



Philippines Shines Chengdu World Games 2025

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Athletes from around the world concluded their journey at the 2025 World Games, which finished on August 17 in Chengdu, China. This multi-sport event brought together competitors from numerous countries, each striving for excellence in non-Olympic disciplines. As they return home, these athletes take with them not only coveted medals but also valuable experiences, hard-earned lessons, and the motivation to proudly represent their nations at the next global competition.

With other countries such as China, Germany, Italy, and Ukraine taking the stage, also commendable are the Filipino athletes who soared through the World Games, carrying the pride of the Philippines. With 2 Silver Medals and 2 Bronze Medals, the following athletes are noteworthy:

Sport	Discipline	Event/Category	Athlete	Medal
Billiards	Pool	10-Ball Women	Centeno, Chezka	Silver
Ju-Jitsu	Jiu-Jitsu (Ne-Waza)	52kg Women	Napolis, Jenna	Silver
Sambo	Combat	80kg Women	Yap, Aislinn Agnes	Bronze
Wushu	Sanda	56kg Men	Baylon, Carlos Jr.	Bronze

In other sports, Philippine athletes also managed to secure themselves in the top 10 in the following disciplines:

Sport	Discipline	Event/Category	Athlete/Team	Rank
Billiards	Pool	10-Ball Men	de Luna, Jeffrey	9th
Canoe (Dragon Boat)	10-Seater Mixed	2000m	Team Philippines	10th
Canoe (Dragon Boat)	Open 8-Seater Mixed	2000m	Team Philippines	9th
Canoe (Dragon Boat)	10-Seater Mixed	200m	Team Philippines	8th
Canoe (Dragon Boat)	8-Seater Mixed	500m	Team Philippines	8th
Floorball	Indoor	Team Men	Team Philippines	7th
Ju-Jitsu	Ne-Waza	57kg Women	Ramirez, Annie	5th
Ju-Jitsu	Ne-Waza	Open Women	Ramirez, Annie	9th
Ju-Jitsu	Ne-Waza	Open Women	Napolis, Jenna	9th
Kickboxing	K1 Style	70kg Women	Bacyadan, Hergie	4th

Muaythai	Combat	48kg Women	Abubakar, Rudzma	4th
Powerlifting	Equipped	Lightweight Men	Ramirez, Regie Mancao	8th
Powerlifting	Equipped	Super Heavyweight Women	Reboton, Joyce Gail	6th
Waterski & Wakeboard	Cable Wakeboard	Single Men	Trinidad, Raph	4th
Waterski & Wakeboard	Wake Surf (Skim)	Men	Ordonez, Eric	9th
Wushu	Sanda	52kg Women	Collado, Krizan Faith	4th
Wushu	Taolu (Taijiquan/Taijijian)	Combined Men	Inso, Jones Llabres	7th
Wushu	Taolu (Taijiquan/Taijijian)	Combined Women	Wong, Agatha Chrystenzen	7th

As the IWGA said, speeches by Governor of Sichuan Province Shi Xiaolin and Mr. Perurena were then read out, both marking the highly successful functioning of The World Games 2025, thanking the hard work by the event's volunteers and officials for making it a roaring success. "Over these unforgettable days, Chengdu has not only hosted the world — it has made the world feel at home," said the outgoing Perurena. "With warm hospitality, remarkable efficiency, and the impeccable delivery of these Games, this city has set new standards for the future."

"On behalf of the International World Games Association, I extend my deepest gratitude to The World Games Chengdu 2025 Local Organising Committee, the General Administration of Sport of China, the people of Chengdu, and the thousands of volunteers for their outstanding contribution." "You have made this event a great success and unforgettable with coverage shared all over the world."

These athletes have demonstrated that anyone can succeed, regardless of their background, current circumstances, or status in life. By putting in effort and doing

their best, they may not win medals, but they gain something far more valuable: experience.

Typically held every four years, one year after the Summer Olympics, the World Games are a series of multi-sport events featuring sports and disciplines that are not included in the Olympic Games. Usually an 11-day event, the World Games is organized by the International World Games Association (IWGA) and is under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, with the official program including 25 to 34 sports, while others may be removed or discontinued to align with the Olympic Games.