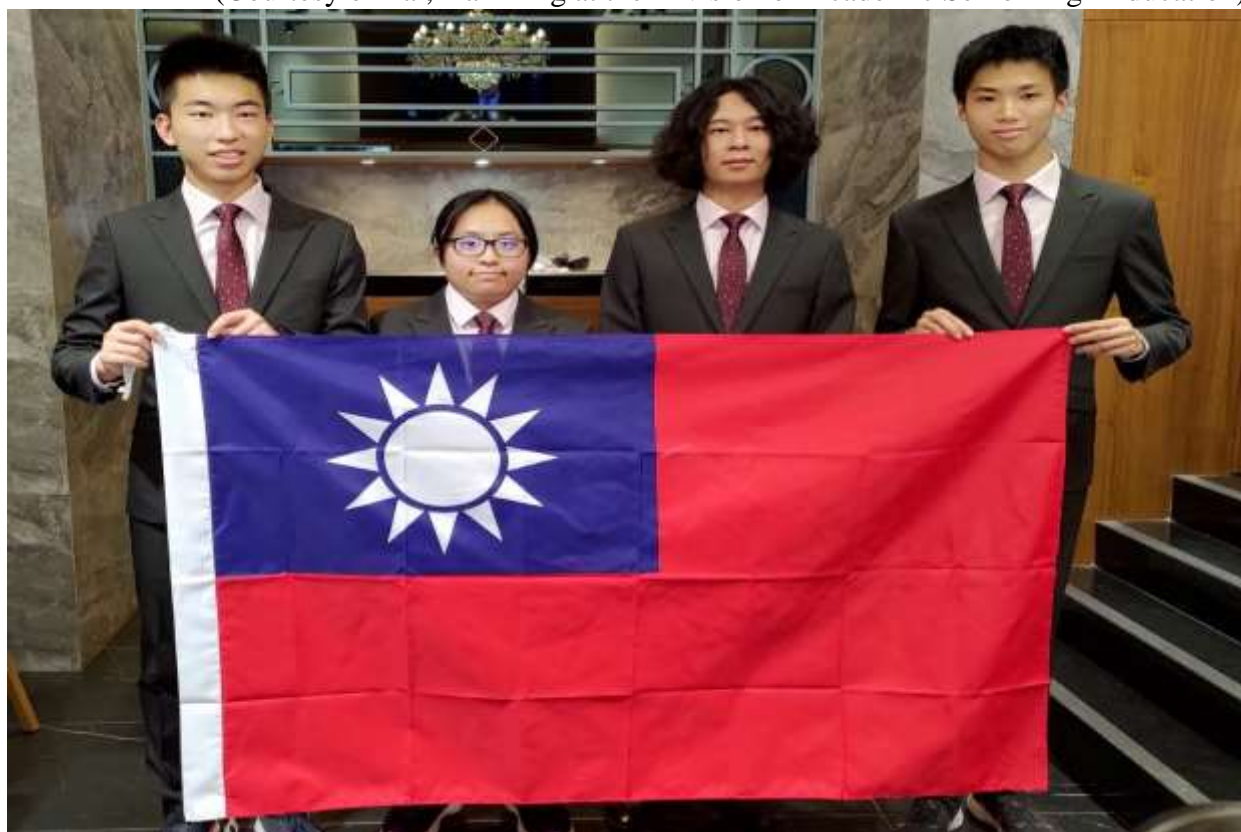


Two Golds and two silvers secured at the 34th IOI

(Courtesy of Lai, Han-Ting at the Division of Academic Senior High Education)



An exciting piece of news about Taiwan's national team at the 34th International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI 2022) was spread to the home country on August 14, 2022. Among 349 participating students from 88 countries (or regions), Taiwan's representatives have won two gold and two silver medals in total, ranking 4th on par with South Korea in the world. Of Taiwan's national team, the two gold medal winners are Liu, En-Yi from National Experimental High School At Hsinchu Science Park (individually ranked 19th) and Hou, Hsin-Wei from the Affiliated Senior High School of National Taiwan Normal University (individually ranked 29th); the two silver medal winners are Liu, Che from Taipei Municipal Chien Kuo High School (individually ranked 49th) and Lai, Chao-Hsun from from Taipei Municipal Chien Kuo High School (individually ranked 80th). They excelled at the competition.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's IOI was hosted both online and offline. A total of 70 teams participated in the physical competition in Indonesia, while the remaining 18 teams participated online.

This year's national team representatives were selected and trained by an advisory group, consisting of more than ten domestic university professors and scholars. After the general selection stage, preliminary stage, semifinal stage, and final, four out of 3,867 participants were selected as Taiwan's representatives for this competition. The delegation was headed and led by Li, Chung-Mou, Vice President of National Taiwan Normal University, together with Wang, Hung-Lun, Associate Professor of National Taiwan Normal University, as the deputy team leader, as well as Tsai, Hsi-Chun, Professor of National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University and Dr. Huang, Shang-En, a former national competitor assisting in translating competition questions and estimating the scores. The delegation set off for this competition in Indonesia on August 6, 2022. As the closing and award ceremony were held on August 14 (at 7:00 p.m. on August 14 Taiwan time), the delegation planned to return to the country on August 15.

To reward students' excellence in international science and mathematics competition, the Ministry of Education has established the Academic Incentive Scheme for Students Who Demonstrate Excellent Performance in International Mathematics or Science Olympiads and International Science Fairs: any medal winners at such competitions will be admitted to a department of the same discipline in college or university or be recommended to any department in college or university without a need for taking an entrance exam. In addition, each gold, silver, and bronze medalist will be awarded a scholarship of NT\$200,000, NT\$100,000, and NT\$50,000, respectively, by the Ministry of Education. However, for those who have won two or more awards in the same discipline or in different disciplines in the same year, the reward will be granted based on their best award.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, this competition will be held in Hungary next year, and our country will continue to select and train outstanding students to participate in this competition to facilitate international exchanges and win glory for our country, while cultivating more international information talents for the domestic industries.

Our country has participated in the IOI since 1994 and has witnessed exceptional performance over the years. So far, our national teams have brought home a total of 24 golds, 58 silvers, and 27 bronzes.