Photos

Questions

1. Is there a person or story your team admires or looks to for inspiration?

   Pochang Chen: I'm lazy af and I'm just smart enough to get away with it. My story is definitely not inspiring at all.

   Yen-Jen Wang: Yes, but the story is too long to fit here.

2. Does your team do any activities together outside of ICPC preparation?

   Pochang Chen: I don't recall any.

   Wei-Jiun Kao: Mostly having dinners together. Yen-jen invited us to lunch once.

3. What's your team's favorite location for a contest or training camp that you have attended? Why?

   Pochang Chen: It must be Japan (Tsukuba 2017 and Yokohama 2018) as we got both of our tickets there. No luck in Taiwan (Hualien 2017 and Taipei 2018) (see also Question 8).

   Yen-Jen Wang: Japan Regionals. It has a long history and the problem quality is stable. Moreover, we can visit other places in Japan. We visited Akihabara during Tsukuba 2017 and Yokohama 2018.

4. At what age(s) did you begin programming?

    Pochang Chen: Since some forgotten grade in elementary school for me. Competitive programming since senior high.

    Wei-Jiun Kao: Learned C++ in senior high. Competitive programming since 12th grade. My teammates are so strong that I don't need to code. I just need to focus on analysis and math problems.

    Yen-Jen Wang: Since 4th grade, with Visual basic. C/C++ since 8th grade. Competitive programming since 9th grade.

5. How did you (Coach) get involved as a coach for ICPC competitions? What year did you become involve as a coach?

6. How many teams have you (Coach) brought to the World Finals?

7. What skills or strengths do you feel your team brings to the World Finals?

    Pochang Chen: I'm just an algorithm kiddie.

    Wei-Jiun Kao: I hope I can solve most math problems. (Still, my teammates will implement my solution.)

    Yen-Jen Wang: Give some thoughts on problems. Help teammates implementing their solutions. More importantly, have snacks!

8. Are there any obstacles your team has had to overcome?

    Pochang Chen: We are slower than our peers. Not only we have higher penalty, but also there are leftover problems when the contest ends.

    Wei-Jiun Kao: We can read problems faster.

9. Is there a contest problem your team is especially proud of solving? What insight helped your team create the solution?

    Pochang Chen: Does contest problems we set count? The problem C in ICPC Nanjing 2018 was set by me. I'm informed that most contestants viewed it as a crazy data-structure problem; the intended solution is an elegant prune-and-search.

Wei-Jiun Kao: Personally, we got first blood for problem I in Yokohama 2018. It's a math problem and was tackled by me.

10. Is there a strategy or lesson your team has learned that increased your success?

Do not let Weijiun Kao touch the computer. He is not good at coding. (Of course he is great at drafting algorithms.)

11. What does your team look forward to seeing or doing in Portugal?

Pochang Chen: Does getting a good result count?

Wei-Jiun Kao: I've never been to Europe. I think it'll be a rare experience.

Yen-Jen Wang: Of course I want good results. Also, I would like to meet contestants around the worlds, as this will be a rare experience.

12. How did you come up with your team name?

It's the acronym of the online handles of our initial teammates --- `johnchen902`, `adrien1018`, and `wangyenjen`. `adrien1018` dropped out and was replaced by `nonamefour0210` but we didn't changed the name.

13. What would you like the world to know about your team?

Pochang Chen: I'm a senior and this is my last year of ICPC, but my teammates are sophomores. I wonder who will their new teammate be.