

SED commends Hong Kong team's outstanding achievements in International Olympiad of Metropolises (with photo)

A team of eight secondary school students from Hong Kong achieved stellar results in the 6th International Olympiad of Metropolises (IOM). In addition to winning a silver medal in the team competition, the Hong Kong team has brought home seven individual medals comprising four gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze medal, making for the best ever results in this tournament.

The IOM is an international competition covering four disciplines: informatics, mathematics, physics and chemistry. The competition this year was held from December 6 to 13. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, contesting teams participated in their home cities under online monitoring. Around 260 contestants from 33 cities took part in the competition.

In the physics competition, Cheng Yat-long (Raimondi College) and Lam Chung-wang (St Paul's Co-educational College) each won a gold medal. In the informatics competition, Yeung Man-tsung (Pui Ching Middle School) and Xie Lingrui (La Salle College) won a gold medal and a silver medal respectively. In the mathematics competition, Chu Cheuk-hei (St Paul's Co-educational College) and Timothy Yau (Ying Wa College) also won a gold medal and a silver medal respectively. In the chemistry competition, Chan Yat-long (Po Leung Kuk Centenary Li Shiu Chung Memorial College) got a bronze medal.

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, congratulated the Hong Kong team today (December 14) on their outstanding performance in the competition. "I am proud of the remarkable results of the Hong Kong team this year, which is testimony to the hard work and high ability of our students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education," Mr Yeung said.

"In keeping with our goal of continuously promoting STEM education, the Education Bureau (EDB) is looking to strengthen its collaboration with different stakeholders in organising quality student learning activities, including the STEM Education Fair to be held next year. The fair will provide an opportunity for students to showcase their learning achievements in STEM-related areas, and for teachers to exchange teaching strategies in implementing STEM education. The EDB also encourages schools to support the development of STEM education in schools by arranging more out-of-classroom experiential learning activities to provide more opportunities for students to apply what they have learned."

Since 2017, Hong Kong has taken part in the IOM every year and the Hong Kong team's participation in the competition is fully funded by the EDB. As in previous years, students with the best performance in the selection for

Hong Kong Olympiads of different subjects were nominated as members of the Hong Kong team. They underwent training arranged by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education before taking part in the competition this year.

Members of the public may visit the e-Gallery website of the EDB (www.edb.gov.hk/en/e-gallery) to know more about the outstanding achievements of Hong Kong students in STEM and other areas. In addition to showcasing the achievements of Hong Kong students in local, national and international competitions, the e-Gallery holds online exhibitions to display students' attainments in whole-person development and provide opportunities for other students and teachers to appreciate and learn from one another.

