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Mingpu Wu named to Youth Olympic Program Coaching staff

Athletics Manitoba, the sport governing body of track and field, cross country and road running, is very excited to announce the selection of Mingpu Wu to the coaching staff for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. Wu has been selected as the Canadian team's Lead Coach and will travel to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games August 18th- 27th, 2014. The athletics portion of the games will take place August 20th-25th, 2014.

The Youth Olympic Games are targeted at exceptional athletes ages 16 and 17 years of age. The trials for athletics will be held in Miramar, FL April 4th and 5th, 2014 in accordance with IAAF and NACAC qualifying rules.

Wu brings a wealth of international expertise to his role with the 2014 Youth Olympic team. His experiences includes 5 national team appointments the most recent being the 2011 World University games in Shenzhen, China. When asked about his appointment Wu graciously commented "I am very excited to get involved with the 2014 Youth Olympic National Team program. The way I look at it, it is not only me as an individual but also athletics in Manitoba as a group being recognized. We have some really great coaches and programs and this is recognition of our provincial community. Hopefully, in the future we will have more Manitoba athletes and coaches involved with our National Team programs."

Wu has been the provincial coach with Athletics Manitoba since September of 2013. He has been coaching in Manitoba since 1992 and is a part of the University of Manitoba track and field program. Jean-François Roy, Development Program Coordinator for Athletics Canada said "we are excited to have Mingpu as our Team Lead, his expertise and enthusiasm will be a great combination for our team heading to Nanjing."

China will be hosting the second Youth Olympic Summer Games event. The inaugural Youth Olympic Games were held in Singapore during the summer of 2010.