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HK triumphs in International Physics Olympiad 2011

A Hong Kong team of 5 student members of the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) have grabbed three gold and two silver medals at the 42nd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) in Thailand.

This is the eighth year for Hong Kong students to have participated in this Olympiad since 2004, and the sixth team to win gold after successes in 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The Gold medalists are Secondary 5 student Andy Loo (St. Paul's Co-educational College) who is ranked 15th in this world contest, Secondary 6 student Chau Tsz-ki (CNEC Christian College), ranked 29th, and S5 student Cheung Hil-fung, Harry (Diocesan Boys' School) , ranked 36th . Cheung was previously awarded Best Contestant in the 7th Pan-Pearl River Delta and Chinese Elite Schools Physics Olympiad held in Feb 2011 and was awarded Gold in the APhO 2011 held in May in Israel.

The Silver medalists are Secondary 5 student Wong Yu-fu (S.K.H. Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School) and Secondary 5 student Wong Yuk-fai (Shun Tak Fraternal Association Leung Kau Kui College).

Dr Stephen Tommis, the Executive Director of the HKAGE commented: "This tally of gold medals is one of the best in recent years and places the Hong Kong team 7th in the world rankings. I am delighted for the students and pleased that their hard work has been rewarded".

The students are trainees of the Physics Enhancement Programme commissioned to HKUST by the HKAGE. With outstanding performance in the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad 2010, they were selected to take part in a series of enhancement courses before taking part in the IPhO 2011. The delegates' trip was funded by the EDB.

The IPhO this year was held from July 10 to 18 in Bangkok, Thailand, with 400 contestants from 85 countries/regions participating. The event is aimed at promoting education in physics, strengthening interaction and co-operation among experts in physics worldwide and training and inspiring teenagers who have enormous potential in physics.

Leader of the Hong Kong Team was Prof Wong Kwok-ye, Michael of HKUST, and deputy leader was Prof Du Shengwang of HKUST. Mr Ma Guancong, a Physics postgraduate of HKUST, and Mr Cheung Shi, a Physics teacher of International Christian Quality Music Secondary and Primary School, served as the observers.

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From left to right: Wong Yu-fu, Andy Loo, Cheung Hil-fung Harry, Wong Yuk-fai and Chau Tsz-ki

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