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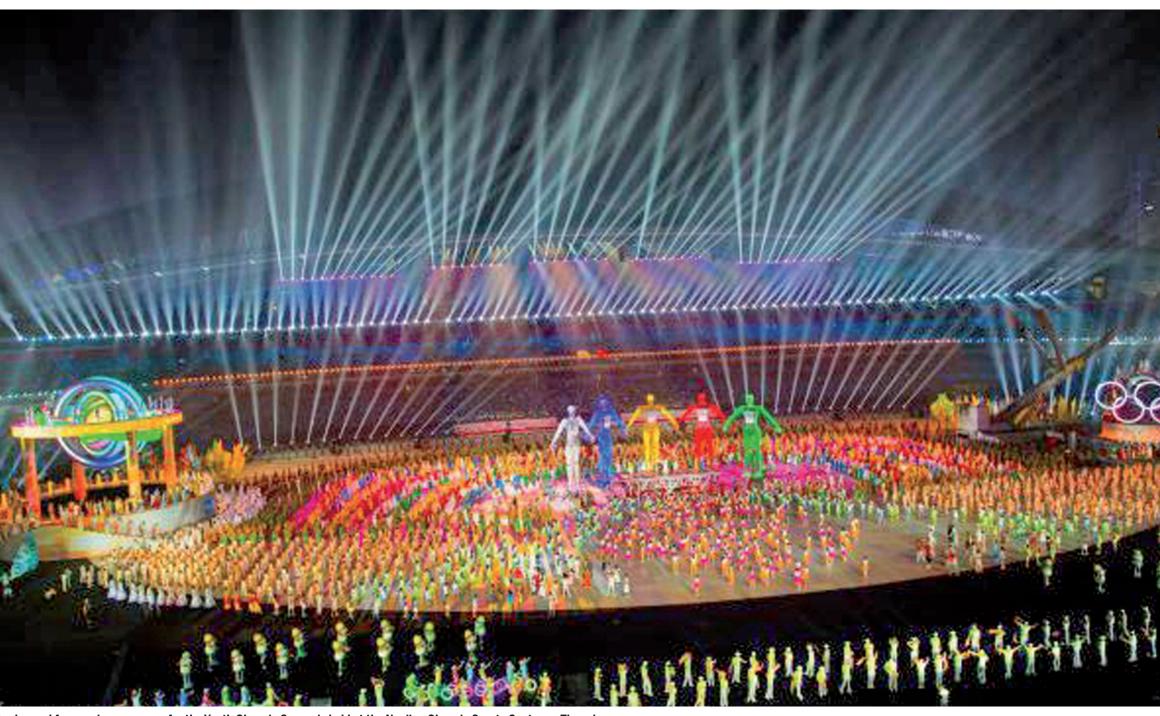


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The Games' opening ceremony is set to light up the sky of Nanjing tonight.



Top and above: 988 students from the Shaolin Tagou Martial Arts School in Dengfeng, Henan province, rehearse for the opening ceremony of the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games. PHOTOS BY CHEN XIAODONG / FOR CHINA DAILY



A rehearsal for opening ceremony for the Youth Olympic Games is held at the Nanjing Olympic Sports Center on Thursday, Photo Provided to China Dally





Left: (from left to right): Korean pop star Kim Soo-hyun and Chinese pop stars Zhang Liangying and Zhang Jie go over final rehearsals for the Games on Thursday.

Right: Acrobatic performers form a temple-like configuration during the rehearsal. PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY