

International Vedic Maths Olympiad

11th September 2021

Saturday 11th September saw the first International Vedic Maths Olympiad (IVMO 2021), an exciting and new world-wide competition, aimed at testing Vedic Maths skills, speed of mind and mathematical acumen. There were five levels of entry, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Open and the total number of participants was 466 coming from nine countries.

Each Olympiad consisted of 50 multiple choice questions which were to be answered within one hour. The competition was run through Regional Centres with competitors registering with Regional Coordinators. The coordinators were also largely responsible for providing lessons in the Vedic Maths techniques.

Each participant received a certificate, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Participant, and special certificates were issued to the top scorers in each category (see below).

Originally, IAVM had planned to run the Olympiad as an in-person exam style event with Regional Coordinators invigilating the competitors. However, due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, the decision was taken to offer online versions as well. This required a complete overhaul of style of questions in the tests. The pandemic has also impacted on opportunities for teachers to run classes in Vedic Maths and there is no doubt that numbers would have been greater in more normal circumstances. Our aim for the future is to enable more classes in schools to take part.

In this year's IVMO, participants came from Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Italy, Netherlands, Great Britain and the USA.

The majority of entries were from the Philippines where, through the extensive work and effort Ike Prudente and family made in organising and running events promoting Vedic Maths amongst both students and teachers, there was great enthusiasm and engagement. Congratulations go to his daughter, Angelica S. Prudente, Regional Coordinator in San Pablo, for organising the largest contingent of participants, which was in excess of 80. Congratulations also to Jocelyn P. Marino who brought in 62 participants.

Running an international competition largely online presents several IT challenges. Thankfully we were ably supported by IT specialists from a new start-up company, House for Learning, and logon and other glitches were all very speedily and immediately dealt with by their team.

Entires numbers were Primary – 207, Junior - 119, Intermediate – 89, Senior – 24 and Open – 27. We will run the same event next year and hope that many more students and enthusiasts will be able to get involved.

The top scores for each category are set out below.

Primary

	Name	Score (%)	Centre
1=	Jeremiah Emmanuel Lubiano	88	Calamba City, Philippines
1=	Elysse B. Tait	88	Cainta, Rizal Philippines
2=	Alyana Michaela M. Marquez	86	San Pablo, Philippines
2=	Dave Rylan Chavez	86	San Pablo, Philippines
2=	Ryu Shealtiel A. Bertoso	86	San Pablo, Philippines

Junior

	Name	Score (%)	Centre
1	Zac Harvey Gordula	92	San Pablo, Philippines
2 =	Denise Kim M. Reyes	84	San Pablo, Philippines
2 =	Joanne Kirsten T. Racelis	84	Calamba City, Philippines
2 =	Alice Spadaro	84	Osoppo, Italy

Intermediate

	Name	Score (%)	Centre
1	Michele Antonello	86	Osoppo, Italy
2	Roan Alleah I. Palacio	72	San Pablo, Philippines
3 =	Caryn Chloe lance C. Gendrano	70	San Pablo, Philippines
3 =	Corinth Gale Garcia	70	Palawan, Philippines

Senior

	Name	Score (%)	Centre
1 =	Akshata Pawargi	80	London, Great Britain
1 =	Ralph Moses Lacno Padilla	80	San Pablo, Philippines
2	Phylline Cristel O. Calubayan	76	Benguet, Philippines

Open

	Name	Score (%)	Centre
1	Rob Christian Caduyac	78	San Pablo, Philippines
2	Christopher So	60	San Pablo, Philippines
3	Nidhi	56	Jalandhar City, India