

## Taiwan's national team won one gold and three silvers at the 35<sup>th</sup> IOI in 2023

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An exciting piece of news about Taiwan's national team at the 35<sup>th</sup> International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI 2023) spread home on September 3, 2023. Among 351 participating students from 87 countries, Taiwan's representatives have won one gold and three silver medals in total, ranking 5<sup>th</sup> in the world. Among Taiwan's national team, the gold medal winner is Wang, Chi from National Tainan First Senior High School (individually ranked 14<sup>th</sup>) and the three silver medal winners are Chang, Ting-Wei (individually ranked 31<sup>st</sup>) and Chen, Po-Kai (individually ranked 38<sup>th</sup>) from the Taipei Municipal Chien Kuo High School and Chiu, Yi-Chun from the National Experimental High School at Hsinchu Science Park (individually ranked 47<sup>th</sup>). All of them demonstrated outstanding performance at the competition.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education, this year's national team representatives were selected and trained by an advisory group, consisting of more than ten domestic university professors and scholars. Four out of 2,563 participants were selected as Taiwan's national representatives for this competition. The delegation was led by Li, Chung-

Mou, Professor of the National Taiwan Normal University, with Wang, Hung-Lun, Associate Professor of the National Taiwan Normal University, as the deputy team leader, as well as Tsai, Hsi-Chun, Professor of the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Tsai, Meng-Tsung, Assistant Research Fellow of the Academia Sinica, while Kao, Ying-Yao, teacher of the National Tainan First Senior High School assisted in translating competition questions and estimating the scores. The opening ceremony of competition took place on August 29, 2023 and the closing and awards ceremony was held on the afternoon of September 3, 2023, local time. The delegation is scheduled to return to the country on September 9, 2023.

To reward students' excellent performance, the Ministry of Education has formulated the Regulations Governing Academic Advancement Preferential Admission for Students with Great 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.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, this competition will be hosted by Egypt next year, and our country will continue to select and train outstanding students to participate in this competition, expand their international horizons, and facilitate international exchanges, while cultivating more international information technology talents for Taiwan.