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PERFORMANCE AT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIADS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

The Ministry of Education would like to congratulate the Singapore students who clinched a total of 18 medals at four International Olympiads for Science and Mathematics in July 2009.

20TH INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD (IBO)

2. The four students who represented Singapore at the 20th IBO held in Tsukuba, Japan, from 11 to 19 July 2009, received three Gold medals and one Silver medal in a field of 221 student participants from 56 countries.

3. Singapore was placed 3rd out of 56 countries, behind China and USA which obtained four gold medals each. The result this year is an improvement over our 5th placing in 2008.

4. The three Gold medallists are Dong Yangzi and Tan Wei Han of Hwa Chong Institution and Yuan Zhengxiang of Raffles Institution. The Silver medallist is Ang Qi Yan of Hwa Chong Institution. In addition, Dong Yangzi and Tan Wei Han garnered the 1st and 3rd individual world ranking positions respectively.

5. This is the first time that a Singapore IBO team has obtained 3 gold medals since we first participated in the IBO in 2001. In terms of individual world ranking, this is the second time that one of our students has obtained 1st in ranking. The previous occasion was in IBO 2004.

6. The Singapore delegation was led by Associate Professor Shirley Lim, Head of Natural Sciences and Science Education, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University.

40TH INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD (IPHO)

7. At the 40th IPHO held in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, from 12 to 19 July 2009, the Singapore team received two Gold medals and three Silver medals in a field of 317 student participants from 71 countries.

8. Singapore was placed 8th out of 71 countries. This is an improvement over our 11th placing in 2008.

9. The Gold medallists are Amyas Chew Weng Khin of Raffles Institution and Jarrel Seah Chen Yi of Anglo-Chinese School (Independent). The Silver medallists are Tan Zhong Ming and Teo Mae Hwee of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science, and Ong Ming Yang of Hwa Chong Institution.

10. The Singapore delegation was led by Associate Professor Rajdeep Singh Rawat, lecturer from Natural Sciences and Science Education, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University.

41ST INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD (IChO)

11. The 41st IChO was held in Cambridge, United Kingdom, from 19 to 27 July 2009. Four students who represented Singapore received two Gold and two Silver medals in a field of 250 student participants from 66 countries.

12. Singapore was placed 5th out of 66 countries. This year's performance is an improvement over our 12th placing in 2008.

13. The Gold medallists are Wang DaoBo of Raffles Institution and Gani Zhi Hao Terry of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. The Silver medallists are Lin Yuqun of Hwa Chong Institution and Xiao Xiao of Raffles Institution.

14. The Singapore delegation was led by Associate Professor Fan Wai Yip and Dr Ship Chee Peng, lecturers from Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore.

50TH INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD (IMO)

15. The 50th IMO was held in Bremen, Germany, from 13 to 22 July 2009. The Singapore team received two Silver medals, three Bronze medals and one Honourable Mention in a field of 565 student participants from 104 countries.

16. The Silver medallists are Chiam Jia-Han and Loh Yao Chen Ivan of Raffles Institution. The Bronze medallists are Low Tian Wen Daniel of Raffles Institution; and Ryan Chan Jun Neng and Lim Jeck of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. Tng Jia Hao Barry from Raffles Institution received an Honourable Mention.

17. The Singapore delegation was led by Associate Professor Wong Yan Loi, Assistant Dean of Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore.

A JOINT EFFORT

18. Our students' participation in the four International Olympiads is a joint effort between the Ministry of Education and the following organisations:

- Institute of Physics, Singapore;
- Singapore Institute of Biology;

- Singapore National Institute of Chemistry;
- Singapore Mathematical Society;
- National University of Singapore; and
- National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University.

BACKGROUND

19. The International Olympiads for Science and Mathematics bring together the best and brightest students from around the world, challenging and stimulating their minds in the spirit of competition. Through rigorous tests of theoretical knowledge, students demonstrate their mastery of scientific and mathematical concepts. Their experimental skills are also put to the test in the Science Olympiads.

20. The Olympiads are thus global platforms to stretch some of our most able students in Science and Mathematics. By pitting their skills and knowledge against international peers, not only would our students be exposed to an enriching learning experience, they would also be motivated to strive for excellence in the international arena.

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