

= LG Mobile World Cup =

The LG Mobile World Cup was an international competition held on January 14 , 2010 by LG Electronics in which participants competed using their texting speed and accuracy . It was held at Gotham Hall in New York City . Thirteen teams representing their countries competed for a total of \$ 130 @, @ 000 USD in prize money .

= = Format = =

Teams consist of two members . One member competes using a QWERTY keyboard , while the other member uses a numeric keypad . Thirteen countries participated in the 2010 competition : Argentina , Australia , Brazil , Canada , Indonesia , Mexico , New Zealand , Portugal , Russia , South Africa , South Korea , Spain , and the United States .

Previously , LG hosted texting competitions in individual countries such as the United States and South Korea . The United States had competitions for 2007 , 2008 , and 2009 . South Korea had competitions in 2008 and 2009 . However , 2010 was the first year when countries competed against each other .

= = = Qualification = = =

Teams earned the right to participate in regional qualifiers . Over six million people registered to compete in the tournament . Each team participated in five separate events : " break the wall " , " monster popping " , " moving pillar " , " running relay " , and " racing replay " . The basic premise was to copy a scrolling piece of text as quickly as possible . No errors were allowed in transcription . All of the text messages were in the native language of the participants , but had the same number of characters in order to ensure fairness . Additionally , all participants had to use the LG enV3 , LG BL20 or LG GW520

= = Results = =

Ha Mok @-@ min , aged 16 , and her partner , 17 @-@ year @-@ old Bae Yeong @-@ ho , won first prize in the competition . Mok @-@ min won the national championship , and was able to text at an average of 7 @. @ 25 characters per second . She signed up for the competition when she noticed a kiosk in the mall , and saw the opportunity to win free movie tickets . Yeong @-@ ho , a high school dropout , signed up in order to obtain money to buy a new car . The second @-@ place finishers were Kate Moore and Morgan Dynda from the United States . The third place team was from Argentina .

The prizes were set at US \$ 100 @, @ 000 per pair for first place , \$ 20 @, @ 000 per pair for second place and \$ 10 @, @ 000 per pair for third place .

= = Records = =

A side competition was offered to see who could beat the Guinness Book of World Records record for fastest text message sent . This record was broken by Pedro Matias from Portugal . He typed a 264 @-@ character text message in 1 : 59 . The records for fastest keystrokes per minute on a numeric keyboard was set by Indonesia at 306 , while the most keystrokes per minute record on a QWERTY keyboard was set by South Korea at 357 .