



Chinese climber Pan Yufei claimed a bronze medal at the Men's Boulder and Lead at the Hangzhou Asian Games. — IC



Liu Qingyi won the first breakdancing gold medal for China at the Asian Games. — IC

New sports breakthrough at Hangzhou games

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It is no surprise that China topped the medal tally of the Asian Games, but some medals might be more valuable than a gold, because it means more breakthrough.

The medals won by the Chinese climbing team were fine examples. When climbing first appeared at the Tokyo Summer Olympics two years ago, China had only two athletes attending the events, and neither of them reached the final.

Two years later in Hangzhou, however, the Chinese team won two gold, two silver and a bronze medal.

In the speed relay events, both the women's and men's teams of China claimed gold - both defeating their Indonesian rivals. The gold medal in the men's event was obtained somewhat out of luck, because one of the Indonesian climbers made a false start; while the women's team went through a tougher trial as they came from

behind and fought to the last second.

"In fact, the Indonesia team was stronger than us in general," said Zhang Shaoqin, who attended the women's speed relay. "But if we didn't try, then we would really lose the gold."

Meanwhile, Pan Yufei won a bronze medal in the Men's Boulder and Lead. The 23-year-old was one of the two Chinese athletes who attended the Tokyo Olympics and he surpassed himself this games.