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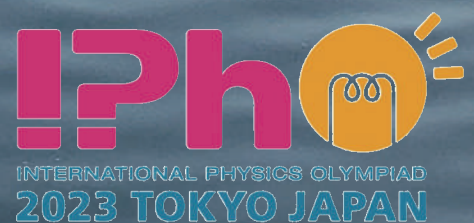
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Closing Ceremony

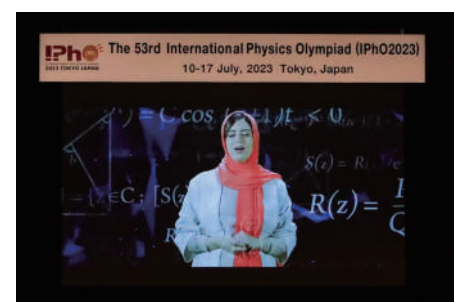
The IPhO2023 came to a grand end with the awarding of glittering gold, silver, and bronze medals to many contestants. The closing ceremony was held with all the people concerned gathered in one place: contestants, leaders, observers, and IPhO2023 staff members. The ceremony opened up with the presentation showing a number of wonderful moments during the IPhO2023 through beautiful pictures.

The ceremony was followed by a speech by Prof. KOBAYASHI Makoto, Chair of the Organizing Committee, who emphasized the importance of the concept of physics. Then, Prof. HAYANO Ryugo, Chair of the Academic Committee, dressed in formal Japanese costumes, explained and showed scores of contestants, which exited the contestants. Next, the supporting staff leaders of the conference were introduced and received grand applause.

After the announcement of Commendation of Diversity, the award for promoting diversity, and the Honorable Mention winners, the Bronze Medal winners were announced. They went up to the stage to receive their medals. Then followed Silver and Gold Medal winners. All the winners stood under the spotlight on the stage decorated with glittering medals, each feeling a sense of honor. Finally, the best performance winners in the experimental exam and the theoretical exam, and the absolute winner were announced and awarded special trophies. (see page 2).

The ceremony was followed by a stylish presentation of the Invitation to IPhO2024 in Iran. Finally, Prof. RAWAT Rajdeep Singh, President of the IPhO Secretariat, gave the final remark. After the ceremony, Koto and Daikagura were performed as farewell events.

Congratulations to all participants of IPhO2023!



IPhO2023 Medal Winners



Special Prize



Commendation of Diversity

Gold Medals were awarded to 37 contestants, Silver Medals to 74 contestants, Bronze Medals to 103 contestants (names of winners up to here are listed on pages 5-6), and Honorable Mention to 54 contestants. Special prize for the absolute winner was awarded to **YU Bowen (China)**, Special prize for the best performance in the experimental exam was awarded to **FAN Collin (USA)**, and Special prize for the best performance in the theoretical exam was awarded to **YEVTUSHENKO Feodor (USA)** and **ZHAO Hanhong (China)**. Commendation of Diversity, an award for promoting diversity in the International Physics Olympiad, was awarded to four countries: **Cyprus, France, Iceland, and Ukraine**. Congratulations!

India: BORAD Mehul (Gold Medal)

I was kind of expecting that I was really close to a gold medal, so I was nervous. Now I am absolutely excited about actually receiving a gold medal. The experiment problems were really good and fun. About the excursion, especially the cruise ship and ropeway at Hakone, and the view from there were absolutely amazing. I love Japan!



Japan: TANAKA Yuki and IMAMURA Kotaro (Gold Medal)

I'm very glad to receive a gold medal. It's like a dream come true. When I started studying physics, I didn't dream of coming this far, but frankly, I am really happy now. Experiment problems were very complicated, but theory problems were mostly straightforward dealing with mechanics. In the future, I would like to pursue physics by collaborating with friends, just as we did during this competition. In doing so, I want to clarify what I really want to do.



China: YU Bowen (Absolute Winner)

I was totally stunned when I heard my name mentioned as the absolute winner. This achievement is beyond my wildest imagination! I was so shocked that I nearly forgot to open my national flag when I walked onto the stage. It was such an impressive experience to shake hands and receive the trophy from the famous Nobel laureate in Physics, Prof. KOBAYASHI Makoto. Wonderful time in Japan these days will undoubtedly be a blooming flower flowing in the river of my memory. Thank you, IPhO2023!



Israel: WALACH Doron and NITZAN Omri (Silver Medal)

We were very excited! It was so fun. We were happy to receive the silver medals and to go up to the sage together. All our team members were also happy. It was a very nice and beautiful moment. We worked for this competition very hard and our endeavor paid off.



Poland: MARON Andrzej Franciszek (Silver Medal)

I feel really great. I thought that my best record was bronze, so getting a silver medal was very good for me. I have another year to study aiming for a gold medal at the next IPhO in Iran. I hope I will do well there.



Slovenia: BRVAR Miha (Bronze Medal)

I'm very much satisfied with getting a bronze medal. I think I was pretty close to the silver but that's ok. I really liked our stay in Tokyo. I found all the excursions really exciting and fun. I saw a lot of new things and met new people. I am satisfied with everything and I think I can sleep well on the plane.



Memories in IPhO2023

- Farewell Lunch Photos -



- Excursion Photos -



Messages from Supporting Staff Members

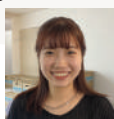
ASAKA Momo (Greece)

I was assigned to Greece, a country I did not know much about. It was new and interesting for me to talk about Greece and Japan. Whenever I hear about Greece or see Greek yogurt somewhere in the future, I will remember their stories and it will warm my heart. It was a valuable experience that expanded my perspective.



KIMURA Rina (Suriname)

We had a lot of interaction during the excursions and the daily activities, which were a valuable cultural exchange experience. At first, it was hard to communicate fully due to cultural differences, but eventually we managed to spend meaningful time with each other with the help of verbal and body languages. I hope everyone enjoyed Tokyo.



ARIMOTO Hidemi (Austria)

As a student supporter, the most crucial assignment for me was to make all participants feel welcomed and, if possible, at home. I truly feel that Team Austria was able to bond, and hope the friendship they established here with their peer participants from all over the world will continue to develop further.



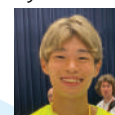
YANO Ayaka (Italy)

As I spent a week with the Italian students, I've come to think they are very cheerful. It's a pity that we don't have enough time to see many places, but I'll do my best to support them during the rest of their stay so that they can bring back as many good memories as possible.



MURAYAMA Io (Latvia)

As a student supporter and a past IPhO participant, it was my pleasure welcoming you and having face-to-face interaction with you in Japan, my home country. I truly realized that IPhO is not only for competition but also for connection beyond boundaries. I hope you have enjoyed your stay in Tokyo.



KUSUMOTO Koki (China)

I'm very happy to participate as a student supporter in the IPhO2023. Having seen Japan from a different perspective, I deepened my understanding of my own country. Compared to the former online IPhO, which I participated in as a contestant two years ago, I realized how good it is to communicate with participants face-to-face. It was a valuable experience to get acquainted with those who love physics from all over the world.



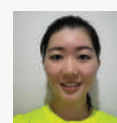
AWANO Ryoya (Australia)

I participated in IPhO2021 and this time I was involved in IPhO2023 as a student supporter for Australia. While IPhO2021 was held online, IPhO2023 was held in face-to-face format. So I envied this year's participants, who enjoyed events and excursions, and had close interactions among them! I enjoyed the interaction with the Australian students, especially we enjoyed teaching each other about the cultures.



EGUCHI Saho (Turkey)

It was a pleasure to be a part of IPhO2023. I had a good time in an international yet very harmonious atmosphere with participants from all over the world. Also, their interests and curiosities gave me a new perspective on understanding Japan. I would like to express my gratitude to those who worked hard to make this competition a reality and wish the contestants all the best in their future studies.



List of IPhO2023 Medal Winners

Gold Medal

ADITYA (India)
AKDAĞ Emir (Turkey)
ANDOLŠEK Peter (Slovenia)
BACIAK Filip (Poland)
BOBKOV Viacheslav (Oly team)
BORAD Mehul (India)
BURTSEV Roman (Oly team)
CHANG Cheng-Kuang (Taiwan)
CHANG Ya-Cheng (Taiwan)
DING Zhuoli (China)
DOLIA Vsevolod (Oly team)
DRAGOMIR Andrei-Darius (Romania)
ERSHOV Aleksandr (Oly team)
FAN Collin (United States)
HAN Jongyoon (Korea)
IMAMURA Kotaro (Japan)
JIANG Daibing (China)
KIM Evan (United States)
LAM Chung Wang (Hong Kong)
LEE Hyunchae (Korea)
LEE Junsuh (Korea)
MOMOIU Alexandru (Romania)
NGUYEN Tuan Phong (Vietnam)
NOH Ian (Korea)
OROS Vlad-Stefan (Romania)
PHADETSUWANNUKUN Nutdech (Thailand)
POTAPOV Egor (Oly team)
SHAH Dhruv (India)
SHI Zian (United States)
SUH Kyumin (Korea)
TANAKA Yuki (Japan)
TIAN Xiangchen (China)
VO Hoang Hai (Vietnam)
WANG Zhao-Guo (Taiwan)
YEVTUSHENKO Feodor (United States)
YU Bowen (China)
ZHAO Hanhong (China)

Silver Medal

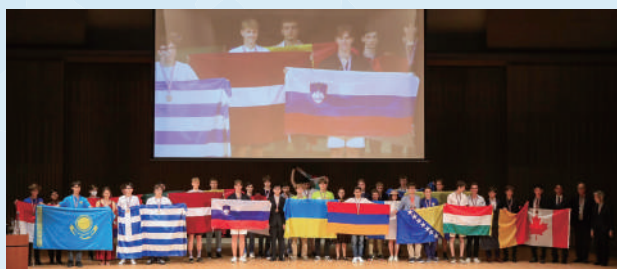
ARÉVALO AGUIRRE Sebastián Andrés (El Salvador)
BABELIS Tomas (Lithuania)
BISSIMBI Doszhan (Kazakhstan)
CHANDRA Savero Lukianto (Indonesia)
CHANKASAMSAT Thanassorn (Thailand)
CHAN Kelvin (Australia)
CHEN Peng-Wei (Taiwan)
CHEN Shuoyan (United States)
DE ANDRADE PORFÍRIO Murilo (Brazil)
DERE Kaan (Turkey)
DI GRAZIA Guglielmo (Italy)
DOS SANTOS SILVA Paulo Henrique (Brazil)
DŽAVORONOK Adam (Slovakia)
FATHI Sina (Iran)
FAUCHEU Hannah (France)
FUNATA Fansen Candra (Indonesia)
GAYDUKOV Alexander (Slovenia)
GHANBARI Ali (Iran)
GONZALEZ FILIPOV Daniel (Switzerland)
GOYAL Raghav (India)
GULATI Ojas (United Kingdom)
HE, Jingyang James (Singapore)
HIGASHIGAWA Leon (Japan)
HSU Zi-Siang (Taiwan)
HUI Pok Shing (Hong Kong)
İŞKESEN Mehmet Anıl (Turkey)
IWASHITA Koki (Japan)
JINDAL Shanay (Singapore)
JOSHI Douglas (Australia)
KAHU Kristjan-Eerik (Estonia)
KARAN Val (Croatia)
KARAPETYAN Hovsep (Armenia)
KARPIJCZYK Stanisław Marcin (Poland)
KEDIA Rhythm (India)
KITA Shunsuke (Japan)
KWOK Ching Yeung (Hong Kong)

LBATH Mounir (France)
LE Viet Hoang Anh (Vietnam)
LI Yichen (Singapore)
LIPIEC Michał Piotr (Poland)
LIU Lincoln (Hong Kong)
MAROŃ Andrzej Franciszek (Poland)
MIRICA Ioan-Alexandru (Romania)
MOOSAVI Mohammad (Iran)
MYLET Alexander (United Kingdom)
NGUYEN Tuan Duong (Vietnam)
NITZAN Omri (Israel)
NURSAGATOV Margulan (Kazakhstan)
NÜSKE Anton (Germany)
ONG Zhi Zheng (Malaysia)
OTGOCHULUU Anirchuluu (Mongolia)
PATTARAPON Punlertrapee (Thailand)
PITEBAY Yersultan (Kazakhstan)
RAM Ido (Israel)
ROSIAR Samuel (Czech)
ROUAN Mathurin (France)
RYD Emil (Sweden)
SADIKHZADA Sadig (Azerbaijan)
SHIRINBAYAN Mahdi (Iran)
STORBACKA Melvin (Sweden)
SUN Yu Chieh (Singapore)
TAN Pin Che (Singapore)
TCHOTASHVILI Dachi (Georgia)
TRABZON Ahmet Bahadır (Turkey)
TUDOSE Rares Felix (Romania)
UGULAVA Irakli (Georgia)
UN Chong Un (Macao)
VORONA Victor (Moldova)
WALACH Doron (Israel)
WALD Inbar (Israel)
WEINMAN Matan (Israel)
YERKEBAYEV Alisher (Kazakhstan)
ZAZUBYK Diana (Ukraine)
ZHU Coy (United Kingdom)



Bronze Medal

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| ABDELRAHIM Youssef (Qatar) | HIP Vuk (Serbia) | POSPIECH Luke (Germany) |
| ABDULKARIM Murad (Azerbaijan) | IONAŞ Vadim (Moldova) | QADAH Hussain Jamal H (Saudi Arabia) |
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| AGHAYAN Arsen (Armenia) | ISMAIL Muhammad Arif Khalfani (Indonesia) | REUTIN Ilya (Latvia) |
| ALSHAKHS Mazen Zaid A (Saudi Arabia) | ISMOLDAYEV Margulan (Bulgaria) | RISTIĆ Tadej (Serbia) |
| AMBROŽIČ Žan (Slovenia) | JAVORA Lukáš (Czech) | ROHNER Moritz (Luxembourg) |
| ARAKELIAN Maria (Armenia) | JELESJEVIĆ Tadija (Serbia) | RUSU Paisie (Moldova) |
| ARCHABOONYASEK Thongchai (Thailand) | JEMELJANOV Aleksei (Estonia) | SCHOMERUS Arved (Denmark) |
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| BENCZ Benedek (Hungary) | KONDRACHUK Yaroslav (Ukraine) | STOJANOVSKI Jan (Macedonia) |
| BOHDAN Maryna (Ukraine) | KOTZAMPASIS Odysseas (Greece) | SULTANOV Javohir (Uzbekistan) |
| BRVAR Miha (Slovenia) | KREJAN Samo (Slovenia) | SUVOROV Petro (Ukraine) |
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Farewell Messages from Interviewers of IPhO2023 Newsletter Team



As a Newsletter Team, we interviewed many contestants from all over the world. We enjoyed talking with you and we were really impressed by your positive power. All the talks were very interesting; however, we could not include all of you in the newsletters due to space limitations.



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