

## 《2008年北京奥运会福娃，现在在哪？》

导读:2016里约奥运会来临之际，你是否想过曾经风光无限的北京奥运会吉祥物现在在哪，北京奥运会的场馆都被如何使用？



Beibei, one of five Chinese Olympic mascots, lies abandoned outside an unfinished mall in Beijing (AFP Photo/Greg Baker)

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once a proud talisman of the 2008 Beijing games, the character -- a traditional Chinese "good luck" doll whose fiery headdress symbolised the Olympic torch -- now lies in a field outside an unfinished mall started during the pre-game construction boom.

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He is one of six large mascot statues on the premises who have fallen down and out in the eight years since the high of the capital's enthusiasm for the games.

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Photographed weeks before the 2016 Olympics open in Rio, the mascots are a reminder of the high costs of hosting the event.

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Their derelict state reflects the challenges that China has faced in finding new uses for its Olympic investments, with many venues falling into disrepair and some construction projects left incomplete.

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China sealed its place on the world stage as an emerging superpower in the 2008 Games, which were estimated to have cost the country around \$40 billion.

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Beijing's willingness to spend big helped it win a bid last summer to host the 2022 winter Games, beating a string of European cities that withdrew due to public concerns over costs.

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The capital will be the only city in sporting history to host both summer and winter Olympics.

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Today, venues such as the Bird's Nest, which cost 3.6 billion yuan to build (\$486 million at 2008 rates) and the nearby Water Cube, with its bubbled exterior and 1.3 billion-yuan price tag, remain underused. They mostly play host to curious tourists, as few events can fill their massive capacity.

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But they and nine other venues from the 2008 Games will be re-used in 2022.

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When strung together, the five Olympic mascots' names -- Beibei, Jingjing, Huanhuan, Yingying and Nini -- spell out "Beijing huanying ni", Chinese for "Beijing welcomes you".

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Designed to represent the five elements of Chinese philosophy and embody some of the country's most popular animals -- Jingjing has panda-like features, while Yingying looks vaguely like a Tibetan antelope -- they were once

ubiquitous images across the city.

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Also hiding in the weeds was a two metre-tall (6.5 feet) rendering of Paralympic mascot Fu Niu Lele, a multi-coloured cow whose name was chosen to bring good luck.

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It's not clear if Beijing is planning a Winter Olympics comeback for the formerly fab five, but for the time being, they remain little more than a distant memory.

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