



## Feng Yao-Hsein, Honor Swimmer, China, 1973



Personal Website (None known)

**Feng Yao-Hsein** was the first IMSHOF Honoree from China. At age 36, in 1964, Feng Yao-Hsein swam 85 km (53 miles) in the Zi Ya River in China. In 1965, he swam 156 km (97 miles) in the same river to set a Chinese endurance record. At the age of 37 on 8 August 1965, Feng swam 161 km (99.6 miles) in 61 hours in the Zi Ya River to again break the Chinese endurance record. This followed Chairman Mao's celebrated swimming feat in 1956 in the Yangtze River. Ten years later, on 16 July 1966 a major annual swim "Crossing-the- Yangtzi" was started which now sees hundreds of thousand entering the water.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)

### Mandarin Translation

“河神”冯耀先是国际马拉松游泳名人堂首位来自中国的获奖者。1964年冯耀先36岁时子牙河连续游了85公里（53英里）。1965年他在同一条河中完成156公里（97英里），创造了中国的耐力长泳记录。同年8月8日，37岁的他以61个小时在子牙河中连续长游161公里（99.6英里），再次打破中国纪录。在此之

前，毛泽东主席在1956年横渡长江举世闻名。十年后的1966年7月16日首届“横渡长江”大型年度游泳活动至今，已有数十万人参与横渡。