

Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Physics Olympiad  
Yakutsk, Russia May 1 – 9, 2017

1. A total of 167 students from 23 countries and territories participated in the 2017 Asian Physics Olympiad: Australia (8), Azerbaijan (4), Bangladesh (6), China (8), Chinese Taipei (8), Hong Kong (8), India (5), Indonesia (7), Israel (8), Kazakhstan (8), Kyrgyzstan (8), Macao (2), Mongolia (8), Romania\* (6), Russia (8), Russia B\* (8) Saudi Arabia (8), Singapore (8), Sri Lanka (8), Thailand (8), Turkey (8), Turkmenistan (4), UAE (5) and Vietnam (8).

The number in parenthesis denotes the number of participants.

\* : invited as a guest team.

2. The final results of the APhO 2017 were presented to the International Board. The average of the top three contestants is 39.68, and twice of the median of all contestants is 29.8. According to the article #9 of the statutes of the APhO, twice of the median of all contestants is considered as 100%. The thresholds for all awards are

26 point for a gold medal

23 point for a silver medal

19 point for a bronze medal

14 point for honorable mention

According to the above criteria, 19 gold medals, 13 silver medals, 25 bronze medals and 34 honorable mentions were awarded.

3. The following special prizes were awarded:
  - Absolute Winner Award : Yaozheng ZHU (China)
  - Best Performance in Theoretical Examination : Yaozheng ZHU (China)
  - Best Performance in Experimental Examination : Yaozheng ZHU (China), Vasily YUGOV (Russia)
  - The Best Male Student : Yaozheng ZHU (China)
  - The Best Female Student : Anca DRAGULESCU (Romania)
  - The Most Creative Task Solution : Zhirui YAO (China)
  - The best score of the first time participating team : Apurba DE (UA)
4. The International Board thanked the following members for serving as the committee members to help during moderation : Prof. Jaan Kalda (Saudi Arabia), Prof. Michael Wong (Hong Kong) and Prof. Ravi Bhattacharjee (India).
5. Prof Michael Wong from Hong Kong, chairman of the 17<sup>th</sup> APhO organizing committee, announced that the proceedings of APhO 2016 were ready and it will be mailed to all delegates. Hong Kong delegate also propose to change the practice of printing the proceeding to electronic version. All leaders agreed to put it as a proposal for voting next years.

6. Prof. Nguyen The Khoi, leader of Vietnam team, invited all contingents to participate in the APhO 2018, that will be held in May 5 – 13, 2018 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The APhO 2018 will be organized by Hanoi University of Science and Technology.
7. Dr. Matthew Verdon, leader of Australia team, welcomed all delegates to Australia for APhO 2019. The 20<sup>th</sup> APhO will be organized in Adelaide, Australia from May 5 – 13, 2019.
8. Prof. Vitaly Shevchenko, organizer of APhO 2017 gave description about the preparation of the APhO. In October 2016, the decision to organize the APhO was made. In November, the confirmation letter was sent to the president of APhO. In December the invitation letters to all delegates were distributed. The Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was the main organizer of the Olympiad, the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology guided the preparation of examination tasks and Academic Committee.
9. Prof. Kwek Leong Chuan, informed a request from few leaders to increase number of bronze medals and honorable mention for future olympiad but this need to be put on as a proposal to be voted in the next APhO.
10. The organizer will give one free experimental apparatus for all delegates. International board encourages future organizers to give one free experimental apparatus for each delegates.
11. Arrangement of future hosting APhO is shown in the following list:

2018	Vietnam	confirmed
2019	Australia	confirmed
12. On behalf of the International Board and all participants, the President of APhO expressed deep thanks to Prof. Vitaly Shevchenko and their colleagues for excellent preparation and executing of the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Physics Olympiad. Deep thanks are also conveyed to Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, and the government of the Republic of Sakha for hosting the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Physics Olympiad.

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Prof. Leong Chuan Kwek  
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Dr. Hendra Kwee  
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