

## Superb Canadian Wushu Team at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Kungfu Championship



After three days of intense competition at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Kungfu Championship held in June 16-18, the Canadian National Wushu Team was rewarded with 10 gold, 9 silver and 17 bronze medals.



Some 5300 athletes from around the world from 48 countries including China, Russia, the United States, Canada, Germany, Brazil and Japan converged in the legendary Emeishan in western Szechuan, China making the tournament one of the biggest in the Wushu world. A 26-member strong Canadian National Wushu Team was led by Hong Yuan Luo, the Manager and Jennifer Gu, the Head Coach. Among them are 22 athletes from Ji Hong

Wushu and Taichi School from Edmonton and Calgary campuses.



The Canadian team was off to a flying start with gold medal performances from veteran Erika Larm in Chen style Taichi and a rookie competitor Julianna Huang in Yang style Taichi. Julianna performed with such grace and poise that you would never guess she had less than a year of Taichi experience. Once again, Master Jennifer Gu showed her magic in molding her students into world-class athletes. A total of 2 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals were won on the very first day of competition.



The main event for the Canadian contingent was on the third and last day of the tournament. In the morning competition, Pang Ng and Wendy Fung from Ji Hong's Calgary campus and Raymond Ma and Grace Lam from Edmonton all won gold medals in their respective events. In the afternoon, Andy Cheung of Calgary won his gold medal, and Raymond Ma took his second gold show-casing the fast and furious Chen Style Canon Fist. And who can forget the silver medal performance of the 11-year old Max Dong in the Tiger-Crane Fist Form.



Ji Hong athletes from Canadian campuses again shone brightly with 8 gold, 8 silver and 16 bronze medals. Students from the Ji Hong Taichi Centres in Guandongn, China also won 5 silver and 5 bronze medals.

As Master Hong Yuan Luo succinctly commented at the conclusion of the competition: "Competing in a tournament is not all about winning medals. More importantly, it is the participation, exchanges of experience and the elevation of skill levels. The months of pre-tournament intense training is also a valuable experience. It is through all of the above that an athlete brings into focus where his or her future efforts lie."





## Ji Hong Athletes Medal Winners

Competitors	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Raymond Ma	2		
Erika Larm	1	1	
Grace Lam	1	1	
Wendy Fung	1	1	
Julianna Huang	1		1
Pang Ng	1		1
Andy Chung	1		1
Brenda Lee		2	
Max Dong		1	1
Rex Lau		1	
Terry Lam		1	
Megan Tsang			2
Weston Benjamin			2
Jenny Chan			2
Siew Kin Lee			1
Ken Ng			1
Kevin William			1
Harry Wu			1
Ivy Ho			1



