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STORY HEADLINE: China’s Ailing Eileen Gu takes Gold in Freeski Halfpipe at Winter Youth Olympic Games and turns her attention towards Beijing 2022

LOCATION: Leysin, Switzerland
DATE: January 20, 2020
LANGUAGE: Chinese

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STORY SCRIPT:

Chinese Freestyle Skier, Ailing Eileen Gu won gold and her compatriot, Fanghui Li, took silver in Women’s Freeski Halfpipe at the Youth Olympic Games, Lausanne 2020.

Gu, who grew up in San Francisco with her Chinese mother and grandmother has been courted by both the USA and Chinese freestyle teams. She has chosen China and once she finishes her full-time studies later this year, she will switch her attention to building up to Beijing 2022.

16-year-old Gu, who won silver in the Freeski Slopestyle, won with a best score of 93 on the judge’s cards. Li, who is also 16, was awarded 85.66.

Bronze was won by Hanna Faulhaber of the United States with 77.33.

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter YOG, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Winter Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events.

1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will be in action in Lausanne, 12 of those NOCs for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games - Albania, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Kosovo, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Trinidad & Tobago.

As well as the brand new sport of Ski Mountaineering, Lausanne 2020 features five new events, Women’s Nordic Combined, Individual Normal Hill/4km, Women’s Doubles Luge, Mixed NOC 3x3 Ice Hockey, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.
SHOTLIST:
00:05 Various of Ailing Eileen Gu’s Gold Medal winning run.

00:35 SOUNDBITE: Ailing Eileen Gu, China. Gold Medallist Women’s Freeski Halfpipe (Chinese Language).
NO TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

01:07 Ailing Eileen Gu steps on to podium at Mascot Ceremony.

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01:44 All three medallists on podium for mascot ceremony.

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+++ UPDATED AFTER MEDAL CEREMONY ON 21st JANUARY IN LAUSANNE +++

02:14 Shots from medal ceremony of Women’s Freeski Halfpipe

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