

## **BlueCurrent and FleishmanHillard TRUE Global Intelligence Release Study on Gen Z Media Habits, Attitudes and Expectations for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games**

HONG KONG, January 31, 2022 – [BlueCurrent](#) today unveiled new insights into Gen Z, including how this generation consumes content and what that might mean for their expectations of this year’s pandemic-plagued Olympic Games.

The COVID-19 pandemic has expedited all generations’ ongoing journey into the digital world to work, connect, socialize and be entertained. Members of Generation Z have lived their entire lives in the digital world, but as they are coming of age, they’re cementing their status as purveyors of culture and drivers of consumer growth, while redefining the media landscape. Their lives are lived through mobile devices and social media, their lifestyles are defined by the content they consume, and they are shaping moments like the Olympics through their values.

This is no more apparent than in sports, lifestyle and fashion. As the world prepares for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games during a global rise in Omicron variant COVID-19 cases, engaging Gen Z audiences across digital platforms will showcase how well the world has transitioned to a digital-first model to allow for engagement with cultural moments.

The new report, “Gen Z’s Evolving Social Media and Sports Preferences: Trends in China, Japan and the UK Headed into the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games,” provides details on:

- Gen Z and shifting media habits
  - More content and snackable views
  - The explosion of TikTok/Douyin
  - The role of broadcast and TV today
- Gen Z attitudes in China, Japan and the UK
  - How the new generation defines China’s evolving sports tastes
  - How the UK market is poised for change
  - A balance of demands for the traditional and the personalization in Japan
- Looking forward to the 2022 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games
  - Expectations from athletes and brands, and how values and sports are intertwined

“We’ve seen that the younger generation is leading the way in this ever-changing landscape of culture, sports and social media. They are the standard bearers for the current digital-led cultural wave of globalization,” said Suki Zhao, head of BlueCurrent China. “The rapid development of technology has been forcing young people to think about their future and proactively take actions to seek positive changes for the world. BlueCurrent hopes to be a force for good – encouraging and promoting the understanding of the younger generation and leading the narrative of youth culture in China and key markets where we operate. China will soon host the world’s biggest sporting event in Beijing, and this will be a stage for athletes from the world to connect and engage with global sporting fans and young audiences in a new way.”

BlueCurrent commissioned [FleishmanHillard’s TRUE Global Intelligence](#) research practice to conduct the global study of Gen Z in the key markets of China, Japan and the UK in Q4 2021 to understand how the

generation plans to engage in this moment. The study of 3,000 16–24-year-olds showcases that Gen Z is poised to shift the way cultural moments are made.

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