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SEAMS Conference on Ordered Structures and Algebra for Computer Languages announced that Hong Kong was to host the International Mathematical Olympiad in 1994

The International Conference on Ordered Structures and Algebra for Computer Languages organized by the Southeast Asian Mathematical Society (SEAMS) was held yesterday and will continue through Saturday at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr K P Shum, President of SEAMS and Senior Lecturer of Department of Mathematics at CUHK, announced at the Conference that Hong Kong would host the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) in July 1994.

The Opening Ceremony of the Conference was officiated by Prof Charles K Kao, Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University. Speakers of yesterday's Conference included Prof S Mori, the Fields Medallist for 1990, and Prof G B Preston, expert on semi-groups, etc.

Prof Kao congratulated the Hong Kong Mathematical Society for being chosen to organize the 1994 International Mathematical Olympiad. He also expressed his delight that SEAMS had collaborated strongly with many mathematical societies, particularly those in China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. According to him, one of the achievements of SEAMS is the publication of the Southeast Asian Bulletin of Mathematics. This journal is now a well established international publication. He said he was happy to note that his colleagues in the Chinese University had been actively involved in this journal.

It is estimated that around 65 countries and regions will send their teams to Hong Kong for the IMO Competition in 1994, which will be a great honour to the academic community in Hong Kong. Both Dr K Y Chan, President of the Hong Kong Mathematical Society and Mr P H Cheung, Chairman of the IMO (HK) Committee will go as observers to Sweden, where the 1991 IMO takes place. An Organizing Committee for the 1994 IMO in Hong Kong will be set up upon their return.

The IMO Competition which started in 1958 was held for the first time in Asia in 1990 in Beijing, during which China was ranked the first among the participating nations. Hong Kong would be the second host of this international academic event in Asia. Dr Shum and his colleagues were very grateful to the Olympiad Site Committee's approval of holding the event in Hong Kong in 1994.

Hong Kong has got many pieces of silver and bronze medals, and the "Honourable Mention" awards since her first participation in the Competition in 1988. This March Hong Kong participated in the Asian-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad with even more exciting results, including four silver, three bronze and three "Honourable Mention" awards. The Hong Kong team is expecting to improve their record in the forthcoming IMO Competition in July 1991.

To enable the 1994 IMO to be organized successfully and in a fitting manner, Dr Shum, Dr Chan and Mr Cheung would appeal for donations from the public. They hoped that local businessmen, banking community, charity foundations, government institutions as well as the public would render whole-hearted support to this great event.

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Attachment: Speech by Prof Charles K Kao