



NEWSLETTER

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Beating the Problems

Weather Today



High 31 °C
Low 27 °C



The first-day competition was over. After the five hours given for problems solving, all 307 contestants walked out of the room at 1 pm. Some talked among their team members, discussing the problems and their solutions.

We had 17 contestants with a top score of 300 points. Here we got a chance to talk with two top scorers in the first round.



Jui-Min Lee, 19, from Taiwan, spent two hours and 40 minutes to complete the tasks.

"I think it's quite easy," he said.

Among the three given tasks, he thought the one about the Tropical Garden is hardest to solve.

He anticipated that the next round of competition would be more difficult, and he would be prepared for that.

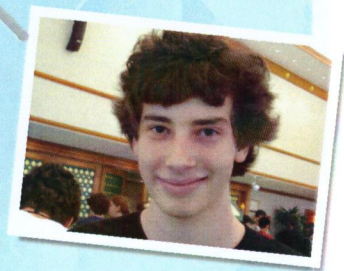
Asked what he expected from the contest, he replied, *"A silver or gold medal, I don't know."*

Paul Kirchner, 18, another top scorer from France, had spent four hours completing the tasks.

Like Lee, he felt the given tasks were 'not very difficult.'

Paul said he was quite confident solving the tasks yesterday *"After starting the first task, I knew the solution in about five minutes,"* said Paul, adding he was pleased with the result.

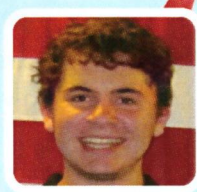
Now that he was out of the fierce competition, Paul would need a little time to relax. *"I may go swimming and get to Pattaya city this evening,"* he said.



Day 4: MONDAY 25 July 2011 (First Excursion Day)

Time	Contestants	Leaders	Visitors
06.00 - 8.00	Breakfast (Supper Club: RCB)	Breakfast (Seafood Restaurant: RCG)	
08.00 - 15.00	Suan Nong Nooch (Nong Nooch Tropical Garden)		
15.00 - 16.00	Variety For Fun	Free Time	Free Time
16.00 - 17.00			
17.00 - 18.00		Dinner (Grand Deck: RCG)	
18.00 - 19.00	Dinner (Panorama & Supper Club: RCB)	Start 18:00 GA Meeting 4 Problems Selection (Grand Ballroom: RCG) & Translations (Orchid Room: RCG)	Dinner (Grand Deck: RCG)
19.00 - 20.00			
20.00 - 21.00	Free Time		Free Time

Happy Birthday!



Mr. Nathan Pinsker, USA

Belated
Happy Birthday to
Mr. Patrick Kostjens,
Netherlands
(on July 23)



May this day always be a special one to remember!

Trips Today



A Day to Play Hard at

SUAN NONG NOOCH



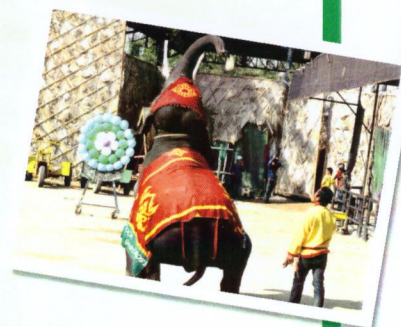
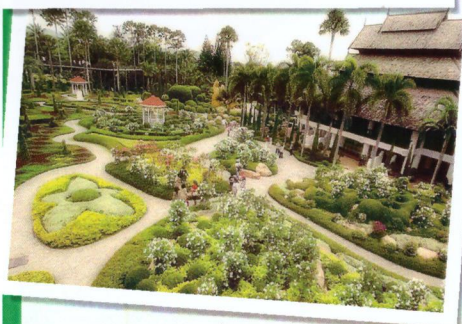
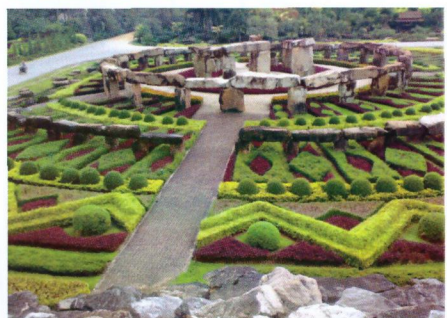
The contestants had worked hard in the competition yesterday, so today it is time to play hard.

As a relaxing reward after an intense day, all IOI participants will be taken to **Suan Nong Nooch** (Nong Nooch Garden), one of the most popular tourist attractions in Pattaya.

Suan Nong Nooch is just a short drive from the Hotel. About 30 minutes on the coach, you will reach the beautiful botanical gardens that claimed to be the largest in Southeast Asia.

The 600-acre Garden is indeed spectacular, not only in size but also in their wide variety of gardens.

Suan Nong Nooch is also renowned for fascinating Elephant and Thai Cultural Shows, which you will not miss. The tusked animals will show you their talents in playing football, basketball, bowling, and dancing. Anyone who wants to get a close touch and play with the elephants is welcome to take part in the show too. What kind of show? You will have to see it for yourselves.



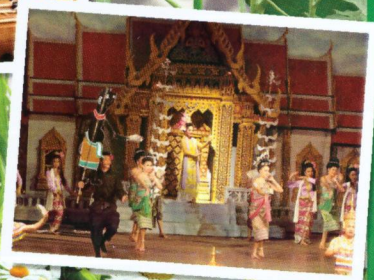
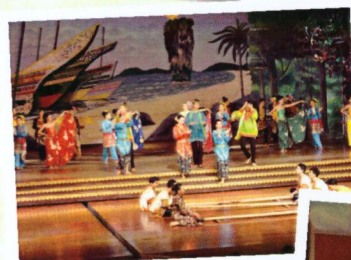
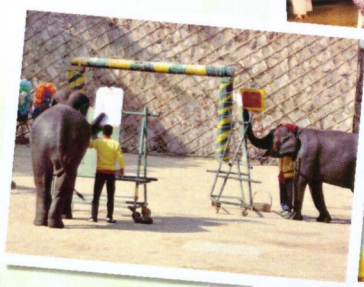
The whole trip kicks off at 8.00 am. All participants are asked to get ready for the departure.

You will be dropped off at different points in the Garden and follow different routes to marvel the beauties of the flora and fauna in the gardens, on foot or by serviced tram. Approximately 11.30 am., everyone should convene at the Butterfly Hill for cultural and elephant shows, prepared especially for the IOI group.

After lunch and some shopping, we will depart for the Hotel around 2.45 pm, for more fun activities.

Enjoy your trip!

(Please note that the average weather in Thailand is hot and rainy. So it is advisable that you bring sun protection gears and umbrellas with you. No lunch will be provided at the Hotel.)



Variety For Fun



Time to Cool Off

After five stressful hours in the competition room, there comes a time for the young competitors to relax.

Apart from the sight seeing trips to Suan Nong Nooch, the Variety For Fun activities are well prepared for them at the Lotus Pond & Garden.

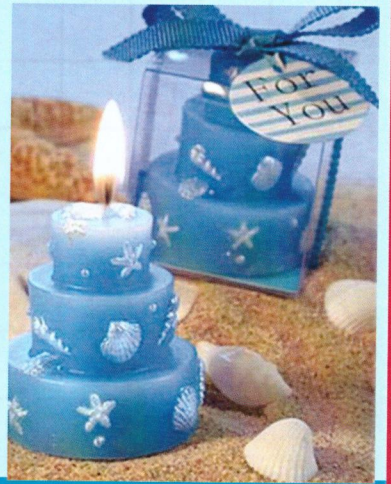
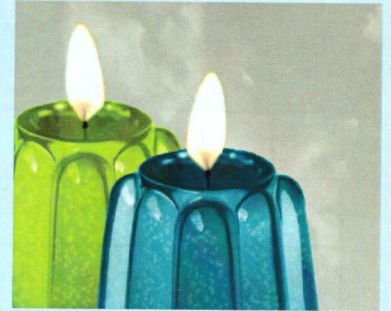
"We would like them to experience Thainess as well as to get a small souvenir back home," said Kritapart Sawatdipirom and Nattakamdee Chanasakol, senior students from Assumption University of Thailand, who are taking care of the recreational activities for the contestants.

The fun hours will be divided into two sessions. The first one is between 4-6 pm. today, with mini-games and Do-It-Yourself activities which participants can de-stress by making souvenirs of their own, such as jelly candles or key chains with their Thai names on it.

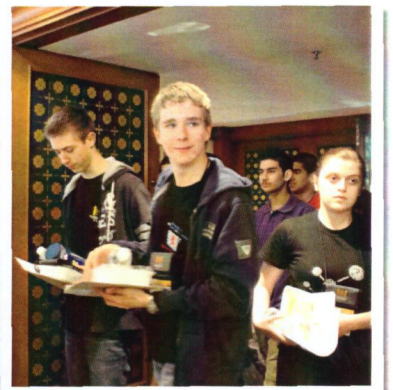
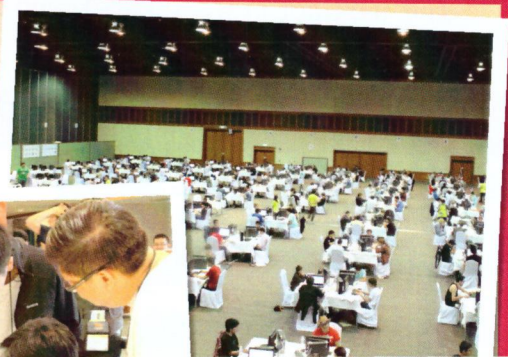
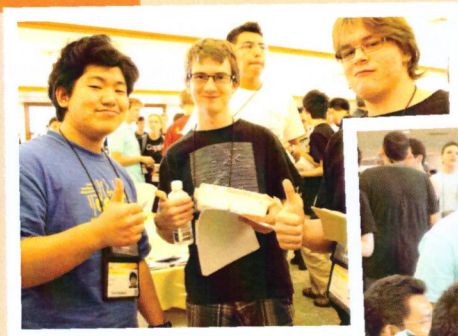
The second part will be on Thursday morning, before the closing ceremony. The contestants are welcome to the Thai traditional games, like sack running, blindfolded pot hitting, and the three-legged race.

"These fun games will allow the participants to learn more about the Thai culture, as well as to get to know each other better," said Nattakamdee.

"The contest is not everything," said Kritapart. *"By joining our activities, the competitors will have a chance to make new friends, and learn something Thai before returning to their countries."*



Moments



Number Link



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Rule

The player has to pair up all the matching numbers on the grid with single continuous lines (or broken lines). The lines cannot branch off or cross over each other, and the numbers have to fall at the end of each line (i.e., not in the middle), and the lines must fill the grid with no space.

Solution next issue. ▶▶▶▶

Solution

Kakuro



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Credit: <http://www.nikoli.com/en/puzzles/kakuro/>

Thai Tongue

- Pai** Go
- Maa** Come
- Pai Nai Maa** Where have you been?
- Ja Pai Nai** Where are you going?
- Pai Mai** Shall we go?
- Sanuk** Fun
- Suay** Beautiful



Yummy Thai!



Som Tam (Spicy Papaya Salad)

Som Tam is perhaps the most favorite dish for most Thai people.

You can find it almost anywhere, from roadsides to posh hotels. The tasty Spicy Papaya Salad makes a light and healthy dish; and is very simple to make.

The main ingredients include shredded green papaya (or carrots), chopped green beans, halved tomatoes, dried prawns (or fresh prawns), unsalted roasted peanuts, chilies, garlic and lime juice.

First, put the garlic cloves and chilies in a mortar and mash them with a pestle until they are crushed into chunks. The right pounding should sound "pok pok", giving rise to the dish's nickname "Papaya Pok Pok".

Then put shredded papaya and the rest of the ingredients in the mortar and gently mix them together. Season it with fish sauce and lime.

Done! A fresh and tasty salad is ready at your serving. Som Tam is best served with sticky rice (khao neow) and grilled chicken.