

Hong Kong's greater triumph in the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad

A team of secondary school students sent by the Education Bureau has won one gold, two silvers, two bronzes for Hong Kong at the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), ranking 29th amongst 104 countries/regions. The achievement is another great triumph by the Hong Kong team following the victory of the delegates that won gold medals in 2005 and 2006.

The IMO was held from 10-22 July 2009 in Bremen, Germany. Among the 104 teams in the IMO this year, the Chinese team scored the highest overall marks while the Japanese team and the Russian team ranked the second and the third respectively.

The main objective for the competition is to promote mathematics education, foster friendly international relationships with fellow mathematicians all over the world, and to nurture and stimulate the development of mathematically gifted young people.

All Hong Kong team members received training provided by the "Support Measures for the Exceptionally Gifted Students Scheme" which was handed over to the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) in 2008. In collaboration with the IMO (Hong Kong) Committee, as one of the measures for nurturing the mathematically gifted, the EDB and HKAGE co-organised the IMO Preliminary Selection Contest – Hong Kong in 2008. The synergy through co-operation of the three parties was highlighted by the great success in IMO this year. Under the Scheme, the students with excellent performance in the 2008 Selection Contest received training in a series of enhancement programme and after going through many grueling tests, these students have opportunity to represent HK in the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad.

EDB will continuously provide its full support and sponsorship to the other HK teams for joining international and cross-border mathematical competitions, while the training programmes organised by the HKAGE will be in large variety and for catering the needs of mathematically gifted students for advanced learning and whole-person development.

Dr. Leung Tat Wing, trainer of the above trainings as well as IMO Hong Kong Committee member, was the leader of the HK team for IMO 2009 and Dr. Lau Yuk Kam, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Department of University of Hong Kong was the Deputy Leader.

The list of award-winners of Hong Kong is as follows:

Name	Sex	Level	School	Award
Ching Tak Wing	M	S5	Queen's College	Gold
Hung Ka Kin Kenneth	M	S5	Diocesan Boys' School	Silver
Lam Cho Ho	M	S7	STFA Lee Shau Kee College	Silver
Chung Ping Ngai	M	S5	La Salle College	Bronze
Ng Ngai Fung	M	S6	STFA Leung Kau Kui College	Bronze



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picture 4



picture 5



picture 6

*Note(picture 1):

The picture is taken in the Jacobs University Bremen, the venue of IMO 2009.

Group photo of the International Mathematics Olympiad Hong Kong Team(from left to right):
Ng Ngai Fung; Lam Cho Ho; Ching Tak Wing; Hung Ka Kin Kenneth; Yu Tak Hei

The 6th Hong Kong Team member(Chung Ping Ngai) left for USA to attend summer study camp(not in photo).