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Delegates enjoy first day at World Diving Conference in Chongqing

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The first day at the FINA World Diving Conference, currently taking place in Chongqing, China, was highlighted by the meeting between FINA Executive Director Cornel Marculescu and Chongqing Vice-Mayor Mr Qu Qian, who welcomed the FINA Family and the Diving Community to the vibrant 30 million-citizen city.

Mr Qu expressed his wishes to see Chongqing host many more aquatic events in the near future, and confirmed the 3000-year history city's strong interest for sport.

Approximately 150 participants from 50 countries are attending the two-day Conference, an event widely supported by the China Swimming Association.



The Conference officially kicked-off today with welcome messages from Mr Marculescu, FINA TDC Chairman Andrey

Vlasenko, China Swimming Association Chairperson and FINA Bureau Member Zhou Jihong and Chongqing Party Secretary and Director of Chongqing Bureau of Sports Ding Hong.

The first presentation of the day dealt with the new approach in diving as well as the coaches & judges working together as a team.

Speaker FINA TDC Honorary Secretary Kathy Seaman presented the evolution of the discipline in the recent years and what is coming up next. Technology, dryland exercises and the stars of diving were topics discussed and presented during Seaman's presentation.



The second presentation focused on the upcoming FINA events. UKD Executive Director Nina Umanets presented the Diving Junior World Championships 2018 .

Gwangju Organising Committee representative In Cho updated on the latest development of the next FINA World Championships in 2019, including latest venues changes.



Kiho Abe of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and from Japan Swimming Federation gave an updated on the

upcoming Olympic Games.

The productive day concluded with a session covering the theme "Identifying new Diving technique now and in the future and getting the best out of Duraflex", as Steve Vollmecke presented the latest Duraflex boards.

A total of 53 NFs and 138 participants took part in the two-day event. 26 coaches registered, while 13 Technical Diving Committee Members and 15 Team Officials or National Federation representatives responded present.

(31 ITOs, 11 NTOs, 38 Local Participants (10 Coaches & 28 Judges))
