

Hong Kong team triumphs at International Olympiad of Metropolises (with photos)

A team of eight students representing Hong Kong achieved excellent results in the 5th International Olympiad of Metropolises (IOM 2020), winning two gold medals, five silver medals and one bronze medal, as well as a gold award in the team competition.

The IOM is an international competition covering four disciplines: informatics, mathematics, physics and chemistry. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, contestants participated within each participating country or city from December 16 to 22 for IOM 2020. There were around 230 contestants from 31 countries or cities participating in the competition.

In the informatics competition, Yeung Man-tsung (Pui Ching Middle School) and Hsieh Chong-ho (Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School) won a gold medal and a silver medal respectively. In the mathematics competition, Chu Cheuk-hei (St Paul's Co-educational College) and Lai Wai-lok (St Paul's Co-educational College) also won a gold medal and a silver medal respectively. In the physics competition, Lau Sze-chun (Diocesan Boys' School) and Allan Guo (King George V School) each won a silver medal. In the chemistry competition, Li Yung-chi (Diocesan Boys' School) won a silver medal and Leung Chun-fung (G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College) got a bronze medal.

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, congratulated the Hong Kong team today (December 23) on their outstanding performance. "The Education Bureau (EDB) has always been promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education to align with the worldwide trend. The remarkable results achieved by the Hong Kong team this year demonstrated our students' great potential in STEM," Mr Yeung said.

"To strengthen the support measures to assist schools to further promote STEM education, the Curriculum Development Council endorsed the setting up of the Standing Committee on STEM Education in October to oversee the long-term development of STEM education in primary and secondary schools. In addition, a STEM Handbook featuring good examples of school-based STEM education is being developed by the EDB to clarify the expectations at the primary and secondary levels. We hope to help students build a solid foundation for STEM education and nurture talents for Hong Kong in the 21st century, so that they will be able to put their learning to good use and realise their potential," he added.

The members of the Hong Kong team had earlier distinguished themselves and attended training in Hong Kong Olympiads of different subjects. The outstanding students were then selected as contestants representing Hong Kong to participate in the IOM this year. The Hong Kong team was fully funded by

the EDB to join this competition.

