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## Todays' Schedule Contestants

07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast

08:00 - 21:00 Long Trip on the Beach

21:00 - 22:00 Dinner

22:00 - 00:00 Farewell Party







# Congratulations



#### Huacheng Yu Stands Alone at the Top

Yesterday Huacheng Yu proved to all the contestants, leaders and guests that he is the only one who deserved to be on the top of the IOI 2008. Yu scored 558 points out of 600 while his first runner up Panupong Pasupat got 474 points with 84 points difference to Yu.

While Panupong Pasupat snatched the second place from a heavy programmers like Marcin Koscielnicki and Dong Zhou, they shared the third place together with 470 points.

We all congratulate and wish a brilliant future to them and waiting for lot of good things that help the humanity.



#### Meet the New President

Artura Cepeda (Mexico)

Bachelor Degree in Communication Electronics engineering

Bachelor Degree in Physics and Mathematics

Master Degree in Solid State Physics

He has one son, two daughters and four grand child and they will be 6 in next January.

### What did you think at the moment after becoming the president of the IOI?

The IOI is a contest that has 20 years old and made for the talented people all over the world but this is talented students will engage to the industry One day. So the problem is how to lead this community for improvement. In my opinion the best way to do is try to get sponsorships and raising funds.



#### What is the first decision you will take after you become the president?

The first decision is to follow all the arguments that comes from the IC meetings and put some extra management to the students because engineers can be good managers but managers can not be engineers.

Do you will bring multinational companies to hire the talented students who won medals in the IOI? No they can not work before they finish their universities and IOI give them a great opportunity to get scholarship from very well known universities and after their graduation they can work and those companies who will sponsor the IOI can follow up the students until they finish then they can hire them.

#### Do you think that there is any science that can substitute mathematics in the future?

Mathematics is the way that human invented to organize their lives and math is a way of thinking and make logical decisions. So I do not think that there will be another science can be substituted by math.

Could computers One day feel each others, love each others and protect themselves from viruses? Computer science grows exponentially so I think in the future this may happen. One day you may talk to your computer and give orders with your mouth instead of the keyboard and the mouse.

#### What is the new challenges that may face the IOI?

I think the most important challenge is to bring more countries to expand the size of IOI society.

#### Why IOI is only for school students and not for all ages?

IOI is made for high school level only and there are other contests allow any one to join.











#### Special Thanks

Special Thanks to the most talented photographer we had ever seen. Thanks to Giuseppe Ottaviano from Italy. You really make a lot of fun with your photos. Thank you Giuseppe and we hope to see you in Egypt again with your camera.





IOI Team