on campus and fre-

quent communication between universities and companies, according to the department of education of Guangdong province.

This year, new policies have been adopted to further encourage graduates to start their own businesses. The provincial government plans to give social security allowances and position subsidies to eligible graduates.

Companies doing business in such fields as high technology, software and agriculture, will enjoy tax preferences if they meet certain criteria.

From 2009, the provincial government had subsidized 400 key entrepreneurial projects, providing services to 2,000 business beginners and also entrepreneurial training to 60,000 graduates.

Guangdong goes global as an education station

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SHENZHEN — Guangdong province has been recording more international academic exchanges with leading foreign universities in recent years.

The provincial government plans to cooperate with local universities to introduce branches of three to five of the world's top universities in the provincial capital Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai, by 2020, according to the provincial education department.

Guangdong has already undertaken research projects with Universite Jean Moulin Lyon 3, University of Leeds, University of Southern Queensland and University of Minnesota.

“In the future, we will empha-

size the enhancement of international cooperation with overseas universities, research institutes, educational organizations and consulates in Guangdong,” the provincial education department's deputy inspector Li Xiaolu said.

Guangdong has also opened its doors to overseas students. There were 13,988 foreign exchange students — the fourth highest number in the country — in Guangdong in 2010.

The government is also planning to establish more scholarships for foreigners.

It will also promote the Chinese language through Confucian Institutes. Guangdong-based universities, including Sun Yat-Sen University and Guangzhou University, have already set up 11 Confucius Institutes abroad.

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