

UNIT 13 : The 22nd SEA Games



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I. READING :

The 22nd Southeast Asian Games were held in Vietnam from the 5th to 13th December, 2003. Although it was the first time Vietnam hosted such a big sports event, the Games were a great success. The Games really became a festival that impressed sports enthusiasts with its spirit: solidarity, co-operation for peace and development.

Athletes from 11 participating countries competed in 32 sports, and 444 gold medals were won. Some teams such as table tennis, badminton, karatedo, volleyball, basketball and wrestling were composed of top competitors in the region. Many Games records were close to international levels. Vietnam won 158 gold medals to finish at the top of the Southeast Asian Games medal standings. Thailand was ranked second with 90 golds, and Indonesia was third with only 55 golds. Singapore and Vietnam were the two nations which had participants who were presented with the Most Outstanding Athlete titles in the Swimming and Shooting events. The Vietnamese Women's Football team successfully defended the SEA Games title. The Men's Football team won a silver medal. In other sports such as karatedo, athletics, bodybuilding and wushu, the young and energetic Vietnamese athletes performed excellently and won a lot of gold medals.

Vietnam's first place finish was not surprising. Firstly, to prepare for the 22nd SEA Games, Vietnam carried out an intensive programme for its athletes, which included training in facilities, both home and abroad. Secondly, with the strong support of their countrymen, the Vietnamese athletes competed in high spirits. The country's success has proved that Vietnam can organize sporting events on an international level. A plan has been proposed for Vietnam to host the Asia Sports Games at some point in the future.

1. Vocabulary:

- abroad /ə'brɔ:d/ (adv) : ở nước ngoài
- at some point : vào một thời điểm nào đó
- athlete /'æθ.li:t/ (n) : vận động viên
- athletics /æθ'let.iks/ (n) : các môn điền kinh
- bodybuilding/ 'bɒd.i bil.dɪŋ/ (n) : môn thể hình
- Carry out = to conduct, to perform = thực hiện
- Close to = near= gần với
- compete /kəm'pi:t/ (v) : thi đấu, tranh tài
- Competition (n)/ competitor (n)/ competitive(a)
- Be composed of = to consist of / to comprise= gồm có
- co-operation (n) /kəʊ,ɑ:.pə'rei.ʃən/ (n)= sự hợp tác
- cooperate (v) /kəʊ'ɑ:.pə'reit/ : hợp tác
- countryman(n) /'kʌn.tri.mən/ : đồng bào = compatriot /kəm'pæt.ri.ət/
- enthusiast (n) /ɪn'θju:.zi.æst/ : người hâm mộ, người say mê
- energetic(a): /,en.ə'dʒet.ɪk/ : mạnh mẽ, năng nổ
- enthusiastic about sb/sth = say mê
- facilities (n) : các tiện nghi
- festival (n) : lễ hội, liên hoan
- Gain (v) : dành được
- host (v) : đăng cai, tổ chức
- impress (v) : gây ấn tượng
- include (v) /ɪn'klu:d/ : bao gồm
- intensive (a) /ɪn'ten.sɪv/ : (huấn luyện) chuyên sâu và cấp tốc
- outstanding (a) : xuất sắc, nổi bật
- peace (a) /pi:s/ : hòa bình
- perform (v) : biểu diễn, trình diễn
- propose (v) : đề nghị
- quantity (n) : số lượng
- rank (v) : xếp hạng
- region (n) /'ri:.dʒən/ : khu vực, vùng
- solidarity (n) /,sɒl.i'dær.ə.ti/ : tình đoàn kết
- spectator (n) /spek'teɪ.tər/ : khán giả
- spirit (n) : tinh thần
- standings (n) : bảng xếp hạng
- title (n) : danh hiệu

2. Listening – watch the video reading ò unit 13

3. Reading comprehension:

Task 1: Give the Vietnamese equivalents to the following words and phrases

1. Sport enthusiast _____
2. Solidarity _____
3. Title _____
4. Bodybuilding _____
5. High spirits _____
6. Countrymen _____

Task 2. Scan the passage and complete each of the following sentences.

1. The 22nd SEA Games were held in Vietnam from _____
2. Thailand was ranked second with _____
3. Singapore and Vietnam had participants who were awarded the Most Outstanding Athletes titles in _____
4. A plan has been proposed for Vietnam to host the Asia Sports Games at _____

Task 3 Answer the questions

1. What was the spirit of the 22nd SEA Games?
2. How many gold medals were won at the SEA Games?
3. Which Women's Football team defended the SEA Games title?
4. Which Men's Football team won the gold medal?
5. Why was Vietnam's first place finish not a surprise to everyone?

Task 4 True - false sentences

1. The 22nd Sea Games were held in Vietnam in early November 2003
2. Eleven countries from every part of Asia took part in the 22nd Sea Games
3. Vietnam defeated Thailand in the Men's football final match.
4. The Vietnamese Women's Football team lost in the final football match.
5. It was not surprising that Vietnam won the first place finish.