

Hong Kong team achieves outstanding results at Asian Physics Olympiad (with photo)

A team of eight secondary students representing Hong Kong at the 19th Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO) performed outstandingly, winning one gold, one silver and three bronze medals and an honourable mention.

The APhO aims to promote physics education and to nurture and inspire teenagers who are highly talented in physics. This year, the APhO was held from May 6 to May 12 in Hanoi, Vietnam. One hundred and eighty-eight students from 25 countries or regions with outstanding abilities in physics participated in the event.

Gaurav Arya (King George V School) won a gold medal in the competition and Chau Chun-wang (St Margaret's Co-educational English Secondary and Primary School) won a silver medal. The bronze medalists were Lau Sze-chun (Diocesan Boys' School), Alvin Tse Cheuk-hin (Yew Chung International School – Secondary) and Li Tat-sang (Sing Yin Secondary School). Sean Mann (Diocesan Boys' School) received an honourable mention.

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, congratulated the Hong Kong team today (May 14) on their impressive results. He said, "The remarkable results achieved by the Hong Kong team this year demonstrate our students' great potential in physics. The EDB will continue to nurture more students with an interest and talent in STEM and support STEM-related activities, so as to enrich the talent pool of Hong Kong and enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong in the international arena."

The members of the Hong Kong team, which was fully funded by the EDB, had earlier distinguished themselves in the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad and subsequently received training under the Physics Enhancement Programme arranged by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. These students were then selected to take part in the APhO this year.

The EDB has always worked in close collaboration with relevant parties in grooming students with high abilities in STEM. The EDB also organises local STEM-related competitions and learning activities every year to help identify promising students, while the HKAGE provides systematic and advanced training programmes to enhance the achievement of these students. The success of the Hong Kong team this year is the fruit of collaboration among different parties in nurturing high-potential students in Hong Kong. The Government will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders to further promote STEM education and identify more talents.

