

2011 Ballooning Report from China

The ballooning Association of Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) is engaged in administering and promoting ballooning in China.

There are 407 pilots, 260 registered balloons, 40 clubs, 4 training schools in China. All the balloons are made in China by two Chinese manufacturers. About 40 students are trained each year. Last year, 12 ASFC approved balloon events were held. No incident or accident was happened.

Our National championship is held every year. The host city has changed several. We have been trying to find an ideal and permanent place with good flying area, competition facilities, the support from local government and sponsors. This year, the championship will be held in Zhangbei county, it is not too far from the capital city Beijing, nice for ballooning during the summer time, we hope the championship can be held there long and in the future an international festival could be held there.

Many thanks to Mr. Marthijs de Bruijn, he came to China two times to instruct our 2010 and 2011 national championships, this year will be his third time, he has done great help to the development of ballooning in China.

Thank you.