China Performs Well
in Sochi Winter Olympics

The XXII Winter Olympic Games opened on February 7 in a spectacular ceremony which was attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the invitation of his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin. Xi's appearance at the Sochi Olympic opening ceremony was the first attendance by a Chinese president at a major overseas sports event, signaling China's strong support for the Olympics and Russia's efforts to host the Games.

China sent a 138-member delegation including 65 athletes to the first ever winter Olympics held in Russia. The Chinese athletes competed in alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, cross-country skiing, biathlon, speed skating, short track speed skating, figure skating, snowboard and curling.

China had won nine gold, 18 silver and 17 bronze medals since its winter Olympic debut in 1980, which included a 5-2-4 record in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics that placed the country at 7th on the final medal table.

Zhang Hong wins China's first ever Olympic speed skating gold medal as she claims the women's 1,000-m title on February 13.

The Chinese delegation during the athletes parade at the opening ceremony on February 7 of the XXII Winter Olympic Games.