

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

Two teams of students representing Hong Kong achieved remarkable results in the 64th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2023) and the 53rd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2023) respectively.

The IMO 2023, hosted by Japan, was held from July 2 to 13, with the participation of 618 students from 112 countries or regions. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, one silver medal and four bronze medals. The six awardees are as follows:

Gold medal: Chu Cheuk-hei (St. Paul's Co-educational College)
Silver medal: Yiu Chun-hei (S.K.H. Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School)
Bronze medal: Chase Sebastian (The Harbour School)
Hsieh Chong-ho (Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School)
Kwan Yung-ho (Diocesan Boys' School)
Ng Hok-lai (St. Paul's Co-educational College)

The IPhO 2023, also hosted by Japan, was held from July 10 to 17. A total of 394 students from 82 countries or regions competed for the medals. The Hong Kong team won one gold medal, three silver medals and one bronze medal. The five awardees are as follows:

Gold medal: Lam Chung-wang (St. Paul's Co-educational College)
Silver medal: Hui Pok-shing (Queen Elizabeth School)
Kwok Ching-yeung (S.K.H. Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School)
Liu Lincoln (Sha Tin College)
Bronze medal: Kwok Tsz-yin (CNEC Christian College)

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 nurturing and guiding them. The Education Bureau (EDB) will continue to enhance the promotion of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) 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.

"We attach great importance to gifted education. This year, the EDB will

inject an additional \$600 million into the Gifted Education Fund to strengthen support for the work of the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) and organise more territory-wide, cross-territory, national and international training and competitions. Also, more diversified, high-quality and challenging off-school education services, particularly in STEAM-related areas, will be provided so that students with potential may have more opportunities to widen their horizons and showcase their talents," she added.

The members of the Hong Kong teams of the IMO 2023 and the IPhO 2023 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.

