

Taiwan Wins 5 Gold Medals and Ranks 1st Globally at the 56th International Physics Olympiad 2026



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Team Taiwan delivered an outstanding performance at the 56th International Physics Olympiad 2026, with the good news arriving on July 11th (local time). Among 381 participating students from 91 countries, five students representing team Taiwan won an impressive total of five gold medals, tying for 1st place in the international rankings (based on gold medal count). The five gold medalists are Guo, Chen-Hsuan and Wu, Sih-Chien from Taipei Municipal Chien Kuo High School, Chiu, Po-Wei from Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School, Liu, Chien-Yi from the National Experimental High School at Hsinchu Science Park, and Hong, Jing-Cheng from National Tainan First Senior High School. Their overall performance was stellar.

Hosted by Colombia this year, the Taiwanese team was trained by a coaching team comprising over ten professors from domestic universities. Through a four-stage selection process—preliminary, secondary, final, and a pre-competition training camp—five students were chosen from a pool of 2,361 students to represent Taiwan. The team was led by Professor

Chen, Chuan-Ren of National Taiwan Normal University. Professor Kao, Hsien-Chung of National Taiwan Normal University, Professor Mou, Chung-Yu of National Tsing Hua University, Emeritus Professor Chu, Chon-Saar of National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Professor Wu, Jiun-Huei of National Taiwan University, together with Wang, Cih-Su of Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School, served as coaches to assist with tasks such as translating competition papers and mediating scores. The delegation traveled to Colombia on July 3rd for the competition and returned to Taiwan on July 16th.

To reward students for their outstanding achievements, the Ministry of Education has established the "Regulations and Rules Governing Preferential Admission for Academic Advancement for Students with Outstanding Achievements in International Mathematics or Science Olympiads and International Science Fairs." Gold, silver, and bronze medalists in this competition are eligible for admission to university departments related to their field of study or can receive recommended admission. Additionally, gold, silver, and bronze medalists receive scholarships of NT\$200,000, NT\$100,000, and NT\$50,000, respectively, from the Ministry of Education. However, for students who win two or more awards in the same or different subjects within the same year, only the highest scholarship amount will be awarded.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that it will continue to select and train outstanding students to participate in this competition to cultivate high-potential physics talent. By participating in international events, the Administration aims to promote cross-national exchange, propel young students to connect with the world, and continually enhance their international perspectives and global competitiveness.