

A great World Championship in Kaihua.

The lights are off, bowls doesn't roll anymore, the World Championship of Kaihua is over.

CBI and Chinese Bowls Association wanted this competition with all their strength and have cooperated as a fantastic team getting resounding result, a great success not only for women's bowls, but for sport overall.

The President of International Bowls Confederation, Romolo Rizzoli, has expressed his satisfaction:

Kaihua, he said, proved the incredible sporting value of raffa and of the women's bowls. This has become a universal sport, where technical schools are of highest caliber, and this guarantees an exciting show, where victory is divided by defeat only by a few points.

In congratulating the Argentinean athletes, continued the President, I applaud all the other players featured in this World Championship and thank them for being able to interpret a competition, of such a high agonistic tension, with the real spirit that sport requires. This World Championship has been the greatest spot for the sporting values, of fair play, respect, fight against all forms of racism and violence. An example for all of great education, intelligence, unity and sport friendship even if, for the athletes on the lanes, that could be the race of life. I'm proud of all that and I thank everyone, managers, coaches, referees and players.

The victory of Argentina, continued the President, has stopped three consecutives Italian victories. However, don't forget the Chinese athletes who fought up to the end, before giving way to the final to the ever very good Italians and to the many young emerging players, ready to storm, to win the highest step of the podium. So much talent deserves the joy of being able to express in the most important competitions of Olympic thickness.

Finally, concluded the President, I mean my gratitude to all those who were the architects of this World Championship, the executives of Chinese Bowls Association, the Organising Committee and all the volunteers. You made a masterpiece!