Canadian team arrives in Thailand for IOI 2011

Waterloo, ON. (Friday, July 22, 2011) – Four Toronto–area students have arrived in Pattaya City, Thailand to represent Canada at the 23rd International Olympiad of Informatics (IOI) from July 22-28.

Making up the Canadian team are Cyril Zhang (Don Mills C.I, North York, ON), Darin Yu (L'Amoreaux C.I, Toronto, ON), Kevin Yeo (William Lyon Mackenzie C.I, North York, ON) and Daniel Hui (Woburn C.I, Scarborough, ON). These top students were selected by the organizing committee after writing the Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) and attending workshops, run by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo. Close to 2,300 students wrote the CCC in February.

Deputy Leader of Team Canada, J.P. Pretti said, “the accommodations are wonderful. Our Thai hosts are very friendly, helpful and well organized. We were thrilled to host IOI 2010 but are also enjoying the different (and more relaxing!) experience as visitors.”

To watch the interactive scoreboard in Thailand and see the results from competition day 1 on Sunday, July 24 and competition day 2 on Tuesday, July 26, please click on the following link: http://www.ioi2011.or.th/results

About the International Olympiad of Informatics

The IOI is one of the most recognized secondary school computer science competitions in the world. The competition tasks are of algorithmic nature; however, the contestants have to show such computing skills as problem analysis, design of algorithms and data structures, programming and testing. The participants of IOI are some of the best young computer scientists in the world. To learn more go to http://www.ioi2011.or.th/.

About the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing

The CEMC has become Canada’s largest and most recognized outreach organization for promoting and creating activities and materials in mathematics and computer science. The CEMC is housed within the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo. It was founded in 1995 with origins dating back to the 1960s. To learn more go to http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca