

# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome contestants, leaders and guests

Sawasdee! At the International Olympiad in Informatics 2007 in Croatia, the IOI International Committee selected Thailand as the host for IOI 2011. Since then, Thailand has been working hard to prepare for this event.

The IOI Organizing Committee was established to carry out most of our logistical duties—selecting the venue, preparing the accommodations, and organizing the activities. The IOI Host Scientific Committee took on the responsibility of engineering the computer systems and writing tasks for the competition.

Also, we used the great opportunity IOI has provided to promote computer education across Thailand on various occasions. We have organized robotics and programming competitions. In addition, we have promoted students' interests in computers and computer science by organizing road-shows, giving extensive training to teachers, and launching a television program. All of these projects have received strong cooperation and support from both the government and private sectors.

We have the great pleasure to welcome all participants, leaders, and guests from around the world to IOI 2011, held here in Pattaya City during the week of July 22–28.

Your visit to Thailand this year is also an auspicious occasion, as the entire nation is celebrating His Majesty the King's 84th Birthday Anniversary on the 5th of December. We therefore have organized a special exhibition to honor His Majesty, alongside an IT exhibition, displaying awarding-winning IT projects from national and international competitions.

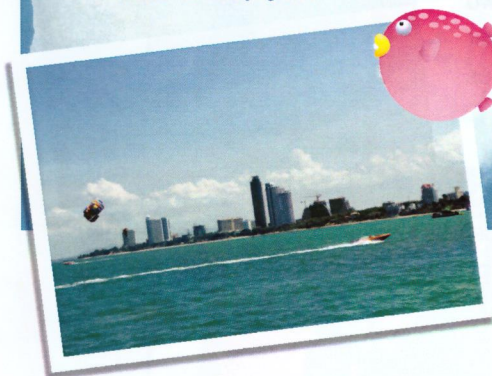
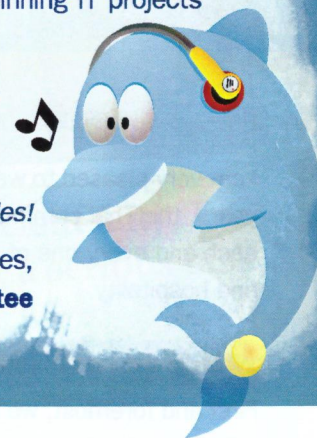
We wish you all good luck at IOI 2011. We hope you enjoy your stay in Thailand. If you have any questions or need any assistance during your stay, our friendly staff is here to help you.



*Welcome, all of you, to the amazing Land of Smiles!*

Best wishes,

**The IOI Organizing Committee**



## Weather Today



High      Low  
29°C      27°C



## ARRIVAL DAY

All day	Arrivals & Registration
12:00- 14:00	Lunch
18:00-- 20:00	Dinner



## About Pattaya...



**Mr. Itthipol Khunpluem**  
The Mayor of Pattaya

It is my great pleasure to welcome all participants in the 23rd International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) 2011 to Pattaya City, a vibrant seaside community on the eastern coast of Thailand, a world-famous holiday getaway.

Pattaya's beaches stretch for about three kilometers, and are divided into three areas—Northern, Central, and Southern. Each area offers a different view of the ocean, with new sights, sounds and colors.

If you love a serene and cozy atmosphere, Northern Pattaya will be your ideal choice. If you're in a vibrant and lively mood, Central Pattaya is your answer. And if you're up for exploring, Southern Pattaya is your spot. This southern part of the city offers entertainment, a variety of restaurants, as well as car and speed boat services for tourists. From there, you can also board the ferry to Koh Larn, the coral island, or go up to Pattaya Hill to get a beautiful view of the whole city's landscape.

In Pattaya, you have endless choices: the Stone Park, the Crocodile Farm, Nong Nooch Garden, the Floating Market, Pattaya Park, and the Elephant Camp, and many more. The city hosts traditional festivals and events year-round, such as the Pattaya Music Festival, the Pattaya Carnival, Wanlai Pattaya – Na Klua Festival, Pattaya Marathon, Loy Kratong, Long Boat Racing, and the Pattaya New Year Festival, letting visitors get a true taste of the local cultural flavor.

Pattaya City is honored to be a supporter and facilitator for the International Olympiad in Informatics 2011. We wish you all a very pleasant and memorable stay during this competition, and also look forward to your future visits. Enjoy your week!

### Words from our Chairman: **Assoc. Prof. Yuen Poovarawan,** Chairman of IOI 2011 Program Committee

How are you feeling now that IOI 2011 is approaching?

I am very pleased to welcome all of you, participants, to IOI 2011 in Thailand. Over two years, the Thai committee has been preparing for this great event to make sure that each and every one of you enjoys your stay in Thailand and learns about Thai cultures and hospitality.

Why did the committee choose the city of Pattaya?

First and foremost, we thought about a place that could offer comfort and cozy atmosphere for a large number of people, say, around a thousand. Pattaya is such a place. Apart from being one of Thailand's popular tourist sites, the city and the selected accommodation offers great amenities and facilities for this grand event.

Will there be anything special in this competition?

Especially for this IOI 2011 competition, we have added some nice variable to the competition – a real-time score report. Once the contestants complete their tasks, the scores will be instantly reported on the website so that IOI competition supporters; near and far, can read the score with us here in Thailand.

Finally, what do you expect from this event?

I expect that all participants and contestants enjoy themselves and have memorable experiences in Thailand.



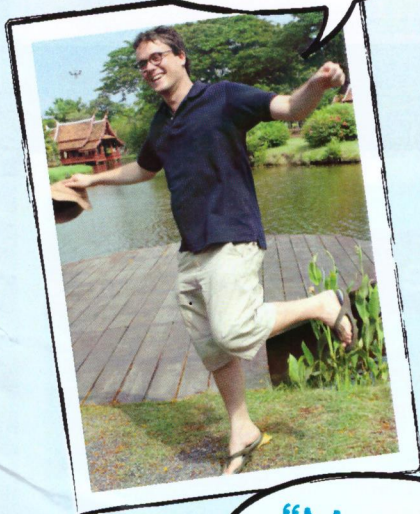
## Before IOI 2011: Behind the Scenes

“What are you doing?  
I don't understand!”



International Committee's meeting  
in Pattaya in February 2011

Fly to Thailand :)

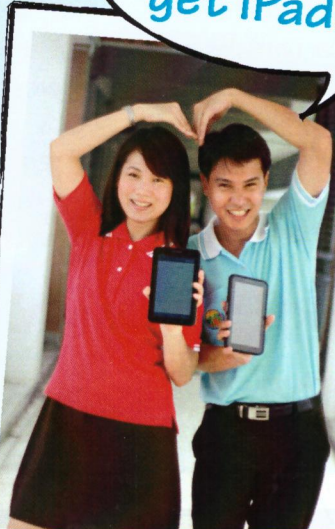


“Smile. Say  
Sawasdee”



At the Ancient City, ISC  
cooled off after a serious task

“Most likes,  
get iPad.”



A Computer Graphic Contest drew  
lots of enthusiasts to IOI Facebook.

“Let's tell our  
fans to watch TV.”



TV hosts were getting ready for  
the Star Computer program.

