



Children in Guangzhou are all smiles as they watch the Asian Games torch relay pass their vantage point.

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Li Ziliu, former mayor of Guangzhou, poses with the torch in front of the Five Rams statue during the Nov 9 relay.

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Equestrian athlete Li Zhenqiang takes part in the torch relay on horseback in Dongguan, Guangdong province.

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President Hu Jintao passes the torch to Zhang Lin, the first bearer in the Guangzhou Asiad torch relay, on Oct 12 at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing.

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Kuang Yongshao, 104 years old, is the oldest person to carry the torch.

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The youngest bearer, at 6.

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# THE FLAME THAT NEVER FLICKERED

After a month-long journey, the Asian Games flame arrives at its ultimate destination on Friday on the Pearl River isle of Haix-insha, the venue for the opening ceremony of the 16th Asian Games.

The 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games torch relay began at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing on Oct 12 and passed through the cities of Harbin (Heilongjiang), Changchun (Jilin), Haiyang (Shandong) and 20 cities and towns in Guangdong province before reaching Guangzhou, its ultimate destination, on Nov 5.