



## The 1st International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

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### **1<sup>st</sup> IOAA joins in the King's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

Team leaders, students and host local staff of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) joined hands in their yellow shirts to celebrate His Majesty the King's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Royal Flora Rachaphruek 2006 Gardens, Chiang Mai, on Wednesday evening.

At 7.30 p.m., people in their yellow shirts flooded the grounds of the Rachaphuek Gardens. The highlights of the evening's entertainment were the candle light ceremony, the singing of songs for the King including Phor Haeng Pandin, a song of praise and salute, before finishing with a firework display the spectacular event impressed all of the participants greatly.

On Thursday morning, the IOAA team leaders visited Doi Inthanon National Park while the students went on an excursion to the Elephant Training Camp and Orchid Farm at Mae Rim. In the afternoon, they went to the Bor Sarng handicraft center and visited the San Kamphaeng hot springs. An enjoyable and relaxing time was had by all following their testing examinations.

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