California Teen Among Winners At Math Contest in Hong Kong



Seen from left to right: Elisha Garg (assistant coach), Logan Short, Alex Chang, Ewa Garg (coach), Felix Sung, Akash Gupta, and Aaron Garg (assistant coach),

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SAN JOSE, Calif.—An Indian American boy is among four Silicon Valley middle school students who have won honors at the ninth Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest in Hong Kong.

Akash Gupta, 13, of Chaboya Middle School in San Jose; Felix Sung, 13, of Miller Middle School in San Jose; Alex Chang, 13, of Menlo School in Atherton; and Logan Short, 12, of Redwood Middle School in Saratoga won the third-place trophy in the group prizes and a fourth-place merit trophy for the team prizes, a press release said.

Sung received second honor, equivalent to second place, in the individual prizes.

The team was coached by Ewa Garg, with Elisha Garg and Aaron Garg assistant coaches.

The competitions, which were highly competitive, were held from July 16-20 and featured 43 teams from countries such as China, India, Japan, Mexico and South Africa. Tryouts were held in April.

Participation in the PMWC is by invitation, and each country is entitled to send a team comprising a leader, a deputy leader, and no more than four contestants.

The PMWC aims to provide an opportunity for the exchange of information of primary school mathematics education throughout the world; foster friendly relations among primary school students from different countries; and discover the mathematics potential of gifted primary students among different countries.