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# **KMC 2014 WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The KMC 2014 winners have been announced at the official KMC website.

А total of 19,606 participants, representing more than 500 schools, took part in KMC 2014.

Of these, the top 10% will receive medals (317 will receive the gold medal, followed by 639 silver and 1002 bronze medallists). The next 40% will receive the Honourable Mention. Top scorers in each category will receive the Grand Prix.

All certificates will be mailed to all participating schools starting from the end of July. The medallists will receive invitations through their schools to attend the KMC award ceremony (see page 2).

The award ceremonies

will be held at five venues. held in different states from the events last year. This is to ensure that the KMC remains a truly national event.

The first award ceremony for East Malaysia will be held in Kuching this August. There is a plan to have an award ceremony in Sabah next year.

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News: Malaysian team excelled at IMO 2014

The KMC Secretariat would like to congratulate the Malaysian contingent to the 55<sup>th</sup> International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) that took place from 3 to 13 July 2014 in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Malaysian team won 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medals, placing 12<sup>th</sup> in the world based on medal tally. This is the best performance of Malaysia in IMO history.

Anzo Teh Zhao Yang and Justin Lim Kai Ze won their gold medals at their fourth attempt at the IMO.

Khong Yi Kye attained a silver medal, his second at the IMO. He won the KMC 2013 Grand Prix in the Student category.



Cape Town - South Africa



left) Anzo, Kin Aun, Shazryl, Justin, Zi Song & Yi Kye. Credit: The Star

12-years old Yeoh Zi Song of SMJK Chung Ling Penang created history by becoming one of the youngest medallists in the IMO. Shazryl Shafyz b. Zulrushdi and Tan Kin Aun rounded up the excellent results by obtaining the Honorable Mention award.

The IMO is the annual world championship of mathematics for students of high school age.

The delegation was led by Mr. M. Suhaimi Ramly, the director of KMC, and Mr. Irwan Iobal Ihsanuddin of Pusat PERMATApintar Negara, UKM.

For more details, visit www.imo2014.org.za.

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KMC 2014 GRAND PRIX WINNERS
PRE ECOLIER

JASMINE KAUR ECOLIER CHAN YI FENG ONG JING JIE

TAM LI ZHANG BENJAMIN CHONG REN HAO LIM CHUEN TEK STUART HENG FU YU TAN LI XUAN

**CADET** ANG JIAN HWEE TAN YIN XIANG

**JUNIOR** ONG WEI SERN SEAN GEE ZHING TEH KAI ZHI

**STUDENT** GOH WEI TI

#### KMC 2014 GOLD MEDALLISTS

PRE ECOLIER CHAN YUE WEN CHANG KAI RONG GAN YONG MIN GAN KEE HUNG HAREESHA KAUR KOH JUN YUAN MUHAMMAD AFIF FIKRIY BIN MOHAMMAD ADLI NG ING XUN NGO EE JUIN NGO EE JUIN NILAVARASEN A/L SUBRAMANIAM RAUDHAH IZZAH BINTI MOHD AZHAR WAN NADHRAH BATNISYIA BINTI MIOR AZMI YAALINI A/P MANIMARAN ZACHARY SUM YAY KEAN

#### ECOLIER

EUGLER CARINA ANNE GNANOU CHANG ZEE HANG CHANK ANNE GNANOU CHANG ZEE HANG GOH JIE YI HAR TIEN YU KOH CHIA WEE LOH LE WEN NG QI HAN NUR ATIHAH BINTI MOHD HANIFF SAMIR HUSSAIN KHAN SHAZANA BINTE MOHD SHAJAHAN SYAFIANES IRIESYA BT. ZULKIFLEE TAN JAY TZE TAN MIN HENG TAN ZHEN YI TERRANCE CHIA LI YANG TEV ROU XIAN, ROXAME THEODORA LAU XIN YU WENDY KONG XIAO QI WILLIAM TEH KAI YUAN

#### BENJAMIN

DENJAMIN ABDUL RAZAK KHAN B RUSTUM ALI KHAN BENJAMIN LOH ZE MIN CARMEN LEONG KAY WEN CHEAH AI CHI CHENG KAH KAI CHERYL CHOW SHU WEI CHEW HONG JIN CHOU KAE LEANG, VERON CHUA MAO JUN GABE ROBERTS HO CHUN WAI JOEL TANG EN ZHE KOH ZHAO XIANG LAI FU JUN LEH SIEN YONG LEH SIEN YONG LEH SHEN YONG LIM ZHEN YANG YANG XIN YING CONTINUE YANG YANG YANG XIN YING

# Upcoming events in the KMC Calendar

## 1) KMC 2014 Award 2) Networking Event Ceremony

Five award ceremonies for KMC 2014 medallists will be held throughout the month of August:

4 August: Kota Bharu, Kelantan 6 August: Sungai Petani, Kedah 14 August: Melaka 20 August: Putrajaya 28 August: Kuching, Sarawak.

The exact venues will be announced in the invitation letter to the schools, and on the KMC FB page. The KMC team will go on a nationwide tour in the months of September and October to network with teachers.

All teachers are welcome to attend this event. There will be free training workshop for math competitions, given by experienced trainers. Venues TBD.

Tentative schedule: 27 September: Kedah 4 October: KL 11 October: Johor.

#### 3) Kangaroo Math Camp & Summit

KMC team will organize a 3 day Math Summer camp for students. Tentative schedule: 1 to 3 December in KL (venue TBD).

#### WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI TO ALL OUR MUSLIM READERS



# **Beaver Informatics Competition (BIC)**

The KMC secretariat will introduce our new competition in early 2015: the *Beaver Informatics Competition* (BIC). The BIC is the first contest in Malaysia to test students on computational thinking and problem solving. Details will be posted on our website and Facebook page in due time.

The BIC is the local edition of the *Bebras International Contest on Informatics and Computer Fluency* (bebras.org), which was founded in 2004 by Prof. Valentina Dagienė of Vilnius University, Lithuania. Since then, the Bebras movement has reached more than 30 countries, with Malaysia being the latest entrant among the Bebras countries.



# KMC 2014 Organizing Committee

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If a man's wit be wandering, let him study mathematics. Francis Bacon

Francis Bacon

Mathematics is the music of reason. J. J. Sylvester

There is no royal road to geometry. **Euclid** 

# Selected Problems from KMC 2014

Here we present а selection of our favourite problems from KMC 2014:

(Pre Ecolier #14) How many numbers are greater than 10 and less than or equal to 31 which can be written using digits 1, 2 or 3 only? You can repeat digits.

(Ecolier #12) Rabbit Borya likes cabbages and carrots very much. In a day he eats either 9 carrots, or 2 cabbages, or 1 cabbage and 4 carrots. During one week Borya has eaten 30 How many carrots. cabbages has he eaten during this week?

(Benjamin #13) A whole number has three digits. When we multiply the the digits?

(Cadet #17) Six boys share a flat with two bathrooms which they use every morning beginning at 7:00 o'clock. There is never (Student either bathroom at any one time. They spend 8, 10, 12, stretch in the bathroom number *m* take? respectively. What is the earliest time they can finish using the bathrooms?

(Junior #23) On an island, frogs are always either green or blue. The number of blue frogs increased by 60% while the number of green frogs decreased by 60%. It turns out that the

digits we get 135. What new ratio of blue frogs to result do we get if we add green frogs is the same as the previous ratio in the opposite order (green frogs to blue frogs). By what percentage did the overall number of frogs change?

The #23) more than one person in equalities.  $(2014 + m)^{1/n} =$  $1024^{1/n} + 1 = k$ , are given for positive integers k, m, n. 17 and 22 minutes at a How many values can the

Good luck!

Answers on page 4

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**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE** FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIMS OF MH370 & MH17

# Featured Grand Prix Winner: Sean Gee

Sean Gee Zhing, hailing from SMJK Yok Bin, Melaka, is one of the Grand Prix winners of KMC 2014. He attained the perfect score in the Junior category.

fixture in the regional math competition scene, as he has bagged two perfect scores in the Malaysian Computing Competition 2013 and the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2013 in the subject of Mathematics, as well as being the first place winner in the Singapore and Schools Asian Olympiad 2014.



He has been a constant Pictured: Sean Gee (right), at the ICAS award ceremony

His interest in mathematics stemmed when he was young. However. his involvement in math contests only happened by chance.

In Standard 5, he was selected to go for a mathematics camp. He Math said, "After a few selection processes, I managed to

emerge as one of the top performers. The rest is history".

Even with such an impressive string of achievements, he has higher goals still.

His current goal is to represent Malaysia in the prestigious International Mathematical Olvmpiad (IMO), which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, next year.

Besides mathematics, he enjoys travelling, also doing origami and reading a good book.

#### KMC 2014 GOLD MEDALLISTS

BENIAMIN BENJAMIN PEONG WEI JUN SAMUEL KOH QI EN SHAWN JIN YUAN XIAO TAM WAI YEE RACHEL TAN CHERN LIN, JUSTIN TAN UN RONG TAN SHAO XUAN JORDAN

TATE OPPENHEIM TEH ZHI REN TEOH GENG SHENG VICTOR THAM CHIE WENG WONG WELDE YEE YUNG SHUEN BRANDON YEW IUN YI ZACH YEE HSIANG ZHI CADET

ASAKA MORI BEH MING PHING BRENDAN CHOO JIAN SHEN CHAN JIA ZHENG CHEE WEN ZHAN CHEE WEN ZHAN CHEOK KAI XIN DESMOND GIAM EMILIE WONG SING YEE GOH YONG XUAN HOR YE HENG JENNESE MOO WANN WAI JOASH WANG KAI HENG JOHNESSEN SOO ZHIN THAO IOMATWAN AIDAN POYAN IONATHAN AIDAN ROYAN KHOO JUN QIAN KOK HUI TAOU KOW HONG ZHANG LAI WEN CHENG LAI WEN CHENG LEE JIA JUN LEE JIAZHE LIM HAN SHENG LIM HUAN-RAN ISABEL LIM JING YI LOH GUO JUN LOUIS GOLDSHMID MOHAMED ALIFF TAFF BIN MOHAMED HALIM MIHAMMAD AIMAN BIN A7I AN MUHAMMAD AIMAN BIN AZLAN MUHAMMAD NAZRIN B. AMINUDDIN NORMAN WONG KEE WEI ONG KHAI SERN ONG KHAI SERN ONG XIN JIONG OOI ZE YAO PHILIP LEE POH YI YANG SAMSON LAI CHENG YI SIM YEE SHUANG SOH HUI YU SYED ZIAD BIN ZULKARNAIN AL JUNID TAKEDA SHIGENORI TAN JIA QING TAN PENG YING TAN XI ZHE TAN YI NING TEH MING MIN TEH MING MIN TEY HE YANG, RYAN TIAN OOI TUNG CHUN XIAN WONG JUN RONG WONG KUAN HUA ZACHARY LIEW ZHE-XI JUNIOR ATHAN SIAH ZEN HANN

ATHAN SIAH ZEN HANN CHAN XIAN YANG CHIA TZE TENG CHIEWG HERNG EE CHIEW WAN KAI CHONG JING QUAN CHOW KIEN KENT CHUA KUAN YANG COSMARTIN ALLISTAIR ANAK COSMAS RUING BUIING DORCAS CHIIA CHIA FRN DURRANI AFIQ BIN SAIDIN ENG WEE LIM FOO SHI QUAN FOO YAN GABRIEL SENG QI WEN GOH WEI JIAN HII CHEE YANG HII CHEE YANG HO JONG YI HOI LEE YANG IGNATIUS ONG SING YEE IVAN CHAN KAI CHIN JEREMY KOU KHAI JIE JOANNA TAN ERN ERN KAN MAN KIT KAN MAN KIT LAM YIN HAU LAM YIN HAU LAW HONG CHENG (continues on next page)

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## From the Editor



Moving on to our second year of the competition, we managed to attract double the number of participants from 10k last year to about 20k this year. I am pleasantly surprised by the turnout which I think indicates a growing appreciation of mathematics culture among Malaysian students and teachers. More important than winning is the realization that mathematics can be fun and engaging and ultimately, enlightening.

However, doubling the number of contestants means doubling the workload for the KMC team. Therefore, I would like to thank all members of the KMC team for running a national event at this scale competently, with much patience.

We are glad to see many returning schools from KMC 2013. I hope this is a good sign for things to come. Thanks to all participants and teachers.

### M. Suhaimi Ramly

## LIM BOON CHIA LIM CHEE YEW LIM KAH JUN LIM SOO YEE LIM WAY SHEARN LIM WOO SHAUN LIM WOO SHAUN LIM YOU SHENG LOO XUAN SONG LUZIANA JOILIN MUHAMAD ARIF BIN ABDUL MUTALIB MUHAMMAD AMIRUL BIN MDDO RODZI MUHAMMAD SYAHIJI BIN ISMAIZANI NEOH YONG SENG NG TZE DONN NG YONG JIAN NICHOLAS WONG MING CHEN NUR ALIA NABIHAH BT ADNAN NUR ALIB BIN HARIYONO NYAM YEE SHIN ONG SIK JUN ONG SIK JON ONG SUI CHANG ONG XIN KAI OOI KEE AUN POH CHUN HOU PUA KAI EARN QUAT YEAN CHIN SARAH SABRINA BINTI SHAHARUDIN SEAN LEE SOO JASMIN SYAHIDAH BT MOHD KHAIRI TAN HAO HAO TAN KE YI TAN WEI JIA TAN WEI JIA TAN WEN YANG JUSTIN TAN YAN KANG TAY YEE CHOON TEE JUN REN TEE JUN REN TEH ZEE HOE TEH CHUN YONG TEO SHIN CHIN TEOH SIEW HUEY TONG CHEN YANG TONG JIE YI TONGG KUNG YAN WONG CHIN FONG WONG SOON JIE WOO YING ZHENG VEOH KAR KEAT YEOH KAR KEAT YEOH ZI SONG

# KMC **f**acebook Fanpage

The KMC Secretariat is proud to announce our very own Facebook fan page. You can find us at:

#### /KangarooMathMalaysia

We regularly update our page to inform you on the goings-on at KMC as well as to update you on upcoming events.

Make sure to drop by our page and post any questions you may have on our Wall. Our team will be happy to address your questions!

Or you can just show us your support and give a friendly 'Like' and share our fan page with your friends. Answers to the selected KMC 2014 problems (page 3) 1) 7 2) 7 3) 17

4) 7:46am 5) 20% 6) 2.

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