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Nanjing	23/30 Cloudy
Suzhou	23/30 Cloudy
Wuxi	24/30 Cloudy
Yangzhou	23/29 Cloudy
Xuzhou	20/31 Cloudy
Changzhou	23/29 Overcast
Nantong	23/28 Overcast
Lianyungang	22/29 Cloudy
Huai'an	21/29 Cloudy
Yancheng	22/28 Cloudy
Zhenjiang	23/29 Cloudy
Taizhou	23/29 Cloudy
Suqian	22/29 Cloudy

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CRUZ-ING TO VICTORY

Francisco Cruz Saubidet Birkner of Argentina celebrates after winning the Techno 293 — men's windsurfer at the Youth Olympic Games on Sunday. PHOTO BY XINHUA

Forum to discuss empowering youths

By CANG WEI

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The World Youth Forum on Sport, Culture and Peace, which aims to enhance the role of youths in preventing violence and to use sports to promote social integration, will be held at the International Youth Cultural Center in Nanjing on Aug 26.

"The World Youth Forum on Sport, Culture and Peace ... is an opportunity for young women and men from across the world to stand up as leaders in responding to contemporary challenges and in shaping their own futures," said Irina Bokova, director-general of UNESCO, in a letter to the Youth Games.

The forum, organized by UNESCO and the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee, "reflects our shared commitment to recognize young women and men as agents of positive change", Bokova said.

Young athletes, experts and international youth organizations will attend the forum. According to the organizing committee, representatives from China and other countries will share their experiences. The Nanjing government also expressed hope the forum can be held every two years to develop culture and sports and promote peace.

"The city of Nanjing will further its cooperation with UNESCO in

the future," said Peng Zhengang, deputy director of Nanjing's International Communication Association. "It will work with UNESCO in September and jointly hold the 2014 World Historical and Cultural Cities Expo."

"Sports empower young men and women and unite them around shared values. Culture, in all its diversity, acts as an enabler and driver for inclusive sustainable development," said Bokova. "Our goal is to harness the potential of youth as torchbearers for lasting peace and partners for more than just development. More than ever, we must craft new ways to support youth by leveraging the transformative power of culture and sport."

Tongan archer does it for mom

By XINHUA

Hundreds of spectators watched 16-year-old archer Karoline Tatafu take aim in the mixed international team event at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games on Sunday, but perhaps the most anxious onlooker was her mother, Tukia Tatafu, who is also the secretary-general of Tonga's Archery Federation.

Karoline is one of only a handful of archers from the small rugby-loving nation. The current coach, Sifa Taumoepeau, went to the Olympic Games in 2004 and had been competing in archery

for Tonga by himself for the past 10 years.

"In the last two years, some young kids have started to show interest and Karoline and one other boy, who is also 16, are the highest ranked," said Tukia.

"She took archery seriously about 2 1/2 years ago and she's come a long way. We did not expect to be at this level, but we are very happy. The future for us after this is to then go forward and try for the Olympics and to continue training," Tukia said.

While Tukia works with Karoline to realize her Olympic dream, her

husband, Samuela Tatafu, is back home in Tonga looking after their four young children.

"It's been hard for me and we have five children, so I'm leaving four kids behind with my husband by himself. He's got a full-time job as well and he has to look after four children," she said.

Karoline said she cherishes the fact her mother is able to watch her from the sidelines in Nanjing.

"We have some good days and some bad days," Karoline said. "She worries too much about everything. But at the end of the day she's my No 1 biggest supporter"

Plunging into a new life

By GAO CHANGXIN

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Life is going to get quite busy for US diver Dashiell Enos when he starts college at the University of Southern California this fall.

Adding a whole curriculum to his two training sessions a day is going to squeeze his leisure time. But he will do what he has to do if it means he can make it to the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"It's going to be a lot of work but I am looking forward to it," said Enos, who on Sunday finished sixth in the three-meter springboard final won by China's Yang Hao.

A month before the coming semester, the Nanjing Youth Olympics provides not only competition for Enos but also an opportunity to have some last-minute fun before study starts.

Enos had a week and a half of free time before the diving event started on Saturday. The International Olympic Committee wants the athletes to stay until the closing ceremony as part of an effort to let young athletes mingle and establish new friendships. Enos has embraced that task.

He has been busy checking out various activities in the Athletes' Village and the one he likes most is mask painting, where athletes are invited to paint butterfly masks, which will hang on a wall for display.

"It's been a wonderful experience. I painted an awesome mask and made a lot of new friends. I am really glad that I got into diving, it has brought so much colorful experiences into my life," said Enos, whose favorite diver is Greg Louganis.

Enos started diving at the age of eight, and is today one of the most promising divers in the US. He is strong in all three diving disciplines, 1m, 3m and platform and has been a member of the US team for three years.

He competed for a spot on the 2012 Olympic team at 15, but didn't make it. His prospects are much brighter for Rio 2016 and he is ready to work as hard as he can for that to happen.

"I believe there is always a chance there for me. I just need to keep training hard and see how it goes," he said.