

Window to a “World-Famous Sports City”

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The Shanghai Sports Museum, which was officially reopened in June 2021, is located in the Sports Building at 150 Nanjing West Road, opposite the People’s Square. The ten-floor beaux-arts building was designed by American architect Elliott Hazzard and opened in 1928 to house the Western Overseas Chinese Youth Association (also known as the Foreign YMCA), becoming the home of the Shanghai Sports Club in the 1950s.

The renovation represents an upgrade of the previous exhibition space, known as the “Exhibition Room of the Shanghai Sports Museum”.

Renovation work was begun in 2019, and is a key cultural construction project overseen by the Municipal Sports Bureau. Many world-famous athletes are from Shanghai, such as basketball player Yao Ming and hurdler Liu Xiang, 2004 Olympic champion.

**Shanghai Sports Museum, Floor 3 Shanghai Sports Complex,
No. 150 West Nanjing Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai
Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 9:30–11:30, 14:00–16:30**

Dedicated to “spreading the spirit of sports and promoting sports culture”, the museum focuses on “Sports and Shanghai”. It aims to become an important sports and cultural venue in Shanghai, underpinned by “Four Histories” education, and providing sports and cultural support for accelerating Shanghai’s reputation as a “worldfamous sports city”.

Once renovation works are completed, the museum will have a total exhibition space of more than 2,000 square metres with five exhibition halls devoted to the topics: “Preface Hall”, “Ship of History”, “Olympic Light”, “Vitality City” and “Window of the Future”.

The museum currently has a collection of more than 1,200 exhibits, over 500 photographs, and several films. The exhibition hall has an interactive experience area, a question and answer area, a film viewing area, and a light show exhibition area.

In 2021, two more sports museums were opened; one is Chongli Winter Sport Museum, located in Zhangjiakou City where the Olympic competitions on snow will take place in February 2022. ■



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