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Meetings

**Dates of Meeting:**

26-10-1949 – 27-10-1949

**Type of Meeting:**

All-China Sport and Physical Education Congress

**Place of Meeting:**

Beijing

**Attendance:**

Zhu De, Feng Wenbin, Secretary-General of the Communist Youth League and the host of the Congress

**Major Agenda Items:**

**Speeches/Reports:**

**Zhu De:** “Physical education and sport is an important part of education and health. It should serve the people, serve the national defence and people’s health. The Chinese people, including students, peasants, workers, soldiers, citizens, should all participate in physical exercise and sports activities.” He stated that sport should socialize the population into the new establishment system of values including loyalty, conformity, team spirit, cooperation and discipline. Also, that all workers, parents, soldiers, students and the citizens of the New China should be involved in the mass sports movement as pre-training for work and military defence.

**Feng Wenbin:** ‘Physical education and sport should contribute to the construction of the new economy, the new democratic culture and national defence. We must promote mass sport in order to build up people’s physical strength and improve their health’.

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

**Remarks:**

A governing body, the All-China Sports Federation was founded in Beijing in June 1950 to supervise the development of physical education and sport in China