

Chao-Hsuan Fu Finishes 2.25 m at High Jump, Breaking GR and Qualifies for Asian Games

Chung Yuan Christian University held the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games 2023, and local athletes broke personal record at hometown. Chao-Hsuan Fu from National Taiwan University of Sport finished 2.25 m at Division I men's high jump, winning his first gold medal at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games.

Fu not only broke the original game record his fellow senior set, 2.21 m, but also secured the ticket to the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games.

Actually, after Fu finished 2.19 m, he already secured the gold medal since the silver medalist, Wei-Chih Tsai from National Chung Hsing University, bronze medalist, Yung-Jen Cheng from National Central University and the 4th place, Po-Ting Yeh from National Formosa University all finished with 2.16 m.

Afterwards, he decided to go for 2.22 m, aiming the game record Chun-Hsien Hsiang set in 2018, and succeeded at the third attempt, reaching the qualification of the Asian Games at the same time.

"The pressure was huge." Fu said. "I had a mental obstacle because I only reached 2.19 or 2.2 before, so I was touched when I finished 2.22 m."

Being the new record holder, Fu went for 2.25 m, and he succeeded at the third attempt once again, but failed three times with 2.3 m. Fu couldn't break the national record Hsiang set in 2015, 2.29 m, saying that he was exhausted, and the situation of his muscle wasn't so good.

Fu, who's 196 centimeters tall, finished 2.19 m when he was a junior at Taoyuan Municipal Taoyuan Senior High School, but only broke his own record at 2.2 m at Shizuoka International Athletics Meet the week before.

"It was pretty difficult these years." Fu said. "I kept reminding myself that I could do it, and I had to prevent myself from hearing too many negative comments."

Fu gave the credits of this success to the timing, location and people. Since the stadium was just renovated, it felt really good, and the weather was comfortable. Besides, he was in a great condition, so he finally broke his personal record after years.

Fu made an agreement with his coach in the beginning of the year that he's going to reach the qualification of the Asian Games with the 7 rest games, and he finally fulfilled his dream without having to worry about the qualification at the 2023 Taiwan Athletics Open in the end of this month.

The Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games and the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games are going to be first-time experiences for Fu. He's looking forward to learning different styles and methods from foreign athletes.

"I also hope that I could leave my name in the world." Fu said.

Ya-Chien Yu, the record holder of women's hammer throw in Taiwan, represented National Taiwan University of Sport to compete, winning her third gold medal at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games with 63.44 m.

Actually, Yu's grandpa passed away four days ago, so she wanted to give this medal to her grandpa.

“I was brought up by my grandpa.” Yu said. “I promised that I’ll give him this medal, and actually I didn’t perform well today, so my emotion was kind of affected.”

The silver medalist was Chi-Hsien Hung from University of Taipei with 51.89 m, and the bronze medalist was Yu’s fellow junior, Yu-Chieh Liang with 51.21 m.