

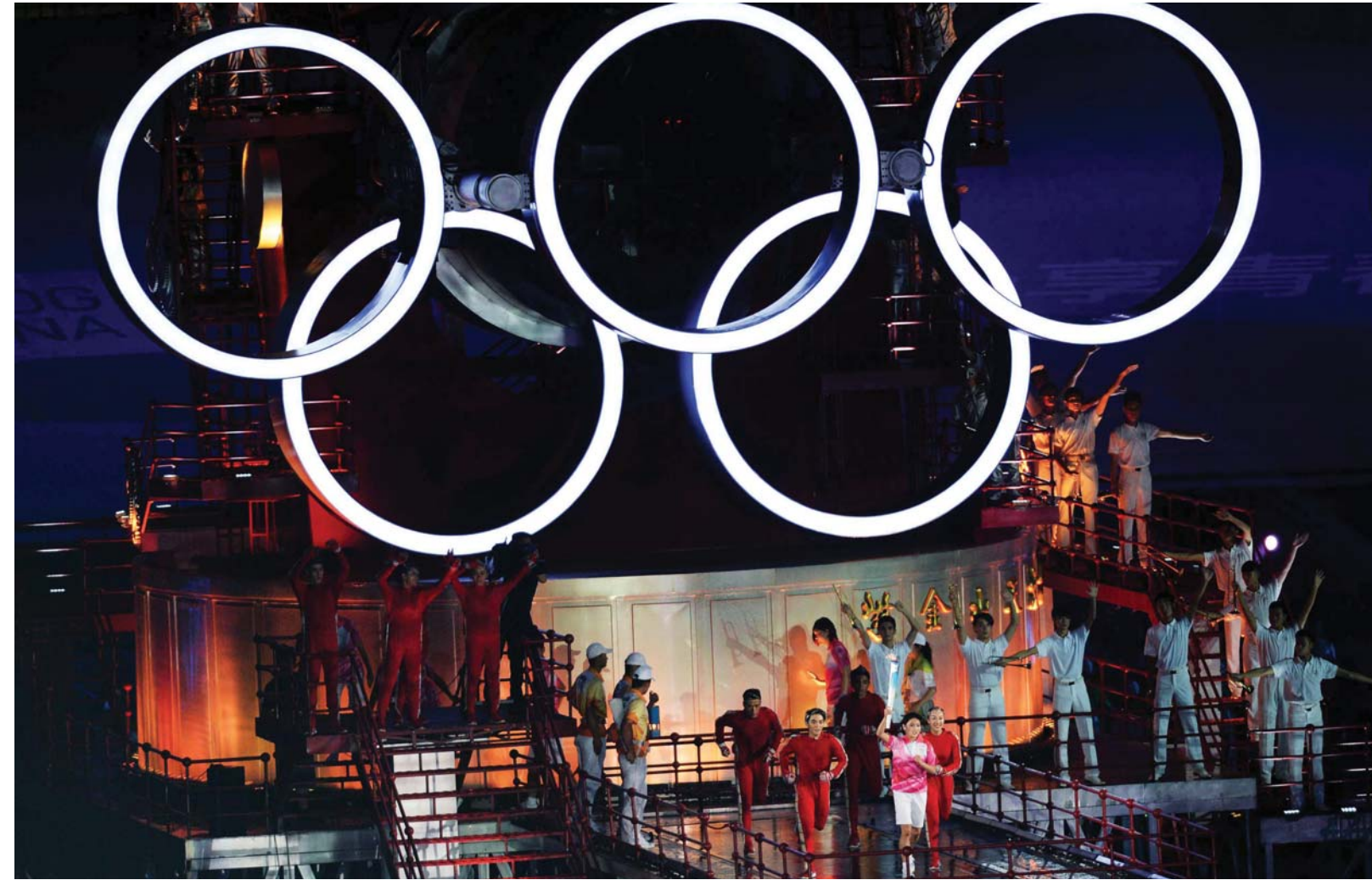
THE BIG PICTURE



An explosion of color wraps up the closing section of the ceremony. PHOTO BY XINHUA



Chinese table tennis player Fan Zhendong takes the athletes' oath. BY WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY



Olympic diving champion Chen Ruolin carries the torch toward the cauldron during the opening ceremony. PHOTO BY XINHUA



Wushu students put on a scintillating aerial performance. PHOTO BY WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY



Li Xueyong, president of the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee and governor of Jiangsu province, gives a speech. BY FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY



Each country and region is represented by one flag-bearer. BY FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY

NANJING SHINES

Despite rain, historic city gets Youth Olympic Games off to a dazzling start.



Star Chinese athletes carry the Olympic flag into the stadium. BY WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY



The Chinese delegation representative enters the stadium. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY



Performers entertain the audience. WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY



Workers mop up the arena. FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY



(From left to right) Russian artist Molgun Galia, South Korean star Kim Soo-hyun and Chinese singer Zhang Liangying sing the theme song, bringing the ceremony to a rousing conclusion. PHOTO BY WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY