42 Championships records highlight competition in Lima

A total of 42 new championships records highlighted the third edition of the **FINA World Junior Swimming Championships**, organised in Lima (PER), from August 16-21, 2011.

In a competition attended by 528 athletes (282 men and 246 women) coming from 58 nations. Final team ranking is as follows:

1/ **USA** topped with 22 presences in the podium (11 gold, eight silver and three bronze).
2/ **Japan** with 19 (7+9+3) and
3/ **Canada** with 14 (4+5+5) medals.

A total of 19 countries got at least one medal in Lima.

In terms of performances, the **women's competition** was more prolific in fast times, with **25 new championships records**, while in the **men's field**, the best times of the meet were improved on **17 occasions**.

Out of the 40 events on the programme, only 13 (eight for men and five for women) remained with the championships record established in the 2008 edition, in Monterrey (MEX).

In terms of events, the men's 100m breaststroke and the women's 50m free improved the championships record at every stage of the competition: heats, semis and finals.

The FINA President **Dr. Julio C. Maglione** expressed his satisfaction for the high-level organisation of the championships, held in "Campo de Marte" aquatic complex.

"It was a great edition of this competition, and many young stars present here in Lima will be future champions at the senior level. The authorities of Lima, the Peruvian Swimming Federation and the Organising Committee of the championships can be proud of this success. Moreover, the level of these championships demonstrates the constant and valuable growth of the sport of Swimming worldwide," considered Dr. Maglione.

The next edition of the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships – held in 2006 in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) and 2008 in Monterrey (MEX) – will be organised in **2013 in Casablanca** (MAR).

The competition is open to Girls between 15-17 years old and Boys between 16-18 years old.