

福娃 FuWa



Olympic Game Mascots - Friendlies FuWa

One day, five mascots of the 2008 Olympic Games named FuWa in Beijing were arguing at a meeting about who is the most important mascot. They are Beibei the Fish, Jingjing the Panda, Huanhuan the Olympic Flame, Yingying the Tibetan Antelope, and Nini the Swallow. Everybody thinks they are more important than others.

Beibei the Fish says she is the most important mascot for the 2008 Olympics because according to China's traditional culture, the fish design is a symbol of harvest and prosperity. She carries the blessing of prosperity. A fish is also a symbol of surplus in Chinese culture, another measure of a good year and a good life. Therefore, Beibei tells the other four mascots that she should be the most important mascot for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Jingjing the Panda doesn't like Beibei being the most important mascot. Jingjing thinks he is more important than anybody else because he is both a national symbol of China and an international symbol for environmentalism. Not only Chinese people know him, people around world all know him. He brings the blessing of happiness wherever he goes.

Huanhuan the Olympic Flame believes that he is the most important one because he is the big brother of them all and he is in the center of the FuWa. He symbolizes the Olympic Flame and the passion for sports. He represents the Olympic spirits of “being faster, higher, and stronger.”

Yingying the Tibetan Antelope disagrees with Huanhuan’s opinion. He is very confident that only he can be the best mascot for the 2008 Olympic Games. He has a special leaping pose and it looks like he can quickly race across the earth to carry the blessing of health to people all over the world.

Nini the Swallow asks everybody giving her a chance to talk. She considers that she would be a main character of the five mascots because she is a swallow and is a messenger of spring and happiness in the Chinese culture. She is seen as a symbol of good fortune. She uses her golden wings to fly in the endless sky and brings good luck as a blessing to all the people on earth.

At last, they are arguing does not have outcome. Suddenly, they hear the news from the radio and it says that the official Mascots of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games are unveiled today. The Mascots consist of five figures, named FuWa collectively. They include Beibei the Fish, Jingjing the Panda, Huanhuan the Olympic Flame, Yingying the Tibetan Antelope, and Nini the Swallow. When you put their names together –Bei Jing Huan Ying Ni ---it says “Beijing Welcomes You” and they represent the colors for five Olympic rings. After they listened to the radio, Beibei shouted it out “We are all important because five of us together represent the 2008 Olympic Games mascots!” Jingjing, Huanhuan, Yingying and Nini all had the same feeling. They held hands together, dancing, and singing. They sang, “FuWa would carry good wishes to the children of the world and spread prosperity, happiness, passion, health and good luck to everywhere we go. We wish the 2008 Olympic Games are going to be one of the greatest Olympics ever!”