

## **SINGAPORE MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD 2014**

### **REPORT FOR THE OLD FREES ASSOCIATION, PENANG**



**SINGAPORE MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY**

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### **THE SINGAPORE MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD, SMO2014**

The Singapore Mathematical Olympiad is organised yearly in June and it attracts the best students from the region to participate in this prestigious event which seeks to identify talented students in Mathematics as future scholars in the subject. This competition attracts 10,000 students locally from the best schools and in 2014, the Olympiad has attracted more than 100 students from the region including Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar.

**KEY SPONSOR** - The Old Frees Association (OFA) Singapore is the alumni of the Penang Free School in Singapore. Headed by Dr Alex Ooi and supported by Dr Lim Beng Hai, the OFA had helped to raise a total sum \$3171 for the full sponsorship of 6 students from the Penang Free School for the SMO2014.



**SIX DIMES LLP**, an education consultancy which has been the foreign coordinator for regional schools participating in the past two years Olympiads, has assisted with the coordination of the Penang Free School for the SMO2014.

### **OLD FREES ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE**



### **PENANG FREE SCHOOL AT THE SMO2014**

The team of 6 boys accompanied by Mr Abdul Said, Co-Curriculum Head, had arrived in Singapore on 3 June 2014, a day earlier for their competition on 4 June 2014. The team had checked into the Eusoff Hall of the National University of Singapore where the rest of the international competitors stayed. The Penang Free School team was registered for the Open Category of the Olympiad.



**EUSOFF HALL, NUS**

Prior to the Olympiad in May 2014, the boys were coached on the Singapore Mathematics syllabus by the Singapore teacher who had prepared them with assignments from past year Olympiad test papers. The team was given past year examination tests papers in Singapore Maths for accelerated learning and to prepare for the Olympiad. This was in addition to the weeks of Maths lessons held in school by the PFS Maths teachers Mr Ooi Hooi Seng and Mr David Chng, who were dedicated Maths teachers in the school. The Principal Enche Jalil Saad had given support to the team for this special event and it became the highlight of the year.

#### **Maths Coaching at PFS, May 2014**



### **The Penang Free School Team for SMO2014**



As the saying goes, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy! After the Olympiad, the OFA Singapore hosted dinner on 4 June at the Singapore Island Country Club. It was an evening of reminiscences for the PFS alumni who met their juniors. It was all smiles and pride for the OFA who celebrated the occasion. The PFS team were treated to a day out at Sentosa on 6 June as reward for their diligence at the Olympiad.

In August 2014 when the results were announced, the PFS team had all been awarded the prestigious Singapore Mathematics Olympiad Certificate which was well received by the school, its teachers and the student community. Mr Said had commended the boys for their performance during the assembly period in the presence of the entire school. For the PFS team, it was a learning experience well remembered by everyone of them as they continue their Mathematics journey in the years to come.

On a parting note, the Penang Free School would like to give its sincere thanks and gratitude to the OFA, and especially to Dr Alex Ooi and Dr Lim Beng Hai for their kind efforts in the sponsorship campaign. The boys were thankful to Eileen Lim for her time to make all this possible.