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Dear Premier Minister:

I am a Chinese middle school student, my name is Chen Wei and my English name is David Chen. I'm a optimistic boy.

My hobby is collect-stamp. I collect stamp are all from worldwide I want hold a world stamp exhibition to raise funds to 25th Olympic Games. If you are converient, I hope you send me some stamps of your country and a your autograph-(name) photo.

I am looking forward to Iisting to hear from you!

Thank you for your help!

Very truly yours:

Chen Wei (DAVID CHEN)

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PRESIDENT OF WORLD STAMP EXPO

— Saturday, October 26, 1991

Collecting stamps for Olympics

A Chinese school boy is working hard to realize his dream: to collect stamps from 150 countries, exhibit and auction them, and donate all the money to the Organizing Committee of the 25th Olympic Games.

Chen Wei, at the No 5 Middle School in Tongling City in central China's Anhui Province, began to prepare for his private stamp exhibition last August.

He has collected over 2,000 stamps of more than 50 countries, including presents from US President George Bush, British Prime Minister John Major, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and the President of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Samaranch also wrote Chen three letters expressing his thanks and support.

Chen's plan was inspired when the 11th Asian Games came to Beijing last summer and received support from the School Department of the Central Committee of Communist Youth League of China.

Chen then began to write in English to some of the foreign embassies in China about his plan. Soon, he received stamps from several ambassadors, including representatives of the Soviet Union and Viet Nam.

Chen's project attracted stamp collectors worldwide, who sent him stamps from their countries helping him meet his goal well before next July, when the Barcelona Olympic Games will begin. (CD News)