

## **A Symphony of Multiculturalism!**

### **The Grand Finale of the 6th CNGR Music Festival Concludes Successfully**

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On the evening of September 12th, the grand finale of the 6th CNGR Music Festival Employee Singing Competition concluded successfully at the Ningxiang Site. 16 finalists from China, Indonesia, South Korea, and Morocco delivered an exhilarating multicultural symphony for CNGR employees worldwide. Nearly 400 leaders and employees from the Ningxiang Site, the Research Academy, and the Headquarters attended the event.

The grand finale began with a light show “welcoming everyone to Changsha”. Contestants numbered 1 to 16 took the stage one by one, receiving wave after wave of cheers and applause from the audience. The competition was held in three rounds: from 16 to 6 contestants, from 6 to 3, and finally, a battle for the championship, runner-up, and second runner-up. The first group of four contestants kicked off the event with an explosive performance—featuring a saxophone and folk song fusion in "Yearning for the Divine Eagle," a heartfelt rendition of "I Believe" by a Korean contestant, a hauntingly beautiful Indonesian song "Shimphony yang Indah," and a highly operatic performance of "Flammable and Explosive."



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The remaining three groups of 12 contestants followed, performing one by one. The classic rock song "It's My Life" ignited the crowd, while a performance combining the erhu and the song "Big Fish" created a harmonious blend of instruments and voice. Hits from Hong Kong and Taiwan, such as "The Season of Loneliness," "Suddenly," and "Her Faraway," transported the audience's thoughts far away. The stunning performances and captivating music provided a perfect audiovisual feast for the tens of thousands of audience members both in person and online.





After a fierce first round, six contestants made it to the top: Kiko from the Jakarta division in Indonesia, FERNI from the North Morowali Site, Soukaina from the Morocco project in the EMEA region, Nam Jun-Hyun from the Korea division, Li Yifan from CNGR Holdings, and Xiao Zhe from the Operations Headquarters.

Xiao Zhe's magnetic voice in "Love Song" had a special delicacy, while Li Yifan's "Station" painted a sorrowful picture of reunion and separation with his soft vocals. Nam Jun-Hyun delivered Korean romance again with "Every Moment of You," Kiko's metal voice added unique texture to "Writing's on the Wall," Soukaina's Moroccan song "Lik" was filled with exotic flair, and FERNI's emotional rendition of "You Raise Me Up" reached new heights.

Ultimately, FERNI, Kiko, and Li Yifan won the favor of the professional judges and advanced to the final round. In the "ultimate showdown," each of the three contestants performed an a cappella piece. Without instrumental accompaniment, their voices sounded heavenly, transcending time and space and touching the hearts of everyone present. After a combined vote from both the live audience and professional judges, FERNI from the Indonesian division emerged as the champion,. Kiko and Li Yifan claimed the runner-up titles, while Xiao Zhe, Soukaina, and Nam Jun-Hyun earned the second runner-up awards.





Liu Yi, Assistant to the President of CNGR, Zhu Jiangang, Rotating President of CNGR Jinneng, and Zhao Dan, Director of the President's Office, presented the awards to the winners. Liu Yi delivered the concluding speech, first greeting CNGR employees worldwide, both present and online, and congratulating the winners. He also thanked the friends, families, and supporters of the contestants. Liu Yi mentioned that 11 years ago, CNGR embarked on its transition to new energy materials in Ningxiang, and 5 years ago, the first CNGR Music Festival was successfully held in Ningxiang. As one of the most beloved large-scale events among employees, the CNGR Music Festival has become an important bridge for cultural exchange and unity among CNGR employees worldwide. Liu Yi shared an English proverb, "Beauty is God's smile, music is God's voice," emphasizing that the CNGR Music Festival unites the global CNGR family through music, inspiring everyone to forge ahead and continuously contribute to the company's "New Four Modernizations" journey.



Songs in Chinese, English, Korean, and Indonesian were performed in turn, with rock, pop, and folk genres intertwining to make this year's festival a true multicultural feast. It is worth noting that this year's contestants FERNI and Soukaina both visited China for the first time, with FERNI stepping onto the stage of her dreams during her first time traveling abroad. The core values of "Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Diversity, Win-win" drive the company's globalization and sustainable development, bringing the global CNGR family together in unity to achieve great things.





From the banks of the Xiang River to the shores of Yingri Bay, from the islands of Indonesia to the gardens of North Africa, the CNGR Music Festival has crossed borders, closely connecting CNGR people around the world. The success of this year's festival not only showcased CNGR's firm steps on the path of globalization but also highlighted the inclusiveness and love for multiculturalism shared by the CNGR family. Let us look forward to the next CNGR Music Festival together!

