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Civilizations varied, wisdom unbounded **CHINA DAILY** N THE WMSG



In yesterday's issue of the China Daily, the national English newspaper of China, Mr Hu Yinan reported about the 1st World Mind Sports Games and also had an interesting interview with Mr José Damiani, the IMSA and WBF President. We are happy to present most of what he wrote here in our Bulletin.

The smartest minds in the world are about to wrap up their little-known, two weeks' Games in Beijing - which means "mission accomplished" for the mastermind of the show, José Damiani. His dream it was to attract ever more youngsters to the fun of "mental games."

That dream has come true with the roaring success of the ongoing WMSG.As Mr Damiani con-

"I have realised my dream. We have managed this perfectly. The Chinese organizing Committee did a marvellous job. It's always difficult to hold the first edition of any games but frankly speaking, we have had a very nice event so far."

Beijing has already notched up an unprecedented success this year by hosting the Olympics and the Paralympics. Now, the capital can rightly - and proudly - add the first-ever WMSG to that

The gala has brought together prominent stars as well as promising talents to contest some of mankind's oldest, yet highly sophisticated, mental exercises. However, in a fast-paced world used to the instant gratification dished out by superstars such as Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps, Mr Damiani says mind sports are all about the basics.

"I believe we should have not live, but delayed broadcasts of the Games. Mental sports can nor need offer the visual thrill of physical sports. The most important thing about, and hopefully also the legacy of the WMSG, is education. Mind Sports teach people how to concentrate. If you concentrate, it will help you in memorising and reasoning things. It will also help you to learn about different cultures.

Mind Sports are ...for wisdom and peace. If the people of the world know each other better, they will no longer play against each other but, much more important, with each other. They will know better and understand better. And as a result of this, the risk of war will be lowered a lot."

For Mr Damiani, mind sports are enjoying far more popularity than physical sports because "hundreds of millions of people are already playing and practicing. With active fan bases everywhere on the Internet playing chess, checkers and Go at just about any given time, I am convinced that mind sports are a fantastic tool for the Internet."

For a bridge game, you can be in Beijing and team up with a player in Paris to play against a random pair from Moscow and New York...we are the perfect proof of the value of Internet. Our future is very bright."

"There is a limit, however, to what future can bring. I believe in the future, we will have parts of the Games held entirely online. But for the time being, we should bring people together to one country, one city (for the event) in order to create a human atmosphere. The human interaction will continue to be very important!"

















Today's Programs

Bridge

Open Teams, Women Teams, Senior Teams:

At CNCC:

11.00 hrs – 13.20 hrs.: Finals, segment 4 14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Finals, segment 5 17.10 hrs – 19.30 hrs.: Finals, segment 6 Youth Individual (-28), played at BICC 10.30 hrs. – 14.00 hrs.: Session 3 15.30 hrs. – 19.00 hrs.: Session 4

Chess

Rapid teams, Men:

10.00 hrs. -13.30 hrs: Semifinals 15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Finals Rapid teams, Women:

10.00 hrs. -13.30 hrs: Semifinals 15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Finals

Draughts

64-square Individual Men:

10.00 hrs. – 11.00 hrs.: Playoff Rapid 16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Finals 64-square Individual Women:

10.00 hrs. - 11.00 hrs.: Playoff Rapid

16.00 hrs. - 19.30 hrs.: Finals

Checkers:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 9 16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Playoffs

Go

Teams, men:

10.00 hrs. - 13.30 hrs.: Semifinals

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Final and bronze medal playoff

Mixed Pairs:

10.00 hrs. - 13.30 hrs.: Semifinals

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Final and bronze medal playoff

Xiangqi

Teams, men:

09.00 hrs. - 12.00 hrs.: Round 9 (final round)

Today's Awards Presentations

25th Medal	Xiangqi Teams Men	14.00-14.10
26th Medal	Checkers Event	15.00-15.10
27th Medal	Go Teams Men	19.00-19.10
28th Medal	Go Pairs Mixed	19.10-19.20
29th Medal	Bridge Indiv. (Youth-28)	19.20-19.30
30th Medal	Chess Teams Rapid Women	19.30-19.40
31st Medal	Chess Teams Rapid Men	19.40-19.50
32nd Medal	Bridge Teams Open	19.50-20.05
33rd Medal	Bridge Teams Women	20.05-20.20
34th Medal	Draughts 8x8 Indiv. Men	20.20-20.30
35th Medal	Draughts 8x8 Indiv. Women	20.30-20.40

All awards will be presented in the Convention Hall No. 3, BICC, Ground Floor.

Chess - Team Rapid

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	Men - After 9 Rounds			'	Women - After 9 I	Rounds
- [China	17		-	Russia	16
2	USA	14		2	China	16
3	Ukraine	12		3	Vietnam	14
4	Iran	12		4	Ukraine	13
5	Hungary	12		5	Turkey	11
6	Estonia	П		6	Hungary	10
7	India	П		7		10
8	Turkmenistan	П		8	Italy	
9	Iceland	10		_	Iran	10
10	Brazil	10		9	Latvia	10
П	Singapore	10		10	USA	10
12	Latvia	10		П	Mongolia	10
13	Turkey	10		12	Sweden	9
14	Mexico	10		13	England	9
15	Austria	9		14	India	9
16	Vietnam	ģ		15	Slovakia	9
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Go Results

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9 Germany 8 10 Poland	8
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11 Serbia 6 12 Slovakia	6
12 Macau, China 6 13 Malaysia	6
13 Sweden 6 14 Spain	6
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Go Teams Men - Quarterfinal results				
Korea	bt	Czech Republic		
Japan	bt	DPR Korea		
Chinese Taipei	bt	Hong Kong, China		
China	bt	Ukraine		

Go Mixed Teams - Eighth Final Results Eight Pro teams, not necessarily from eight different countries, joined

the eight qualifiers from the amateur group matches. Here are the results (P = pro, A = amateur):

Quarterfinal Results				
China P	bt	Mongolia A		
Japan P	bt	Czech Republic A		
Korea P	bt	DPR Korea A		
Chinese Taipei P	bt	Japan A		
Korea A	bt	Japan P		
China P	bt	Hungary A		
Chinese Taipei P	bt	Ukraine A		
Korea P	, bt	China A		

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Ronald King (Barbados): I love all games!

(courtesy of FMDJ)



Ronald King loves games: checkers, international draughts, chess, table tennis, running marathons and the list goes on. Basically the four-times Sportsman of the Year from Barbados loves to compete.

He is participating in the international 10×10 tournament and the three-moves checkers at the WMSG in Beijing. The former world champion claims he is going to win

this checkers event. After that he will be participating in the Irish Open three-moves checkers tournament.

King, known as Suky by his friends, won the Go-as-youplease checkers world title 18 times and is still the current world champion. Not only does he play checkers, but puts a lot of effort in promoting the sport also. The government employs him to teach draughts at the University, twenty schools and he runs his own school.

While playing different kinds of mind sports, he is the one to ask what is more difficult: chess or draughts? His strong answer is: "We play on the same board, that is like living in the same house. Why should someone say he is better? We should not fight about that. It is a different game. I love all games!"

BRIDGE

OPEN TEAMS Final & Playoff

Match		Total
I Italy	England	123 - 78
Norway	Germany	93 - 56

WOMEN TEAMS Final & Playoff

Match		Total
I China	England	58 -141
I USA	Turkey	134 - 88

SENIOR TEAMS Final & Playoff

Ma	atch	Total
I USA	Japan	124 - 81
l Egypt	Indonesia	56 -108

TRANSNATIONAL

Round of 8 Match 2nd Total | Russia Herbst 28 - 10 17 - 19 45 - 29 2 A - Evertrust Zimmermann 45 - 7 6 - 38 51 - 45 3 Yeh Bros Zaleski 42 - 36 8 - 10 50 - 46 49 - 30 16 - 47 65 - 77 4 Hugon Auken

Round of 4					
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Russia	A - Evertrust 40 - 17	25 - 42	65 - 59		
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JUNIORS INDIVIDUAL - BRIDGE

	Group A	
	JOHANSEN L.A.	57,90%
2	IGNATOV Lubomir	57,12%
3	HU Junjie	56,42%
4	ANTER Salih Murat	56,08%
5	VERBEEK Tim	55,73%
6	NISTOR Radu	55,64%
7	WASIAK A. Lucasz	55,38%
8	MACHNO A. Marek	55.30%
9	SIKORA Jan	55,21%
10	KRAWCZYK Joanna	54,95%
П	STUURMAN Dennis	54,34%
12	BURAS Krzysztof	53,73%
13	O'SHEA William	53,21%
14	SEN Melih Osman	52,52%
15	SCHALTZ Martin	52,26%
16	ARASZKIEWICZ K.	52,17%
17	FELLUS Simon	52,17%
18	HOULBERG A.S.	52,00%
19	JIANG Yujie	51,56%
20	EIDE Erik A	51,48%

	Group B	
1	VOLOZHENIN Ivan	61,62%
2	WU You	59,13%
3	MARGOT Cedric	58,81%
4	SCHULZ Dieter	58,61%
5	SYUSYUKIN Ivan	57,63%
6	EGGELING Marie	57,59%
7	DE DONDER Steven	56,68%
8	BOYD Richard	56,60%
9	HORNIBROOK John	55,57%
10	GRUDE Tor Eivind	55,43%
Ш	GOMEZ HIERRO R.	55,30%
12	KOPECKY Michal	54,81%
13	DESAI Sapan	54,62%
14	SORENSĖN L. M.	53,51%
15	HELMICH Aarnout	53,36%
16	VAN MECHELEN R.	53,06%
17	LEBATTEUX A.	52,49%
18	AKSUEYEK Efe	52,23%
19	VASILEV Nikolai	52,17%
20	ELLISON Myles	51,71%

	Group C	
-	BLAZEVICIUS Rokas	60,24%
2	YEUNG Tak Lung	58,44%
3	MOGOT Daan Elia	58,20%
4	BETHERS Peteris	57,71%
5	STEPHENS Philip	56,00%
6	ETCHEPAREBO'RDA	55.63%
7	FAGERLUND Vesa	54,92%
8	VAN DER HORST	54.85%
9	HOLLOWAY Peter	54,59%
10	PRIU TOUS Joan	54,58%
П	DARKADAKIS A.	54,55%
12	ENCONTRO Mylene	54,50%
ı	KUNKONGMEÉW.	54,37%
14	II Yasuaki	54,29%
15	DWYER Kevin	54,18%
16	LORENCS Martins	53,71%
17	KATZ Sam	53,69%
18	SINLOYMA Rujipong	53,39%
19	KORKEVICIUS M.	53,31%
20	GRIJALVA Rolando	53,19%
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Group D					
1	POON Ching Fung	59,31%			
2	MESTIRI Anas	58,05%			
3	EGE Niclas Raulund	57,89%			
4	KOROMPIS F.	57,82%			
5	SOEBROTO Anthony	57,34%			
6	REW Fraser	57,16%			
7	BARENDREGT E.	56,56%			
8	TRIGEORGIS G.	56,56%			
9	MINUTI Guillermo	56,09%			
10	SUMARAUW Y.	55,47%			
П	JACOB Nick	55,01%			
12	KYRANIDES Marios	54,50%			
13	MILANO Eryck	53,96%			
14	LIN Yi-Li	53,09%			
15	KCHAOU Ahmed	53,01%			
16	MUNRO Angus	52,95%			
17	MARTIN Jaime	52,82%			
18	FUNG Lik Hang N.	52,20%			
19	SYNNOTT David	52,19%			
20	HOLLANDS Peter	52,14%			

Amateur Pair Defeats Pro Opponents

(from a story by James Davies, courtesy of Ranka/Int. Go Federation)



The pair Go competition shifted from round-robin mode into knockout mode this morning. Apart from the presence of professional players, the biggest change is in time control. Each pair now has an hour of clock time, followed by the same 30-second-permove overtime system as used in the other events. In the first knockout round, seven of the eight professional pairs defeated their amateur opponents, but one amateur pair rose in rebellion: Kim Shinyoung and Hong Seok-ui of the Republic of Korea defeated pros Konishi Kazuko and Imamura Toshiya of Japan.

The Kim-Hong pair came to this tournament with impressive credentials. Kim qualified by being the top ranked Korean insei. Hong won his way into the the World Mind Sports Games through a two-stage tournament among the top twelve in the Korean amateur rating system, and he also finished first at the European Go Congress in 2007 and second in 2008. In their next game, Kim and Hong will face two Chinese pros: Li He and Yu Bin.

The DPR Korean pair (Jo & Jo) came close to scoring a second amateur victory in their match against Lee Hajin and On Sojin from the Republic of Korea. Theirs was the last pair game to end; south prevailed over north, pro over amateur, by two and a half points. Lacking any professional pairs, DPR Korea is now eliminated from the main pair competition. In the next round Lee and On will take on Chang Kai-hsin and Lin Chih-han from Chinese Taipei, who defeated Japan's Hiraoka pair.

Members of Chinese Xiangqi Men's Team at the 1st WMSG



Lv Qin (1962) Champion of Men's Individual at World Xiangqi Championships for five times; Champion of Men's Individual at Asian Xiangqi Championships once; Champion of Men's Individual at China National Xiangqi Championships five times



Zhao Guorong (1961) Champion of Men's Individual at World Xiangqi Championships once; Champion of Men's Individual at Asian Xiangqi Championships once; Champion of Men's Individual at China National Xiangqi Championships four times



Sun Yongzheng (1981) Champion of Men's Individual at Asian Xiangqi Championships in 2005.

Dutch Players Visit Beijing's Draughts School

(courtesy of FMDI)

One of the draughts schools in Beijing invited the Dutch players Wim and Arne van Mourik to attend a draughts class. The draughts classes for children are held every Sunday afternoon, they then train for 1,5 hours.



Father and son Van Mourik started promoting the draughts sport from the first day they arrived in China. Wim van Mourik is very interested in the history of the game. Arne is dedicated to draughts composing.

Wim showed the young children many pictures from ancient paintings, drawings and books and told them about the draughts sport's old history.



Arne gained applause with the nice compositions he presented on the demonstration board. He ended his presentation with a fantasy construction named 'Torch On Fire', a blink to the Olympic ambiance in Beijing during the World Mind Sports Games. This problem was already published in yesterday morning's Bulletin.

At the end of the class the children and their parents all received a Dutch kids' magazine and a plastic bag with a draughts cartoon ("he hit me first").

If You Think It's Difficult, It Is!

(courtesy of FMDJ)

The best female checkers player at the moment is the 20-year-old Amangul Durdyeva from Turkmenistan. She is the reigning world champion and will be challenged for the title in 2009 by the best placed woman in this 1st WMSG competition.

The WMSG in Beijing hosts a mixed (men and women) checkers tournament and Durdyeva is happy with that. She hopes to meet one of her brothers as an opponent. Her father, who acted as an interpreter during the interview, smiled when he told this anecdote: 'In the Irish Open of 2003, her brother Bashim and she were place 1st and 2nd in the tournament before the last round. They had to play each other for the title. As this happened on Amangul's birthday, we joked that Bashim could lose the game to her as a birthday present, which he obviously didn't. He won the tournament and Amangul took the silver. A year later, they again had to meet in the last round of the Irish Open, ranked 1st and 2nd. This time Amangul beat her brother!'

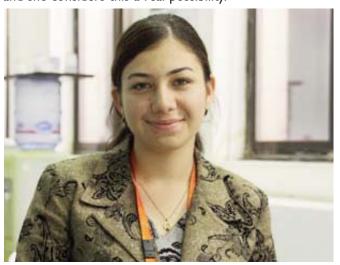
Family

Amangul surely is very talented, but more is needed to be a top level player for such a long time. Mother and father Durdyev are both honorary coach of Turkmenistan and all of her brothers are playing checkers, it is thus not a surprise that she trains and plays very often at home.

Playing checkers and also international draughts brought her to many countries: Netherlands, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Belarus, Russia, Czech Republic, Germany and of course China. She is glad that her family joins her on her trips. Unfortunately her mother is too busy to come along to Beijing.

Future

When not at home, you can find Amangul at the polytechnical institute where she is studying. Usually, she gets high marks for her work. Study, training and helping her mother at home, isn't it difficult to manage her time? Amangul: 'If you consider something to be difficult, then everything is difficult.' In the future, Amangul wants to be the world champion in the men's checkers competitions and she considers this a real possibility.



Go: Chinese Women Do It Again!

by James Davies (courtesy of Ranka/Int. Go Federation)

The Chinese women's team defeated the team from the Republic of Korea 2-I to take the gold medal in the women's team go competition at the World Mind Sports Games. As in China's semifinal victory over Japan, it was Zhang Yan and Wang Xiangyun who got the job done, beating Kim Hyemin and Kwon Hyojun on boards one and two. On the third board Park Jiyun salvaged some honor for the Republic of Korea by defeating China's Teng Yi. In the playoff for third place, the Japanese team won all three of their games against the DPR Korean team.

At the awards ceremony in the evening the audience gave a warm round of applause and two cheers as tournament director Wang Runan placed bronze medals around the necks of the white-jacketed Japanese trio and IGF director Thomas Hsiang handed them bouquets. The volume of the applause rose and the number of cheers increased as the silver medals and bouquets were awarded to the black-jacketed Korean team. Then the audience let loose with their full approval as the red-jacketed Chinese team and their coach Yu Bin received the gold medals. As the crowd left the Beijing International Conference Center, one member of the Chinese team was seen to be literally jumping for joy. A new generation has arisen in the world of Chinese go, and by taking both the individual and team gold medals, they have served notice that they are second to no one.

Draughts

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_	Roberts Misans Jean-Marc Ndjofang	17 17	14	Dul Erdenebileg	15
7	Alexander Getmanski	16	15	Kees Thijssen	15
8	Valery Kudriavcev	16	16	Ron Heusdens	15

Draughts 10x10 Rap	oid -Eighth Finals	
Alexander Georgiev (2442) - Raimond	s Vipulis (2302)	2 - 0
Arnaud Cordier (2366) - Leopold Kou	uogueu (2357)	2 - 0
Jean-Marc Ndjofang (2349) - Ron Heus	dens (2334)	1 - 1
Adama Kone (2029) - Bassirou Ba (231	19)	0 - 2
Alexei Chizhov (2417) - Mourodoullo	Amrillaew (2323)	1 - 1
Kees Thijssen (2357) - Alexander Getm	nanski (2366)	1 - 1
Valery Kudriavcev (2194) - Dul Erdene	bileg (2339)	0 - 2
Auke Scholma (2340) - Guntis Valneris	(2399)	0 - 2
Quarter	Finals	
Alexander Georgiev (2442) - Arnaud (Cordier (2366)	2 - 0
Jean-Marc Ndjofang (2349) - Bassirou	Ba (2319)	- *
Alexei Chizhov (2417) - Alexander Ge	etmanski (2366)	* -
Dul Erdenebileg (2339) - Guntis Valne	ris (2399)	- *

Russian Draughts 8x8 Quarter Finals	
Elena Miskova - Ganina Lubov	2 - 0
Viktoriya Motrichko - Darja Fedorovich	* -
Julia Romanskaia - Zhanna Sarshoeva	* -
Julia Makarenkova - Ekaterina Bushueva	* -

Brazilian Draughts 8x8 Quarter Finals	
Ion Dosca - Gawril Kolesov	* -
Sergey Belosheev - Valeriy Grebyonki	* -
Oleg Dashkov - Andrius Kybartas	* -
Nikolay Struchkov - Alexander Schwarzman	2 - 0

Checkers - After 7 Rounds			10	Mirko De Grandis	16
	Alexander Moiseev	22	ΙĬ	Richard Beckwith	16
2	Mustafa Durdyev	19	12	Amangul Durdyeva	15
3	Bagtiyah Durdyev	19	13	Shane McCosker	15
4	Ronald Suky King	19	14	Aleksejus Papulovas	15
5	William Docherty	17	15	lgor Martynov	15
6	Mikhail Shabshai	17	16	Paolo Faleo	15
7	Bashim Durdyev	17	17	Alexei Shonin	15
8	Raivis Paegle	17	18	Javean Gerelchuluun	15
9	James Morrison	16	19	Hugh Devlin	15



男子团体象棋比赛(Men Team Xianggi)

第9轮对阵表(9th round pairing) Date: 2008-10-17

台次 Desk	红方(Red)			结 果 Result		黑方(Black)		
No.	代号 No.	代表队 Team	积分 Pts	红方 Red	黑方 Black	代号 No.	代表队 Team	积分 Pts
1	1	中华台北(TPE)	9			12	中国(CHN)	15
2	8	越南(VIE)	14			15	中国澳门(MAC)	8
3	6	澳大利亚(AUS)	8			4	美国(USA)	10
4	7	中国香港(HKG)	10			16	法国(FRA)	8
5	17	印尼(INA)	8			5	新加坡(SIN)	9
6	11	英国(GBR)	8			3	芬兰(FIN)	5
7	14	德国(GER)	7			10	日本(JPN)	7
8	18	俄罗斯(RUS)	4			13	加拿大(CAN)	7
9	2	乌克兰(UKR)	0			9	荷兰(NED)	7



"No understanding without knowledge"

An interview with Alexander Georgiev (courtesy of FMDJ)

Alexander Georgiev celebrated his WMSG victory by drinking tea and eating cake with a small group of people. Not champagne, the winner does not understand why people should drink alcohol, a juice for him will do just fine. Talking to Georgiev is talking to a man who chooses his words with care.

Knowledge is needed for understanding

Although he acts at top level in international draughts, Georgiev thinks that there still lays a lot of improvement ahead. Thousands of positions are waiting for him to understand. 'Knowledge and understanding are not the same. You start by gathering knowledge. A good player cannot do without this, you should search for the why of every move. There are many different positions and accompanying rules you have to know. Everybody knows that each rule has its exceptions, that is where the understanding part comes in. A really good player will choose the right moment to deviate from the theory.'

Georgiev: 'My strongest points are that I understand the game quite well and can play different styles.' The young players from Yakutia benefit from his skills. Georgiev is the consultant to promising good players, amongst them are Nogovitsyna and Platonova. He meets them at different competitions and teaches them while analysing their games. He likes to work with this group from the Asian part of Russia. With them he shares his love for draughts, and of course it is nice to be teaching when you see results.

WMSG

Georgiev played all of his games in the WMSG without preparing for any opponent in special. 'I am already familiar with the style of the top players and have enough understanding of the game to compete'. The day after the regular tournament the rapid tournament started. When he was asked about his ambitions in this competition under reduced time limits, he answered clearly 'of course I want to win.'



Tilburg visits Beijing

The major bridge club of Tilburg (Netherlands) is called Theseus, after the mythological ancient Greek hero. No less than seven members of this bridge club are with us, here in Beijing. What is more: they are not at all restricting themselves to bridge only.



back row left to right:Bob Drijver (bridge U26), Thomas Michielsen (supporter), Wouter Ludwig (draughts 10x10), Marc van Beijsterveldt (bridge TD)

front row, left to right: Judith Nab (bridge U21), Vincent Nab (bridge U21), Petra Schuurman (women's chess)

Thomas Michielsen is here as a general supporter and visitor of the Games. Wouter Ludwig is competing in the Draughts 10x10 and Petra Schuurman is competing in the Chess event. Needless to say, both are keen bridge players too!

Press Conference

A Press Conference will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10.30 hrs. in the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC), second floor, room 201.

It is organised by the Chinese Organizing Committee and the IMSA.

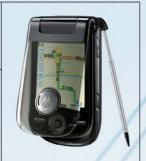
All journalists present are kindly invited to attend this meeting.

The Organizing Committee



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