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STORY HEADLINE: China's Ailing Eileen Gu wins her second Gold of Lausanne 2020 with victory in Freeski Big Air competition

LOCATION: Leysin Park and Pipe

DATE: January 22, 2020

LANGUAGE: Mandarin, English

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STORY SCRIPT:

China's Ailing Eileen Gu celebrated winning her second Gold medal of the Winter Youth Olympic Games with victory in Women's Freeski Big Air at Leysin Park and Pipe.

16-year-old Gu had already won Gold in Women's Freeski Halfpipe and silver in Women's Freeski Slopestyle.

For the Freeski Big Air she was strongly challenged by Kirsty Muir of Great Britain. But Gu narrowly won on the judges' scorecards 171.25 to silver medallist Muir's total of 170.00.

Bronze was won by Jennie-Lee Burmansson of Sweden.

Gu is a part-time model, who chose to compete for China ahead of the USA. Her mother is Chinese and father American. She lives and studies in San Francisco, but when she finishes school in the summer she will begin a full-time training programme building towards the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing 2022. She grew up in California but spends every summer in China, and is fluent in Mandarin.

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 have had gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events. The Closing Ceremony is this evening (January 22).

1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) were 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 featured 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. The fourth edition will be in the Republic of Korea in 2024.

SHOTLIST:

00:05 China's Ailing Eileen Gu performing

00:11 Ailing Eileen Gu celebrating

00:20 Ailing Eileen Gu being congratulated by other athletes

00:27 Ailing Eileen Gu on the podium receiving her gold medal

01:01 China's flag is raised

01:06 Ailing Eileen Gu on podium

01:22 SOUNDBITE: Ailing Eileen Gu, China. Gold medallist in the Women's Freeski Big Air (Mandarin Language).

"I think it's honestly the best feeling in the world. So I didn't have the run that I wanted on my first lap and as you guys know this is Big Air so you have to land two different tricks. So I had to land both of my forward and switch tricks in order to be a podium contender here. So I was definitely feeling the pressure but I think being able to perform under pressure [is important]. I'm very proud of the way I performed and seeing the points on the board, I think there is really no better feeling!"

01:42 Slow motion of Ailing Eileen Gu performing

02:00 SOUNDBITE: Ailing Eileen Gu, China. Gold medallist in the Women's Freeski Big Air (Mandarin Language). [on whether she thought she could win.]

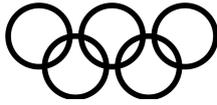
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02:28 Ailing Eileen Gu, silver medallist Kirsty Muir of Great Britain and bronze medallist Jennie-Lee Burmansson on podium pose for pictures

02:32 SOUNDBITE: Ailing Eileen Gu, China. Gold medallist in the Women's Freeski Big Air (Mandarin Language).

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02:54 SOUNDBITE: Ailing Eileen Gu, China. Gold medallist in the Women's Freeski Big Air (English Language).



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