



The 1st International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Thai won 3 gold medals in the 1st IOAA before the closing ceremony

Dec.8, 2007. The organizing committee of the 1st IOAA 2007 had arranged the closing ceremony at Ban Santong, Lotus Pang Suan Kaew Hotel, presided by Prof. Dr. Wijit Srisa-an minister of the Education Ministry.

The ceremony began at 9.00 am, starting by a slide multi-vision showing interesting events during the contest, followed by a summary report presented by Assoc. Prof. Mongkol Rayanakorn, Dean of Science Faculty, and Chiang Mai University.

Later, chairman of the international committee of the IOAA, Assoc. Prof. Vijit Lenghapan, reported that Thai students had won 3 gold and 2 silver medals awards. Also, Mr. Suwan Suwanarat, a 10th grade student had received the highest score prize. In addition, Thai student team had won the 'Best Team' award too.

Assoc. Prof. Boonraksa Soonthontham, chairman of the academic committee handed over the symbol of the IOAA contest to the Indonesian delegate, marking the 2nd IOAA contest to be held in Indonesia. The delegate invited all participating countries to join the next competition in his country. Finally the minister addressed the closing of the contest; he then joined the organizing committee, team leaders and students for group photograph.

Mr.Suwan Suwanarat, Thai student representative, said that he was so glad and proud of the award. He added that the Thai team had been practicing very hard for more than 6 months before the contest. "I thank my family, friends and every supporter for their encouragement which has made our success today" he said. "I also want to cheer up all Thai youths who are interested in Astrology to study hard and put all effort to make their dream come true" he added.

In the evening the organizing committee, team leaders and all participants were invited to join Kan Tok dinner, Kad Mua Krua Lang at Salatham building, Chiang Mai University before leaving for their home countries on the next day.

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