OUR TOP SIX CONTESTANTS

Another IOI done and another gold medal for Gennady Korotkevich to add to his growing IOI medal collection. He finished this week's competition at the top of the scoreboard with a total of 778 points. At only fifteen years-old, this is Gennady's fifth IOI competition and second time finishing in first place overall.

He is very modest about his achievements and attributes his success to experience and lots of practice. Asked how he feels about his results this week, he says he is happy and still taking it in. The one thing he is looking forward to is seeing his parents who, we are sure, are very proud of his accomplishments.

As the gold medalist in second place for IOI 2010 in Waterloo, Bulgarian Rumen Hristov has a lot to be proud of. He has previously competed in IOI 2009 in his home country and in IOI 2008 in Egypt.

He wasn't so confident earlier in the week as he said, "one task can change everything… it can even be the difference between silver and gold." Rumen is quite happy coming in second and looking forward to Thailand in 2011.
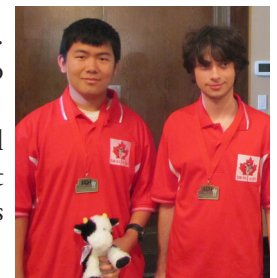
Adrian Jaskółka is this year's third place finisher from Poland. This is his first IOI competition, but also his last unfortunately. Nevertheless, to finish third overall at his first IOI is a tremendous achievement. He is happy to know that the many hours of practice and training at an informatics camp in Poland has paid off.

This upcoming school year, Adrian will be attending the University of Warsaw for mathematics and informatics. With such talent, we can expect to see great things from him in the future.
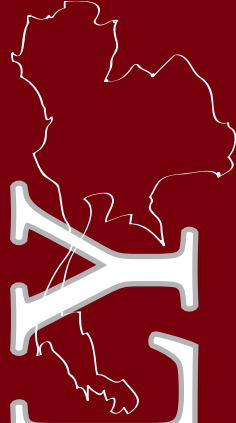
Team USA had their eyes on the prize, a gold medal right from the start. They certainly achieved that at IOI 2010. Team members Wenyu Cao and Michael Cohen placed fourth and fifth respectfully.

Wenyu had previously competed in Bulgaria and received a silver medal but missed out on gold by a mere three points. The pressure was on to get a gold at IOI 2010. This is Michael's last year at an IOI competition, as he will be attending MIT In September.

Our top Canadian, Yu Cheng certainly did his country proud by finishing in 6th place at IOI 2010. He said this year's tasks were "neat," shorter, more creative and easier to write. He found some of them required more thinking and that two of them couldn't be completely solved.

Yu says that he didn't feel much pressure or have high expectations of himself because during practice he wasn't near the top. Unfortunately, this is Yu's last year of competing as next year he will be studying at MIT. Yu will be working towards a future comprised of computer science, software engineering and mathematics.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

JAPANESE DOCUMENTARY

Competitors may have noticed a camera crew on campus this past week. They are in fact a TV production team from Japan, here to document Team Japan on their IOI journey.

Producer, Akira Ichitkawa, says their work started three years ago when Japanese IT company, NTT Data, (Team Japan's sponsor) recruited them to follow the team's progress at IOI 2008 in Egypt. Since then, they have also covered IOI 2009 in Bulgaria and now IOI 2010, here in Waterloo.

The footage will be used for a TV program, with the purpose of showing the people of Japan what the IOI competition is about and to raise interest in computer science among the Japanese youth. He admitted that he was unsure how this year's team would do because most of the members are first time competitors, but they are actually bringing home two gold and two silver medals!

Compared to past IOI locations, Akira says Canada is a "[nice] place to live". He found the scenery beautiful and enjoyed the trip to Niagara Falls on Thursday. He also says the IOI 2010 organizing committee has been very accommodating to him and his production crew.

Akira says viewers can expect to see this year's competition on Japanese TV this coming fall or winter and hopes to document Team Japan in Thailand next year.

As with the Olympics, it is IOI tradition that the IOI flag be passed to the next host country at the closing ceremonies. Last night we saw IOI 2010 Chair, Troy Vasiga, hand over the flag to Thailand, the host for IOI 2011.

Next year's competition will take place at the sea-side city of Pattaya, located on the east coast of the Gulf of Thailand. We had the pleasure of talking to International Committee member, Mr. Kanchit Malaivongs, who is involved in the organizing of IOI 2011 and he tells us that plans are already underway.

The organizing committee has been assembled and the Thailand government has given their full support of the competition. They have selected an excellent Chair to lead the organizing committee ensuring that all preparations will go well. In fact, the Thailand delegation was seen handing out gift bags to all the team leaders this morning – a little preview of what is to come.

Next year, IOI competitors can look forward to seeing many great sights in Pattaya, including the famous Wat Khao Phra Bat temple which overlooks Pattaya Bay. They will also have the opportunity to go swimming in the bay during their free time. Leaders and guests will enjoy a trip to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, located 165 miles away from Pattaya. The one thing that Mr. Malaivongs says competitors may also expect is rain, as the competition takes place during Pattaya's rainy season.

With respect to IOI 2010, Team Thailand is very pleased with their results, taking home one gold, two silvers and one bronze. Mr. Malaivongs says there are many talented countries here so it is great that Thailand is among them.
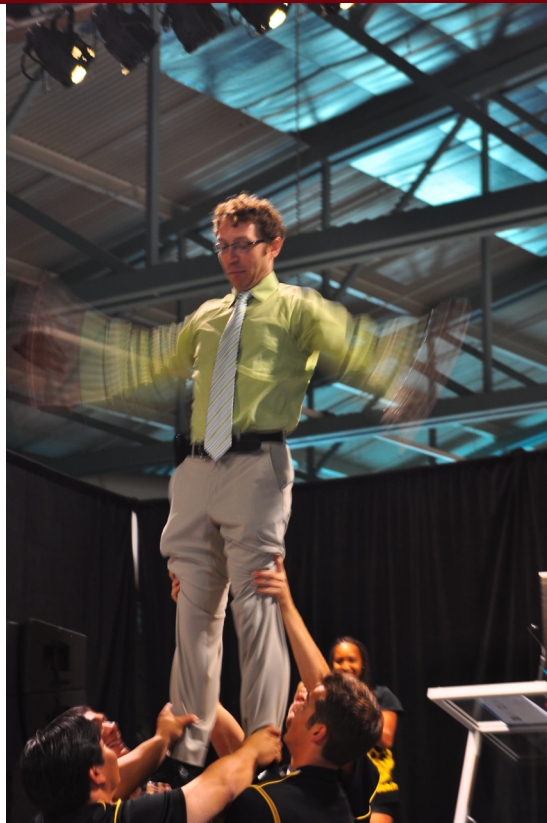
For three of the members of Team Thailand, this is their last year at the IOI. Pasin, a gold medalist, hopes to go to school at M.I.T. or Stanford for math and computer science. Suthee and Sarun, both silver and bronze medallists, would like to go to M.I.T. as well. Considering the accomplishments they've made this week, all three shouldn't have difficulty getting into the school of their choice.

Veerakan, a silver medalist, on the other hand, is planning to make it to next year's IOI in his home country. He will miss the new friendships he made during this past week and "the spirit of the competition." Asked what he would like to say to his new friends, he replied, "See you next year!"
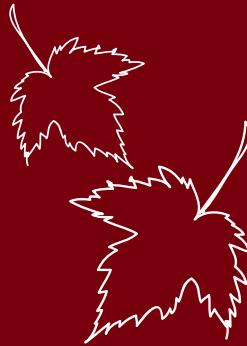
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THAILAND QUIZ
Your 2011 IOI Hosts

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the English translation of "khruang bin"?
A) Motorcycle   B) Airplane   C) Bus   D) Car

2. Thai is a tonal language. This means that one word can have multiple meanings, depending on the way it's pronounced. How many tones are there in the Thai language?
A) 1   B) 7   C) 3   D) 5

3. What would I be if I were "thaan khao thii raan aahaan"?
A) Buying a bus ticket   B) Buying a present at a market
C) Eating at a restaurant   D) Taking a taxi to the airport

4. What country borders Thailand to the south?
A) Burma   B) Malaysia   C) Indonesia   D) China

ANSWERS: 1. B)   2. D)   3. C)   4. B)

Thank you for coming to IOI 2010 at the University of Waterloo, Canada.
We hope you enjoyed your visit.
We wish everyone a safe trip home.
HAPPY FLYING :-)
Troy Vasiga and the
Organizing Committee of the
22nd International Olympiad in Informatics

SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2010

TIME	EVENT		
	CONTESTANTS	**LEADERS**	**GUESTS**
07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast		
08:00 - 09:00			
09:00 - 10:00	Departure		
10:00 - 11:00			
11:00 - 12:00	***Lunch***		
12:00 - 13:00	11:30 to 13:30		
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14:00 - 15:00	Departure		
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