



The 1st International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Thailand and Indonesian Team Leaders are confident in their teams

Team leaders are confident in their students teams participating in the 1st International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) as they sat had their first Theoretical Exam at the UNISERV Building , Chiang Mai University, on Wednesday morning. The Theoretical Exam comprised 4 questions involving mathematical calculations with the answers having to be submitted within 5 hours.

As Dr. Krisanadej Jaroensutasinee and Dr. Orrajee Muangwong, Team Leaders from Thailand ,said : “ Our team members from Thailand have already proved their abilities in many examinations, ranging from regional to national levels. There are the top five students from thousands of candidates. They also have passed through a Preparation Program for astronomy examinations after school which included participating in an Astronomy Camp. As far as we have observed, the Thai team has performed very well in the exams so far.”

The same confidence was shared by the Team Leaders from Indonesia, the next host country for IOAA. Dr. Chatief Kunjaya and Dr. Taufiq Hidayat from the Department of Astronomy , Bandung Institute of Technology , comented that “In Indonesia, the team members have had to pass many examinations starting from city-level through to provincial and national examinations before finally being selected as the country’s five representatives for this 1st IOAA. They also had to under go a 3-week Examination Preparation Program before coming to Thailand. ”

Over 150 participants, both students and team leaders, are expected to join in His Majesty The King’s 80th Birthday Anniversary Celebrations at the Royal Flora Ratchaphruek 2006 Gardens tonight.

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