

MathEdge Teams Win 2nd and 3rd place Team and Seven Individual Awards at 2010 Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest in Hong Kong

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – August 12, 2010 – Eight Bay Area students, ranging from 5th to 7th graders, return victorious after competing in the 13th Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest (PMWC) held from July 10th to 14th in Hong Kong. In attendance were 44 teams totaling approximately 200 students from various countries across the globe, including Indonesia, Singapore, Mexico, the Philippines, Bulgaria, China, India, Japan, Malaysia and South Africa, and only invited teams were allowed to participate in this contest. Of the Bay Area students, four comprised the Silicon Valley Team, and the other four the California East Bay Team.

The students representing the Silicon Valley Team were **Timothy Ngotiaoco** (6th grader from Ardenwood School in Fremont), **David Zhu** (5th grader from Harker School in San Jose), **Henry Yang** (7th grader from Hyde Middle School in Cupertino), and **Peter Wu** (5th grader from Harker School in San Jose). The Silicon Valley team won 1st runner up in the Po Leung Kuk Cup.

The students representing the California East Bay Team were **Cindy Liu** (7th grader from Harker School in San Jose), **Rachel Wu** (7th grader from Harker School in San Jose), **Michael Lu** (7th grader from Horner Jr. High School in Fremont), and **David Lin** (7th grader from Harker School in San Jose). The East Bay Team won 2nd runner up in the Po Leung Kuk Cup.

Seven (out of the eight) MathEdge students won an individual award.

Cindy Liu won 1st place honor with a perfect score, **Timothy Ngotiaoco**, **David Zhu**, and **Henry Yang** won 2nd place honor, and **Peter Wu**, **Rachel Wu**, and **David Lin** won 3rd place honor.

The eight students were selected from two rounds of tryouts administered by MathEdge. The first tryout was held in early February with 154 students, ranging from 3rd to 7th graders, from 76 different Bay Area schools. From that, 15 students (the top 10%) were selected for a twelve-week training camp. Along with the eight students mentioned above, **Grace Li**, **Chris Wang**, **Justin Chan**, **Joshua Chan**, **Brian Tseng**, **Daniel Ho**, **Shannon Yu**, and **Isaac Tang** were selected to attend training sessions. A second test was administered in late April to select the final eight contestants. PMWC covered all expenses (except airfare), including five days room and board and local tours in Hong Kong, allowing the elementary and middle school students to enjoy this unique opportunity for academic and cultural exchange with others from around the world.

For six years, MathEdge has been organizing teams to bring to the PMWC, and these teams have consistently brought home awards.

Qualifying to compete in the PMWC requires sound reasoning, logical thinking and, most importantly, problem solving skills, an invaluable supplement to traditional school math. Selected students must show an ability to focus on the entire problem solving process instead of just getting the right answer.

About MathEdge

MathEdge specializes in problem solving and competitive math training.

MathEdge was created in 2004 to teach students to apply problem solving skills to mathematics. As opposed to the computational skills normally taught in schools, the *MathEdge* technique focuses on the reasoning between a problem and its solution, rather than on the answer itself.

MathEdge students have won many awards in various national and international math competitions such as MathCounts, MathOlympiads, American Mathematics Contest, Primary Math World Contest, etc.



MathEdge Teams Receiving Awards

Caption

back row left to right: **David Zhu, Cindy Liu, Rachel Wu, Michael Lu, David Lin, Henry Yang**
 front row left to right: **Coach Yick Cheung, Joshua Chan, Peter Wu, Joshua Ngotiaoco, Timothy Ngotiaoco, Coach Ewa Garg**

USA-Silicon Valley Team: 1st Runner Up in the Po Leung Kuk Cup

Student Name	Grade	School	PMWC Individual Award
Timothy Ngotiaoco (吳敦明)	6	Ardenwood, Fremont	2 nd Honor
David Zhu (朱和偉)	5	Harker, San Jose	2 nd Honor
Henry Yang (楊子恆)	7	Hyde MS, Cupertino	2 nd Honor
Peter Wu (吳雨杭)	5	Harker, San Jose	3 rd Honor

California East Bay Team: 2nd Runner Up in the Po Leung Kuk Cup

Student Name	Grade	School	PMWC Individual Award
Cindy Liu (劉欣怡)	7	Harker, San Jose	1st Honor
Rachel Wu	7	Harker, San Jose	3 rd Honor
Michael Lu (呂亦龍)	7	Horner, Fremont	
David Lin	7	Harker, San Jose	3 rd Honor