

# Two Hong Kong teams excel at international mathematical and physics Olympiads (with photos)

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong achieved remarkable results in the 63rd International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2022) and the 52nd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2022) respectively. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, Hong Kong teams participated in the competitions and activities via online mode.

The IMO 2022, hosted by Norway, was held from July 6 to 16, with the participation of 589 students from 104 countries or regions. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, three silver medals, one bronze medal and one honourable mention. The six awardees are as follows:

Gold medal: Chu Cheuk-hei (St Paul's Co-educational College)

Silver medal: Hsieh Chong-ho (Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School)

Yau Ching-yan (Ying Wa College)

Yiu Chun-hei (S.K.H. Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School)

Bronze medal: Lai Wai-lok (St Paul's Co-educational College)

Honourable mention: Cheng Nick-hang (Diocesan Boys' School)

The IPhO 2022, organised by Switzerland, was held from July 10 to 17. A total of 366 students from 76 countries or regions competed for the medals. The Hong Kong team won four silver medals and one bronze medal. The five awardees are as follows:

Silver medal: Chan Tsz-chun (International Christian Quality Music Secondary and Primary School)

Cheng Yat-long (Raimondi College)

Cheung Man-yin (Queen's College)

Lam Chung-wang (St Paul's Co-educational College)

Bronze medal: Kwok Ching-yeung (Sheng Kung Hui Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School)

The Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, congratulated the Hong Kong teams today (July 18) on their excellent results in the two competitions. "The outstanding performance of the Hong Kong teams has demonstrated their persistent work and the concerted efforts of their schools, teachers, parents and different stakeholders in supporting them in striving for excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The Education Bureau (EDB) will continue to enhance the promotion of STEM education in primary and secondary schools by enriching curriculum, enhancing teacher training, providing schools with resources support, etc., so as to nurture students' innovation," Dr Choi said.

"The Government has so far injected \$1.6 billion into the Gifted Education Fund (the Fund) to provide sustained funding support to the Hong

Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) for the development of gifted education. From the 2019/20 school year onwards, the Fund has supported 31 off-school advanced learning programmes offered by different post-secondary institutions and organisations. These programmes, targeting gifted students at the primary and secondary levels, enable students to fully develop their potential through challenging learning activities," she added.

The members of the Hong Kong teams of the IMO 2022 and the IPhO 2022 achieved excellent results in the local selection contests. They subsequently received specific training under the enhancement programmes arranged by the HKAGE. The outstanding students in the programmes were then selected as contestants to represent Hong Kong to participate in the above competitions. The Hong Kong teams were fully funded by the EDB to join these competitions.

