Taiwan Wins 3 Gold and 5 Silver Medals at the 2024 Asian Physics Olympiad

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Taiwan's delegation to the 24th Asian Physics Olympiad, hosted by Malaysia in 2024, brought back exciting news on June 9th. Among 208 students from 27 countries and regions, eight students from Taiwan secured three gold and five silver medals, ranking 5th internationally based on overall student performance scores. This impressive achievement highlights Taiwan's strong performance in the competition.

The Taiwanese team underwent a rigorous selection and training process overseen by a mentoring group of over ten university professors. The four-stage process included preliminary selection, follow-up selection, final selection, and pre-competition training, narrowing down from 2,137 students across 157 schools nationwide to the final eight representatives. Professor Chen Chuan-Jen from National Taiwan Normal University and Emeritus Professor Tsai Shang-Fang from National Taiwan University led the delegation as head and deputy head, respectively. Assisting with question translation and score arbitration were Professor Chu Chung-Hsia from National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University and Associate Professor Lo Fang-Yuh from

National Taiwan Normal University. The delegation departed for Malaysia on June 3rd, with the closing ceremony and awards presentation held at 6 PM on June 9th. They returned to Taiwan on June 14th.

To reward students for their exceptional performance, the Ministry of Education established Regulations Governing Academic Advancement Preferential Admission for Students with Great Performance in International Mathematics or Science Olympiads and International Science Fairs. According to the regulations, students who win a gold medal, silver medal, or bronze medal at the Asian Physics Olympiad will receive guaranteed admission to the corresponding departments at colleges and universities or recommended admission to any department at colleges and universities. In addition, gold and silver medalists will receive scholarships of NT$100,000 and NT$50,000, respectively from the Ministry of Education. However, if a student wins two or more awards in the same principle or different principles within the same academic year shall apply based on the award offering the largest amount of a scholarship.

The K-12 Education Administration will continue to select and train outstanding students to participate in the competition, expanding their global perspectives, promoting international exchanges, and cultivating talent in physics.