

MathEdge Teams Triumph Winning Champion and 2nd Runner-up and 8 Individual Awards in 2011 International Mathematics Competition Held in Bali, Indonesia

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – July 27, 2011 – Eight elementary and middle school students from the Bay Area competed in the Ninth International Mathematics Competition (IIMC 2011) held from July 18th to 23rd in Bali, Indonesia. There were **sixty-five teams of about 260 students** from various countries across the globe, including, Bangladesh, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Macau, Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and Zimbabwe. The math teams formed by our eight students represented Silicon Valley and California East Bay. Participation in this contest was by invitation only.

The students representing the Silicon Valley team were **Andrew Lin** (5th grader from Dilworth in Cupertino), **Grace Li** (7th grader from Kennedy in Cupertino), **Shaya Zarkesh** (5th grader from Harker in San Jose), and **Shannon Yang** (6th grader from Terman in Palo Alto). The Silicon Valley team was proclaimed Champion in the team award and 1st Runner-up in the group award. For the individual awards, **Andrew Lin** won a gold medal, **Grace Li** won a bronze medal, and **Shaya Zarkesh** and **Shannon Yang** each won merit awards.

The students representing the California team were **Justin Yang** (7th grader from Terman in Palo Alto), **Charles Tang** (7th grader from Bret Hart in San Jose), **Justin Chan** (7th grader from Kennedy in Cupertino), and **Joshua Chan** (7th grader from Hopkins in Fremont). The California East Bay team won 2nd Runner-up in the team award and 1st Runner-up in the group award. For the individual awards, **Justin Yang** won a silver medal, **Charles Tang** and **Justin Chan** both won bronze medals, and **Joshua Chan** won a merit award.

The eight students were selected from two rounds of tryouts administered by **MathEdge**. The first tryout was held in early February with 145 bright students from the 2nd through 7th grades who represented 76 different Bay Area schools. Twelve students (the top 10%) were selected based on their tryout test scores for a twelve-week training course. In addition to the 8 students who competed in Indonesia, **Jerry Chen, Tony Zhao, Shopnavo Biswas, and Edward He** also attended training. A second test was administered in late April to select the final eight contestants. For these students, all expenses (except airfare) for six days including room and board, and local tours in Bali, Indonesia were covered.

This was a unique opportunity for the elementary school and junior high students to have an academic and cultural exchange with children around the world. Qualifying to compete in the IMC requires sound reasoning, logical thinking and, most importantly, problem solving skills, which is an excellent supplement to traditional school math. Therefore, the students selected had to be able to work through the entire problem solving process, not just get 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: Assistant Coach Joanna Tan, Shannon Yang, Andrew Lin, Shaya Zarkesh, Grace Li, Coach Yick Cheung, Coach Eric Chan. Front row left to right: Charles Tang, Justin Chan, Joshua Chan, Justin Yang

USA-Silicon Valley Team: Champion for Team award and 1st Runner-up for group award

Student Name	Grade	School	Individual Award
Grace Li (李希園)	7	Kennedy, Cupertino	Bronze
Andrew Lin (林宇謙)	5	Dilworth, Cupertino	Gold
Shaya Zarkesh	5	Harker, San Jose	Merit
Shannon Yang (楊仟辰)	6	Terman, Palo Alto	Merit

California East Bay Team: 2nd Runner Up for Team award and 1st Runner-up for group award

Student Name	Grade	School	Individual Award
Joshua Chan (陳卓華)	7	Hopkins, Fremont	Merit
Justin Chan (陳祖恩)	7	Kennedy, Cupertino	Bronze
Justin Yang (楊加寅)	7	Terman, Palo Alto	Silver
Charles Tang	7	Bret Hart, San Jose	Bronze

[IIMC 2011 - USA](http://youtu.be/tLQfLzzPvkQ) YouTube video : <http://youtu.be/tLQfLzzPvkQ>