



# The 41st International Mathematical Olympiad

The 41st International Mathematical Olympiad was held in Korea, Taejon from 15 to 25 July, 2000. A total of 451 contestants from 82 countries or regions participated in the IMO. The Singapore National Team to the 41st IMO consisted of the following:

<i>Team Leader:</i>	Dr Tay Tiong Seng	National University of Singapore
<i>Deputy Leader:</i>	Mr Hsi Hanyin	Temasek Junior College
<i>Contestants:</i>	Kwa Chin Lum	Raffles Junior College
	Lim Yin	Victoria Junior College
	Tan Chee Hau	Raffles Junior College
	Ng Wan Long	Hwa Chong Junior College
	Tay Kah Keng	Raffles Junior College
	Tay Kah Seng	Raffles Junior College

## Singapore Team's Results:

<i>Contestant</i>	<i>Award</i>
Lim Yin	Silver
Kwa Chin Lum	Bronze
Tan Chee Hau	Bronze

Unofficially, Singapore ranked 37 among 82 countries.

## The Programme

During the period from 13 to 17 July, the jury, after considerable deliberation, chose 6 problems for the contest. Thereafter, the official versions in English, French, Russian and Spanish were adopted. The leaders then translated the problems into their own languages. There were more than 50 language versions.

The contest itself was written over two days on 19 and 20 July. The paper for each day consisted of 3 problems and the time allowed was 4.5 hours. (The contest problems are included in this issue's Competition Corner.)

The team leader and the deputy for each country then graded the scripts of their contestants and the final score was then determined by coordination.

On 23 July, at the final Jury meeting, the cut-off scores for medals were decided. They were:

Gold : 30-42      Silver : 21-29      Bronze : 11-20.

A total of 30 gold, 71 silver and 119 bronze medals were awarded at the closing ceremony held on 23 July.

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