

12th Asian Physics Olympiad, 1-9 May, 2011, Tel-Aviv, Israel

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Final day and awards ▶ Tamar Amir



A bittersweet end to a fantastic week took us to Herzeliyah's Performing Art's Center for the Olympiad's Closing Ceremony. The event opened with a cinematic sum-up of our exciting adventures. Organizers, leaders, students and guides were present, as well as honorable members of Israel's Education system, and were the subjects of many thanks and warm applause. The diligence, hard work, talent and intelligence of our students were warmly applauded, and

long-awaited certificates and medals were rewarded. Twenty-two honorable mention certificates were presented by the Olympiad's organizing committee chairman Ofer Rimon after a glow-in-the-dark Light Theatre performance warmed up the audience. Ness Ziona's Youth Band tuned up the stage thereafter with their jovial orchestral sound, and President of Tel Aviv University Yosef Klepeter gave a speech commending the students' devotion and sportive attitudes before presenting 13 of them with Bronze medals. The Or Ha Eframim dance group of Jerusalem livened up the stage with theatrical "nouveau" folk to traditional Jewish Israeli upbeat notes, and made a sweeping exit before President of the Asian Physics' Olympiad Professor Min Juey Lin congratulated participants for their efforts and the organizing team for their superior work. After presenting the 10 Silver medallions, more performances served to cheer the winners on and set up the atmosphere for Mr. Gideon Saar, Israel's Minister of Education, who proceeded to thank and compliment the achievements of all those who made the Olympiad possible. Later, after inspiring the audience with Albert Einstein's "one that thinks does not cease to question", he rewarded 16 students with Gold medals—eight to the People's Republic of China, three to Taiwan, two to Russia, and one each to Israel, Indonesia and Hong Kong. Special prizes for "Very Special Achievements" were handed out for "Most creative answer to the experimental exam" to Thailand, "Best score in the experimental exam" to Taiwan, and "Best theoretical examination score" to the People's Republic of China. The 12th Asian Olympiad's "Absolute Winner" was China's Yukai Wu, who, along with all the competition's members, rose to the stage for bows and photos. A goodbye lunch had the mass of us socializing by the Yarkon River in North Tel Aviv, sentimentally readying ourselves to separate...until next year's Olympiad in India!



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How does it feel to be a Gold-medalist? How long have you been studying Physics, and when did you begin preparing for this Olympiad? What do you have planned now that it's over?



Yukai Wu ▶ People's Republic of China ▶ "Absolute Winner"

I feel proud and excited. I started studying Physics about three years ago, and began preparing for the Olympiad in November. In September I will begin studying Physics and Mathematics at University in Peking.

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Gal Dor ▶ Israel

I feel very good. I've been studying Physics independently since the second grade, and prepared for this Olympiad in three training camps and with home exercises. Physics is my hobby...I plan to learn Mathematics later on.

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Hil Fung Harry Cheung ▶ Hong Kong

I'm very happy—it's a miracle that our team got such a good result. I've been interested in Physics for 5 years, and began training for this event a year ago. Now I will prepare for the International Physics Olympiad in Thailand in July.

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Israel is considered to be a 'super highway' for birds, migrating from Africa to Asia and Europe. Alongside its resident species, Israel enjoys many bird visitors. The summer visitors include among others the Egyptian vulture, the Cuckoo bird, and many more species. The winter visitors breed in Europe and reach Israel during autumn and remain until the end of winter. These include ducks, robins, cranes and many more. Besides these species there are plenty of other temporal visitors that pass over

Israel during their migration. All together there are over a hundred species that can be spotted over the Israeli sky. Every once in a while there even be an unexpected visitor like an albatross that has strayed off route because of a navigational error or some other unknown reason.

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This day marks the Memorial Day for Israeli war veterans. At 11.00 a two minute siren sounds throughout the country, in memory of the fallen soldiers. Those who are interested in more information may contact their delegations guide.

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Sentence of the day

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"ASTRA BALAGINA KISH KISH KARYA" This sentence is actually not in Hebrew, but in the ancient sematic language of Aramaic, which was the standard language amongst the Jewish communities in the first few centuries.

The literal meaning of this proverb is 'one coin in an empty vessel makes a lot on noise'. The subtext of is that a fool is well heard, and makes plenty of ruckus.

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