



## The 1st International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

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### Grand IOAA 2007 Opening Ceremony

Thailand held a Grand Opening Ceremony for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) on 1 December 2007 at the Chiang Mai University Convention Center at 9.00 a.m. Nearly one thousand participants attended the ceremony.

After the guests of honor and the participants had enjoyed multi-vision slide presentation of Thailand, Chiang Mai province, and Chiang Mai University, Mr. Viboon Sanguanpong, the Governor of Chiang Mai, and Professor Sakda Siripant, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, gave their welcoming addressed to the audience.

In the ceremony, Professor Charas Suwanwela, M.D., Vice President of the POSN<sup>1</sup> Foundation and the Chairman of the Ceremony, handed over the IOAA flag to Associate Professor Boonrucksar Soonthornthum, Chairman of the Academic Committee of the IOAA, to officially open the competition.

The main highlights of the opening ceremony were the multi-vision slide presentation to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of His Majesty the King of Thailand and the 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday of H.R.H. Princess Galyani Vadhana, and the Commemoration and Astronomy Exhibitions which were staged around the meeting hall. The exhibitions attracted much attention from the participants as well as from students from Chiang Mai and surrounding provincial schools and universities.

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