

Minutes of the 12th Asian Physics Olympiad Tel Aviv, Israel, May 01-09, 2011

1. The following 16 countries and regions were present at the 12th Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO):

Australia (8+2), China (8+2), Hong Kong (8+2), India (5+2), Indonesia (5+2), Israel (8+2), Kazakhstan (8+2), Kyrgyzstan (8+2), Mongolia (8+2), Russia* (8+2), Singapore (8+2), Sri Lanka (8+1), Taiwan (8+2), Tajikistan (6+1), Thailand (8+2), Vietnam (8+2).

The first number in parentheses denotes the number of the contestants while the second number denotes the number of the leaders. The total number of contestants including a guest team is 120.

* : invited as a guest team.

2. The Opening Ceremony was honored by presence of Dr. Shimshon Shoshani, the Director General of Ministry of Education. He delivered opening remarks in the ceremony. Dr. Ofer Rimon, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Dr. Dina Prialnik, the Vice Rector of Tel Aviv University, also gave speeches in the opening ceremony.
3. The Closing Ceremony was honored by presence of Mr. Gideon Saar, the Minister of Education. He delivered closing remarks in the ceremony. Prof. Joseph Klafter, the President of Tel Aviv University also gave speech in the closing ceremony.
4. Results of marking the papers by the organizers were presented:

The best score was 42.60 points achieved by Mr. Yukai Wu from China (Overall winner of the 12th APhO). The average score of the top three contestants was 41.13. The median score of all contestants was 17.65. The following criteria for awarding the medals and honorable mentions were established according to the Statutes of APhO:

Gold Medal	- 31
Silver Medal	- 27
Bronze Medal	- 22
Honorable Mention	- 17

According to the above criteria 16 Gold Medals, 10 Silver Medals, 15 Bronze Medals and 24 Honorable Mentions were awarded.

The results of the 12th APhO had been distributed to all the delegations.

5. In addition to the regular prizes, the following four special prizes were awarded:
 - for the overall winner
Mr. Yukai Wu, China
 - for the best score in the theoretical examination
Mr. Yukai Wu, China
 - for the best score in the experimental examination
Mr. Tzu-Ming Hsu, Taiwan
 - for the most creative solution of the experimental examination
Mr. Pakapol Supaniratisai, Thailand

6. For the arrangement of hosting countries of future APhO, the Secretariat had contacted some delegation leaders and presented the following provisional list of hosting countries :

2012 India	Confirmed
2013 China	Waiting for official reply
2014 Singapore	Orally confirmed
2015 Indonesia	Orally confirmed
2016 Hong Kong	Orally confirmed
2017	(under consulting)
2018 Vietnam	preliminary contact

7. The President of APhO, Prof. Ming-Juey Lin, acting on behalf of all the participants, expressed deep thanks to Prof. Yaron Oz and Prof. Eli Raz and their collaborators for excellent preparing and executing of the 12th Asian Physics Olympiad. Deep thanks were also conveyed to Ministry of Education of Israel.
8. Acting on behalf of the organizers of the next Asian Physics Olympiad, the representative of India delegation, Professor Satya Prakash, announced that the 13th APhO would be held in New Delhi, India from April 30 to May 7, 2012 and cordially invited all of the participating countries to attend the competition.



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President of APhO



Dr. Ofer Rimon
Chairman of Organizing Committee
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Dr. Hendra Johnny Kwee
Secretary of APhO

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