



“Bridge for Peace”

Signing Ceremony
2018 World Youth Bridge Teams Championship
Suzhou, Wu Jiang District, China
25th May 2017

WBF President Speech

Mr. Ge Feng, Vice President of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, Mr. Tang Weiming, Deputy Chief of Wu Jiang District, M.me Chen Zelan, International Mind Sport Association President, dear WBF and CCBA colleagues, Authorities, ladies and gentleman, dear friends, good morning.

Both on behalf of the WBF and personally, I am very pleased and honored to be here at the Signing Ceremony of the 17th World Youth Bridge Teams Championship, to be held at the Li Ze Culture and Sports Palace, Suzhou, Wu Jiang District, China, from Wednesday the 8th to Saturday the 18th August 2018.

I would like to congratulate the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, the Wu Jiang District, the Local Organising Committee and all the sponsors-friends, because without their generous contribution and support this event would not have materialized. I am sure that this event will be a great success rewarding the excellent work done by them with passion and dedication.

The CCBA is one of the leading National Bridge Federations, everywhere in the world, in developing the sport of bridge and in particular the youth bridge, achieving impressive results. The People Republic of China has already very successfully hosted several unforgettable WBF World Championships and several International Bridge events.

I am confident, better I am sure, that Suzhou and Wu Jiang District, once again, will welcome and host the participants at the 17th World Youth Bridge Teams Championship, hundreds of young players from everywhere in the world, in accordance with their high standards of culture, history and hospitality.

Since now I welcome with open arms all the young players and their captains, coaches, accompaniers who will attend the championship, to enjoy a great bridge event in peace and harmony, sharing, without discrimination, their passion and enthusiasm in a new, exciting and memorable bridge adventure.

Since now I am proud to say that, once again, all together, *To defeat hatred we will play the Card of Peace.*

Looking forward to meeting you, next year, at the Championship,

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