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## THE GRANDMASTER

China's Olympic fencing champion Lei Sheng, who was also a flag-bearer during the opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games, gives a child a lesson on Monday at the Nanjing International Expo Center. WEI XIAOHAO / CHINA DAILY

## More boon than bust

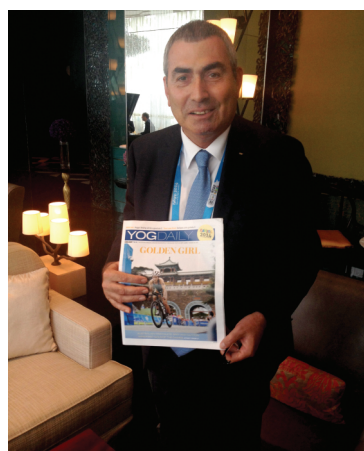
IOC member says  
hosting big events  
will help improve  
developing countries

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**D**espite concerns about increasing budgets for major sporting events, staging the Olympics provides more benefits than burden for host cities — especially in developing countries, an IOC executive board member said.

Although Istanbul's bid for the 2020 Summer Olympics fell short in September 2013 when Tokyo was voted the host, Ugur Erdener, the Turkish Olympic Committee president, shrugged off the disappointment and is positive about the city's ability to host the biggest sporting event in the world.

"The Turkish government and the Turkish people are ready to



Ugur Erdener, the Turkish Olympic Committee president and member of the IOC Executive Board, holds the YOG Daily.

PHOTO BY SUN XIAOCHEN / CHINA DAILY

host Olympic Games in the future," Erdener, also an executive member of IOC, said during a round-table interview on Monday in Nanjing.

Istanbul's failed bid was its fifth try since launching its first, for the 2000 Summer Olympics.

The largest city in Turkey won't give up pursuing the Games, said Erdener, citing the 2008 Olympics' boost to urban development in Bei-

jing.

"An Olympic Games operation is a good opportunity, especially for developing countries to solve infrastructural issues. By hosting the Olympics, our government can improve the infrastructures for the people of Istanbul.

"In well-developed cities, people often have different opinions about such big projects and worry their daily lives will be affected negatively. But in my country, like in China, the public supports major sporting event bids," said the 64-year-old professor at Hacettepe University in Ankara.

With the IOC planning to discuss reforms in December about the 2020 Games, Erdener said the Nanjing Youth Olympics were already providing examples of frugality and simplified event procedures.

"If we think about all the budgets (for the Games and city development), it can be difficult (for developing countries to handle).

"If the organizing committee fits the event's operation budget into its overall city development plan (like Nanjing did), it won't be that huge, mostly," Erdener said.

## IOC executive: Beijing a 'good chance' for 2022

Ugur Erdener, a member of IOC Executive Board, said Beijing has a good chance to host the 2022 Winter Olympics, citing pleasant personal experiences during the 2008 Summer Games in the Chinese capital.

"I personally believe that all three cities can host the 2022 Winter Olympics. Beijing has great experience from the 2008 Olympics, which

were well organized," the Turkish Olympic Committee president said.

"According to the Beijing Winter Olympics project, everything seems good for winter sport activities," said Erdener, who is in Nanjing for the Youth Olympics.

Beijing launched a joint bid in November with neighboring city Zhangjiakou, Hebei province, to host

the 2022 Winter Olympics. The other two candidates are Oslo, Norway, and Almaty, Kazakhstan.

"Oslo has very strong winter sports traditions, while Almaty is a new city for winter sports. The decision will be based on evaluation reports and I think all three cities are capable of hosting the 2022 Winter Games," he said.

## Fireworks produce fewer air pollutants

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The fireworks of the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games, which lit up the sky at the opening ceremony and will do so again at the closing ceremony, used advanced pyrotechnics technology and environmentally friendly materials to produce far less pollutants than traditional fireworks.

Pan Gongpei, chief of fireworks for the Youth Olympic Games and a professor at the Nanjing University of Science and Technology, claimed the improved fireworks reduced the amount of pollutants by 70 to 80 percent.

"We developed a new combinations of chemicals, which produces less fumes," Pan said. "Nanomaterials, rare earth materials, alloys and chip technology were adopted for the YOG fireworks."

He said the university formed China's first fireworks department as early as 1953. Experts from the department have worked for the Nanjing YOG and the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Pan said he remembers the acrid smell of a stadium during a big national sports event in previous years.

"It was suffocating and the smoke was everywhere. All I wanted at the time was to flee the stadium as soon as possible. In recent years, China's experts in fireworks have developed many economical materials, which are very safe and can meet the country's environmental regulations."

The university team cooperated with computer technicians to control the height of the ignited fireworks and how long they would last.

Due to time limitations, the fireworks lasted for a short period during the opening ceremony. At the closing ceremony, the fireworks will go on for 30 minutes. Viewers should expect to see new kinds of fireworks with various colors and patterns.