



## Ms. Wang Yannan

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Ms. Wang Yannan, from China, is the Deputy Secretary General of Chinese Contract Bridge Association, she is fully responsible for management of CCBA. In July 2000, she began to work for the Chinese Contract Bridge Association. Previously, she was not a player and she was not familiar with bridge at all. However, since she started working in CCBA, she not only quickly learned how to play bridge, but also deeply fascinated by the sport, dedicated herself to bridge and achieved remarkable results.

In the past 20 years, Wang Yannan was responsible for CCBA membership management, bridge promotion and popularization, tournament organizing and management etc. With her efforts and promotion, a series of remarkable achievements have been made.

As the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Vice President of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation, Wang Yannan actively running for bridge to be included in the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games. After many negotiations with the Chinese Olympic Committee, Hangzhou Organizing Committee and even the Olympic Council of Asia, bridge eventually became the official event of 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games.

The 44<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Team Championships was held in China last year. As the main person in charge of CCBA, Wang Yannan ensured the successful and smooth hosting of the Championships.

Wang Yannan attaches great importance to the training of young players. With her active promotion, CCBA has created a brand-new teaching model and added the technical level of "New-entry Players". The population of youth bridge players in China has increased rapidly. In the past five years, China youth players have won 11 gold medals in the World Youth Championships.

In 2020, when the COVID-19 epidemic is sweeping the world and various sports events are suspended, Wang Yannan leads the Secretariat of CCBA to launch online bridge activities from January 2020. In order to ensure the fairness and justice of online events, Wang Yannan organized CCBA's TD team and competition management team to formulate online event supervision methods. In September 2020, the highest-level tournament of CCBA, A-Class Bridge League was successfully organized in a way of small gathering of players from the same club and play online,

which not only ensured that players compete under on-site supervision, but also avoided large-scale crowds. This mode of competition allows the fair play of high-level events at this stage, and provides a reference for holding cross-regional bridge events in a more convenient way.

In recent years, CCBA not only actively undertakes the World Bridge Federation competitions, but also established international bridge competitions such as Hainan International Bridge Festival, Hua Yuan Cup Women's Elite Bridge Tournament, and Zhangjjajie International Bridge Invitational. With the development and recognition of bridge in China, many cities and enterprises are keenly interested in hosting high-level international bridge events. Wang Yannan is promoting CCBA or local cities to host and establish more international bridge events in China, and extensively carry out multilateral, bilateral, regional bridge events, TD training and other exchange activities about bridge. She will also make efforts to promote the development of bridge in China and Zone 6. Wang Yannan hopes to be more involved in international bridge affairs, build a bridge between China and the world, and join hands with bridge friends from all over the world to contribute to the progress of bridge cause.