

Nanchang Int'l Military Tattoo opens

The 5th Nanchang International Military Tattoo kicked off in Nanchang, the capital city of China's eastern Jiangxi Province, on Sept. 24.



The 5th Nanchang International Military Tattoo opens on Sept. 24, 2017, with a grand opening ceremony to mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and the 90th anniversary of the Aug. 1 Nanchang Uprising. [Photo provided to China.org.cn]

More than 2,500 players from 11 international military bands and 10 domestic bands participated in the event.

The foreign military bands hail from the U.S., Russia, New Zealand, Australia, Italy, Canada, Sweden, Egypt, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Mexico.

A grand opening ceremony was held to mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and the 90th anniversary of the Aug. 1 Nanchang Uprising, an armed resistance led by the Communist Party of China on Aug. 1, 1927 in Nanchang in order to fight back against the anti-communist purges by the Nationalist Party of China (Kuomintang).

The 5th Nanchang International Military Tattoo is a part of the activities to honor the history and celebrate this anniversary.

A marching parade was held after the opening ceremony. According to the organizers, the marching parade attracted nearly 300,000 attendees.

The festival consists of the opening ceremony and parade performances, a military music evening party, a special concert, a carnival for military music cultural performances, the closing ceremony and a military music party. The whole event will last for six days until Sept. 29.