

President Recognizes the Delegation's Exceptional Performance in 2023 International Mathematics and Science Olympiads

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Taiwan's delegation had an exceptional performance with 28 gold medals, 17 silver medals, six bronze medals, and four honorable mentions in the 2023 International Olympiads. On Jan 8, 2024, the Ministry of Education (MOE) organized the 2023 International Mathematics and Science Olympiads Award Ceremony to celebrate the winning students and recognize the hard work of advisors and teaching assistants that help students shine on the international stage and achieve great success for our country. President Tsai Ing-wen also met with representatives of students and advisors at the Office of the President. The president not only expressed appreciation for their hard work and outstanding performance in science, but also encouraged students to continue to cultivate their expertise, reach their full potential, and utilize their scientific spirit of analytical research to achieve fruitful results for themselves and Taiwan.

In 2023, a total of 55 students were chosen to participate in nine Olympiad competitions, including Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, Asian Physics Olympiad, International Mathematical Olympiad, International Chemistry Olympiad, International Physics Olympiad, International Olympiad in Informatics, International Biology Olympiad, International Earth Science Olympiad, and International Junior Science Olympiad, delivering outstanding performances in terms of international rankings and the number of medals won in each category.

In the 20th International Junior Science Olympiad hosted by Thailand, all six students from our delegation won gold medals among 304 students from 54 countries and regions and secured first place in the international ranking, laying a good foundation for our science education continuously.

MOE explained that over the years, through participating in international science competitions and interacting with players from different countries, our students are allowed to receive more solid scientific training. Since 1991, Taiwan has been participating in the International Olympiads and has achieved excellent results every year. Until today, Taiwan has won 539 gold medals, 431 silver medals, 281 bronze medals, and 136 honorable mentions, which demonstrates the strong foundation of our science education in junior high schools.

According to MOE, to encourage students to devote themselves to scientific research and further studies, the MOE established Regulations Governing Academic Advancement Incentives for Students with Great Performance in International Mathematics or Science Olympiads and International Science Fairs. According to the regulations, the award-winning students will be guaranteed admission to the corresponding department at a college or a university in Taiwan and will be allowed to apply for participation in international symposiums. MOE also established regulations regarding scholarship applications to send students abroad to mathematics and science departments of top universities for professional training and international experience.