

Bay Area Teams Win Seven Awards at World Math Contest

By a Staff Reporter

Two teams from the San Francisco Bay Area won seven awards at the 10th Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest, held July 17-21 in Hong Kong.

There were four team members, grades 5-7, on the Silicon Valley USA and California MathEdge squads. Coached by MathEdge director Ewa Garg, they won two team and five individual prizes.

Representing MathEdge were: Abhijit Pujare, seventh grader at Kennedy Middle School in Cupertino; Patrick Yang, a sixth grader at Harker School in San Jose; Revanth Kosaraju, a sixth grader at Harker; and Ramya Ranjan, a sixth grader at Harker. The Silicon Valley USA teammates were: Archit Kulkarni, a seventh grader at Roger Middle School in Campbell; Alexander Ma, a sixth grader at Miller Middle School in San Jose; Elaine Tang, a seventh grader at Kennedy Middle School; and Lexing Tong, a fifth grader at J.F. Smith Elementary School in Evergreen.

“Both teams performed phenomenal in the competition,” Garg told India-West. “Although tied for



Two teams from the San Francisco Bay Area won seven awards at the Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest in Hong Kong recently. Shown in the photo are: (front, l-r) assistant coach Lucy Lu, Elaine Tang, Ramya Ranjan, Patrick Yang, Lexing Tong and coach Ewa Garg; (back, l-r) assistant coach Cheng Yung Ma, Revanth Kosaraju, Abhijit Pujare, Alexander Ma and Archit Kulkarni.

first place in score, team California MathEdge won the first run-up Po Leung Cup award, after losing in (the tiebreaker). Team Silicon Valley USA won the merit award in the team competition.”

In the individual competition, Kosaraju and Patrick Yang received second place honors, while

and Singapore. The invitation-only contest consisted of written problems of varying complexity to be solved without calculators.

Students were selected after two rounds of tryouts. The first tryout in February drew 102 students from 52 Bay Area schools. The top 10 percent were selected and given 12 weeks of training.

A second test was administered in April to select the final eight contestants. All expenses in Hong Kong except airfare 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,” said Garg.

Kulkarni, Ma and Ranjan won 3rd place awards. Pujare, Tang and Tong made excellent showings, only one point short of an individual award.

The international competition attracted 48 teams from countries including the U.S., Australia, South Africa, India, China, Japan