

Minutes of the 15th Asian Physics Olympiad Singapore, May 11-19, 2014

1. A total number of 174 contestants from the following 27 countries and regions were present at the 15th Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO):

Australia (8), Azerbaijan (3), Bangladesh (6), Brunei (4), Cambodia (8), China (8), Hong Kong (8), India (5), Indonesia (8), Israel (8), Kazakhstan (8), Kyrgyzstan (7), Laos (2), Macao (8), Malaysia (8), Mongolia (8), Nepal (1), Philippines (2), Romania* (6), Russia* (8), Saudi Arabia (8), Singapore (8), Sri Lanka (8), Taiwan (8), Tajikistan (2), Thailand (8), Vietnam (8).

The number in parentheses denotes the number of the contestants.

*: invited as a guest team.

2. The Opening Ceremony, held at the University Cultural Center of the National University of Singapore (NUS), was presided over by Prof. Tan Chorh Chuan, the President of NUS. He delivered opening remarks in the ceremony, welcomed the participants of the 15th APhO to Singapore.
3. The Closing Ceremony was honored by the presence of the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Education, Ms. Indranee Rajah. She expressed her sincere hope that the participants would move forward and pursue excellence in their future scientific career.
4. Results of marking the papers by the organizers were presented:
The best score was 45.50 points achieved by Mr. Yudong Sun (Overall winner of the 15th APhO). The average score of the top three contestants was 44.82. The median score of all contestants was 26.60. The following criteria for awarding the medals and honorable mentions were established according to the Article #9 of the Statutes of APhO:

Gold Medal	- 40
Silver Medal	- 34
Bronze Medal	- 29
Honorable Mention	- 22

According to the above criteria, 15 Gold Medals, 28 Silver Medals, 29 Bronze Medals and 29 Honorable Mentions were awarded.

The results of the 15th APhO were distributed to all the delegations.

5. In addition to the regular prizes, the following nine special prizes were awarded:
 - For the Overall Winner
Mr. Sun Yudong (China)
 - For the Best Score in the Theoretical Examination
Mr. Chang Cyuan-Han (Taiwan)
 - For the Best Score in the Experimental Examination
Mr. Zhang Jingyun (China)

- For the Best Male Contestant (AAPPS Award*)
Mr. Sun Yudong, China
- For the Best Female Contestant (AAPPS Award*)
Miss Qu Xinyi (Singapore)
- For the Most Creative Solution in Theory (MRSS Award**)
Mr. Peng Changnan (China)
- For the Most Creative Solution in Experiment (MRSS Award**)
Mr. Dan Ștefan Eniceicu (Romania)
- For the Best Singaporean Contestant
Mr. Wang Fan Francis (Singapore)
- For the best New Comer (APhO's President Book Prize)
Mr. Mohammad Fahim Tajwar (Bangladesh)

*AAPPS Award is sponsored by the Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies

**MRSS Award is sponsored by the Materials Research Society of Singapore

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

2015 China	confirmed
2016 Hong Kong	confirmed
2017 Saudi Arabia	Accepted, waiting for confirmation
2018 Vietnam	preliminary contact
7. At the last International Board meeting, the President of APhO invited Prof. Leong Chuan Kwek (Singapore) to present the proposed revision to the current Statutes of APhO which had been disseminated to all leaders before the APhO. The International Board unanimously approved the revised version which will take effect from the next APhO.
8. The President of APhO, Prof. Ming-Juey Lin, acting on behalf of all the participants, expressed deep thanks to Prof. BVR Chowdari (the Chairman of the Organizing Committee), Prof. Feng Yuan Ping, Prof. Xu Shuyan, Prof. Berthold Georg Englert (the Chairman of the Academic Committee), Prof. Kwek Leong Chuan and other colleagues for excellent preparation and executing of the 15th Asian Physics Olympiad. Deep thanks were also conveyed to the Ministry of Education, National University of Singapore, National Institute of Education, National Technological University, and other people who contributed to the success of the Olympiad.
9. Due to some technical reasons and based upon the agreement reached by the APhO Secretariat and the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), the President of APhO declared at the closing ceremony that the 15th APhO would be held in Hangzhou, China in the early May, 2015 and cordially invited all of the participating countries to attend the competition.



Prof. Ming-Juey Lin
President of APhO



Dr. Hendra JohnnyKwee
Secretary of APhO



Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari
Chairman of Organizing
Committee of the 15th APhO

Singapore , May 17, 2014