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Children savour the spirit of Olympics in Beijing

THREE Malaysian children became part of the 2008 Olympic Games under the first McDonald's Champion Kids Programme, which entitled them to an all-expenses-paid trip to Beijing worth over RM100,000.

The global programme was held in line with McDonald's role as a Worldwide Olympic Partner and to further demonstrate the corporation's commitment in promoting "Balanced, Active Lifestyles."

Chan Bi Jing, eight, Jemmima Lim, 11, and Mandeep Singh, 12, were treated to an unforgettable experience in Beijing, as they soaked in the sights and sounds of the world's most prestigious sporting event.

Their roles as global ambassadors under the programme provided them with exclusive access to meeting some of the world's greatest athletes, as well as the chance to interact with champion kids from other countries like Ireland, Turkey, Thailand and the United States.

On their first day, the children visited The Forbidden City and

Tiananmen Square for some historical revelations, before returning to the hotel for dinner. They were treated to a game of bowling with the Champion Kids from other countries as part of the ice-breaking session.

On the second day, they visited the Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall of China.

The highlight of their day was the Medals Ceremony hosted by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), where they were presented with medals and certificates for their success in representing their home countries under the programme.

The presenters comprised former and present Olympic athletes including Edwin Moses (former hurdles gold medallist), Carl Lewis (former track and field champion), Katie Hoff (American swimmer) and Malaysia's track cyclist, Josiah Ng.

On the last day of the tour, the children visited the Beijing Zoo. The trip was made even more memorable as Moses accompanied them on their journey.



Once in a lifetime: McDonald's Champion Kids at the Great Wall of China.