

Bay Area Teams Wins Awards at Hong Kong Math Event



The two winning San Francisco Bay Area teams receive their awards at the Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World contest in Hong Kong. Shown (back row, l-r) are: David Zhu, Cindy Liu, Rachel Wu, Michael Lu, David Lin, Henry Yang; (front row, l-r): coach Vick Cheung, Joshua Chan, Peter Wu, Joshua Ngohiaoco, Timothy Ngohiaoco and coach Ewa Garg.

By a Staff Reporter

Eight fifth-to-seventh grade students from schools in the San Francisco Bay Area returned victorious from the 13th Po Leung Kuk Primary Mathematics World Contest July 10-14 in Hong Kong.

The students were coached and selected after tryouts were administered by MathEdge, which was created in 2004 to teach students to apply problem solving skills to mathematics. Ewa Garg is the

longtime coach of the team.

About 200 students and 44 teams from around the world, including India, vied for medals at the event

The Silicon Valley team was first runner-up and the California East Bay team placed as second runner-up.

Members of the Silicon Valley team were Timothy Ngohiaoco, a 6th grader from Ardenwood School in Fremont; David Zhu, 5th grade, Harker School, San

Jose; Henry Yang, 7th grade, Hyde Middle School, Cupertino; and Peter Wu, 5th grade, Harker.

Members of the East Bay team were Cindy Liu, 7th grade, Harker; Rachel Wu, 7th grade, Harker;

Michael Lu, 7th grade, Homer Jr. High School, Fremont; and David Lin, 7th grade, Harker.

Seven of eight MathEdge students won individual awards, including Cindy Liu winning first place with a perfect score.

The eight students were selected from two rounds of tryouts administered by MathEdge. PMWC covered all expenses (except airfare), including five days room and board and local tours in Hong Kong.