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Nanjing is famous for its Yuhua stones, which lie on the bed of the Yangtze River and are slowly polished smooth by action of the water. Known as “rain flower stones”, these alluring, translucent pebbles come in shades of red, pink, yellow, white and green.

Following a nationwide competition, the stones were selected to create the symbol of the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games in the shape of a character by the name of NanjingLELE.

NanjingLELE wears the colour red as a sign of enthusiasm, while blue signifies kindness and

selflessness; yellow symbolises motivation and initiative whilst green adheres to vitality and peace-loving spirit.

In its written form, the name is made up of two identical Chinese characters: 石石. The one on the left represents the rain flower stone, while the one on the right is the symbolic name of Nanjing (“the City of the Stone”). “Lele” refers to the noise Yuhua stones make when they come into contact with each other and is pronounced in the same way as the Chinese word meaning “happiness” or “joy”. NanjingLELE likes nothing more than showing visitors around Nanjing and taking photos with friends from all over the world. Cuddly and affectionate, NanjingLELE is inquisitive, bright-eyed and brave.

An accomplished athlete, NanjingLELE is a gifted practitioner of all 28 sports on the Olympic programme. Whether you’re watching the swimming, wrestling, tennis, archery, Rugby or golf, you will be sure to see NanjingLELE with friends and inviting you to try your hand at some fun challenges. One thing you won’t see NanjingLELE doing, however, is sing!