

35 days to go: Myrtha Pools technology allows Hangzhou to host Swimming World Championships

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Leading international swimming pool company Myrtha Pools, a long-term FINA partner, is currently finalising the installation of the temporary pools (25 x 26m, 2m deep) and facilities that will be used at the upcoming [14th FINA World Swimming Championships \(25m\)](#) [1] in Hangzhou, China, from December 11-16, 2018.

The Italian company had developed an innovative concept to build, on top of an existing tennis centre, not only the main 25m competition pool but also a warm-up pool for training purposes located in an adjacent building attached to the Championships venue. The facilities will include sufficient space for athletes' preparation and team areas and can accommodate a large number of spectators.



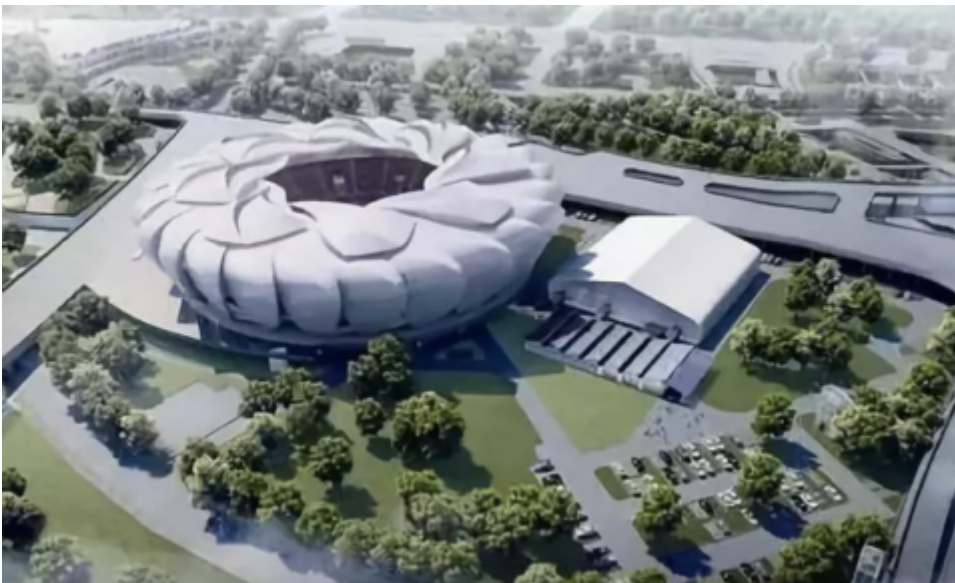
competition pool

The temporary swimming pools will eventually be dismantled at the end of the World Swimming Championships to be permanently reinstalled in other locations where they will remain available to the local communities, schools and sport clubs.



warm-up pool

The Hangzhou Olympic and International Expo Center, where the event will be held next month, is only a 15-20 minute-drive from most of the official hotels.



Over 900 athletes are expected to attend, representing around 150 nations and the races schedule unfolds as follow:

SCHEDULE [2]

The six-day event in one of China's most flourishing and modern cities will be preceded by the [5th FINA World Aquatics Convention](#) [3], a top- top-notch gathering for the leaders of the wider Aquatics Family looking to share best practice and knowledge within the community.

The FINA Best Athletes of the 2018 will also be honoured on the occasion of the [FINA World Aquatics Gala](#) [4].

The FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) were first held in Palma de Mallorca in Spain in 1993 and since then have taken place all over the world, including Doha (QAT) and Windsor (CAN) for the last two editions.

Some of the biggest names in swimming such as Michael Phelps (USA), Australia's Ian Thorpe, Jenny

Thompson (USA) and Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry have taken part in these Championships during their brilliant career.
