

PO LEUNG KUK TONG NAI KAN JUNIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2018 WORLD FINALS

— MAY 19 TO 28, 2018 —





## The Kuk's Spirit

Mutual Respect  
United Effort  
Benevolence  
Charitable  
Gratefulness and Recognition  
  
Dedication to Serving  
the Community



### Vision

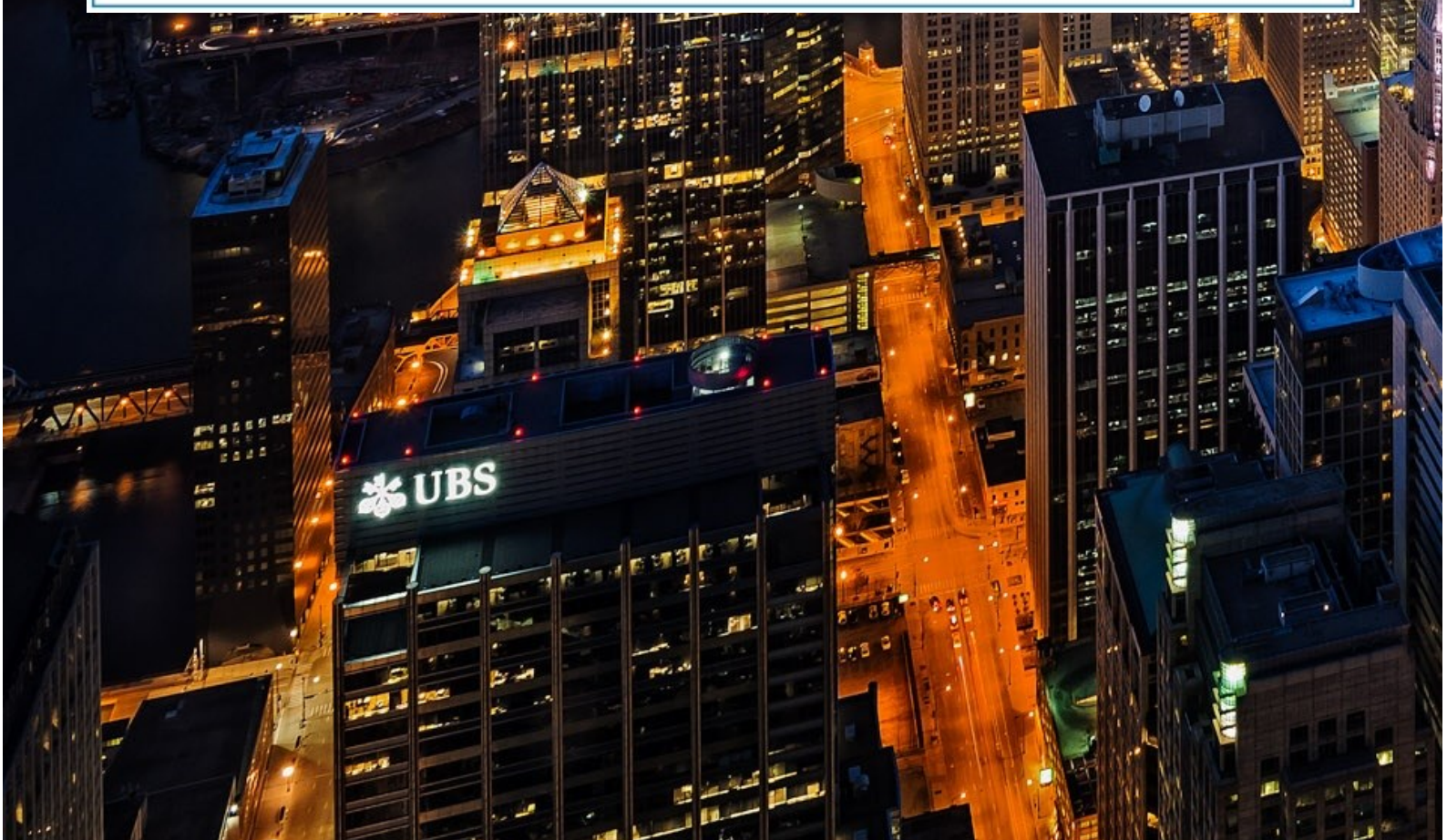
Children are nurtured, Youngsters are educated  
Adults are supported to contribute  
Elderly are cared for  
The less fortunate are lightened with hope.

### Mission

To be the most prominent and committed charitable organisation.  
In the Kuk's Spirit to do good deeds with benevolence.  
Dedicated in protecting the young and the innocent,  
caring for the elderly and the underprivileged,  
aiding the poor and healing the sick,  
educating the young and nurturing their morality,  
providing recreation to the public, caring for the environment,  
passing on the cultural inheritance and  
bringing goodness to the community

### Values

Fine traditions, Accommodate the current needs  
People-oriented, Care and appreciation  
Sound governance, Pragmatism and innovative  
Integrity, Vigilance  
Optimal use of resources, Cost-effectiveness  
Professional team, Service with heart



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## *Name List of the Competition Team*



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Ms. Cheuk Hang LEE

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2E Wing Tung, Sonia LI

2E Hiu Yau WONG

2E Yu Ching WONG

2E Kwok Hung YU

3B Fung Ting KWOK



# Schedule of the competition trip

Date

19<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Schedule

- Gathered at Hong Kong International Airport Terminal 1 at 08:00
- Took the United Airlines UA896 (11:40 -13:45) direct flight
- Landed at Chicago O'Hare International Airport
- Checked in at Edward Hotel Chicago

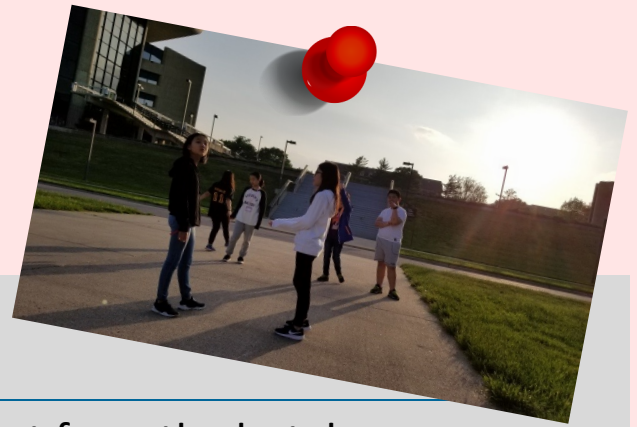
Date

20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Schedule

- Visited Willis Tower
- Visited the Field Museum
- Visited Millennium Park
- Returned to the hotel to take a rest





Date

Schedule

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

- Checked out from the hotel
- Travelled to Ames by shuttle bus (10:00-16:00)
- Checked in at Iowa State University
- Returned to hall to take a rest

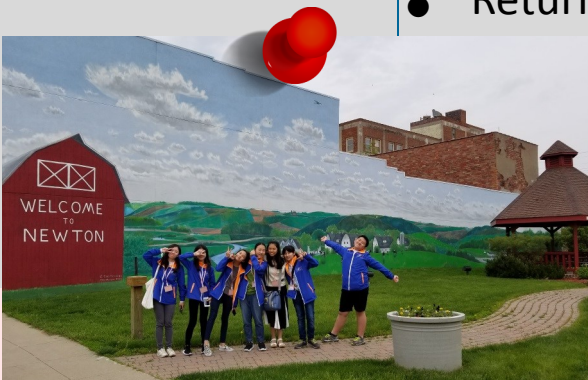


Date

Schedule

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

- Visited Walmart
- Visited Tanger Outlets
- Team registration
- Returned to hall to take a rest





Date

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Schedule

- Prepared for the “Long-Term Problem”
- Joined the Opening Ceremony
- Returned to hall to take a rest

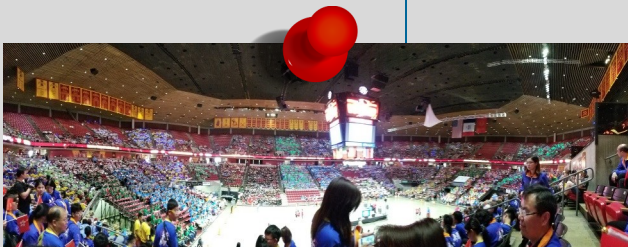


Date

24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Schedule

- Attended NASA Seminar
- Joined the Creativity Festival
- Joined the Float & Banner Parade
- Returned to hall to take a rest



Date

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Schedule

- Performed the “Long-Term Problem”
- Pins Trading
- Returned to hall to take a rest

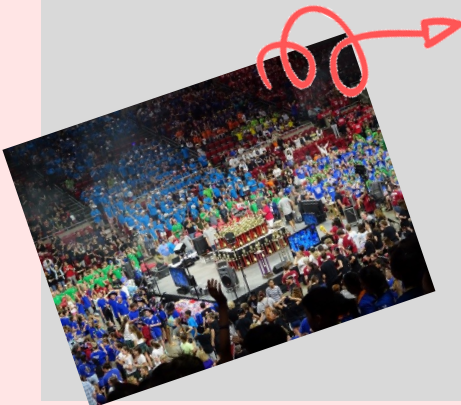


Date

26<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Schedule

- Performed the “Spontaneous Problem”
- Joined the International Festival
- Joined the Award Presentation Ceremony
- Joined the party for teenagers & coaches



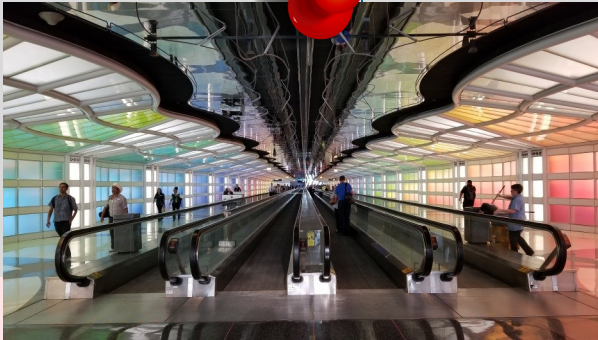


Date

Schedule

27<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- Travelled to Chicago by shuttle bus (04:30-11:00)
- Took the United Airlines UA895 (13:25 -18:10 (the next day)) direct flight

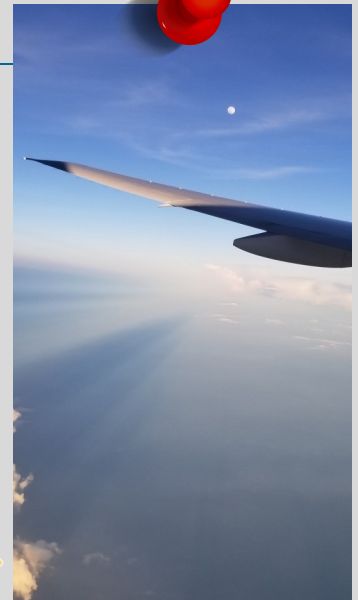
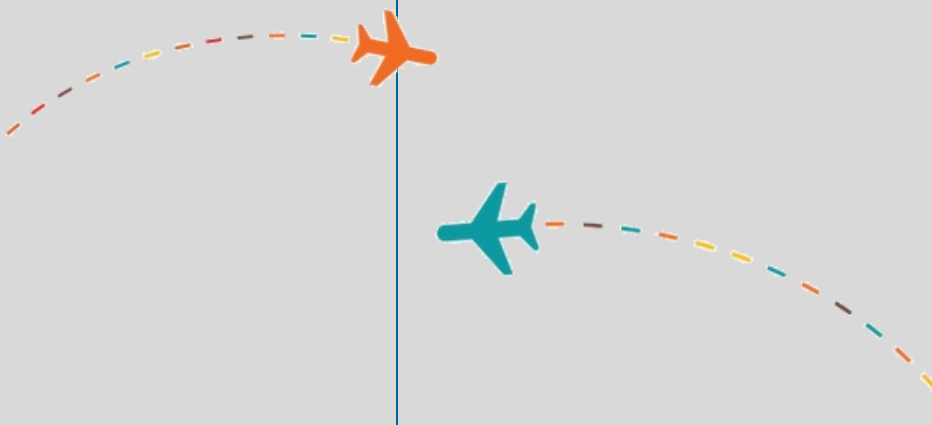


Date

Schedule

28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- Returned to Hong Kong



# Reflections from teachers and students

Mr. Man Chung CHOW



Seven students and two teachers went to the competition, “Odyssey of the Mind 2018 World Finals”, in the United States from 19<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We stayed in Edward Hotel Chicago for the first two days and in Iowa State University for the remaining six days. Apart from the competition, we also participated in the opening ceremony, NASA lessons, creativity festival, float and banner parade, international festival and party for coaches and teenagers. During these activities, we had a great opportunity to meet people all over the world and understand different cultures of all other participants.

We had a Hong Kong Regional Tournament on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 and we were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up in the competition. This gave us a chance to join the World Finals and it started with sightseeing in Chicago. We went to Willis Tower, the 2<sup>nd</sup> tallest building in the United States. We went to the Skydeck on 103<sup>rd</sup> floor (412.4 meter) and we had a chance to observe the spectacular view of Chicago and the other surroundings. After that, we visited The Field Museum, the largest museum of Natural History in the world. We were shocked when we saw the most complete and best-preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil yet discovered right in front of us. Students were excited when they were exploring the mystery of the world from different exhibition halls in the museum. These were all extraordinary learning experiences for us.

After the sightseeing, we travelled six hours on a shuttle bus from Chicago to Iowa State University in Ames. The competition started with an amazing Opening Ceremony. We also met our

buddy team from Colorado, South of Denver. The aim of pairing up with a buddy team was to let students to get to know and learn from different cultures. They were a friendly team and we shared a lot of memorable moments with them.

With a culture sharing approach, we joined the Creativity Festival in which students needed to design their own booth and share some unique games and cultural knowledge with participants all over the world. Also, we had the Float and Banner Parade. Our Hong Kong team created tram props and displayed them to people from all over the world. Students also traded pins with different other teams to collect some special designs created by other countries.

There were two sections in the competition, the “long-term problem” and the “spontaneous problem”. We had the “long-term problem” on the third day in Iowa State University and our problem was “A Stellar Hangout”. Our students showed their talents and the judges were satisfied. We had the “spontaneous problem” on the fourth day and finished the problems followed by a traditional Ribbon Spray celebration with other participants from around the globe.

Finally, we ended the competition with a modern Closing Ceremony as there were fireworks and laser performance. Even though, we didn’t get any awards in the competition, all of us had a wonderful experience. I felt jubilant seeing that my students are creative, talented and motivated in the competition. I hope we can have more opportunities to discover the world together in the near future.

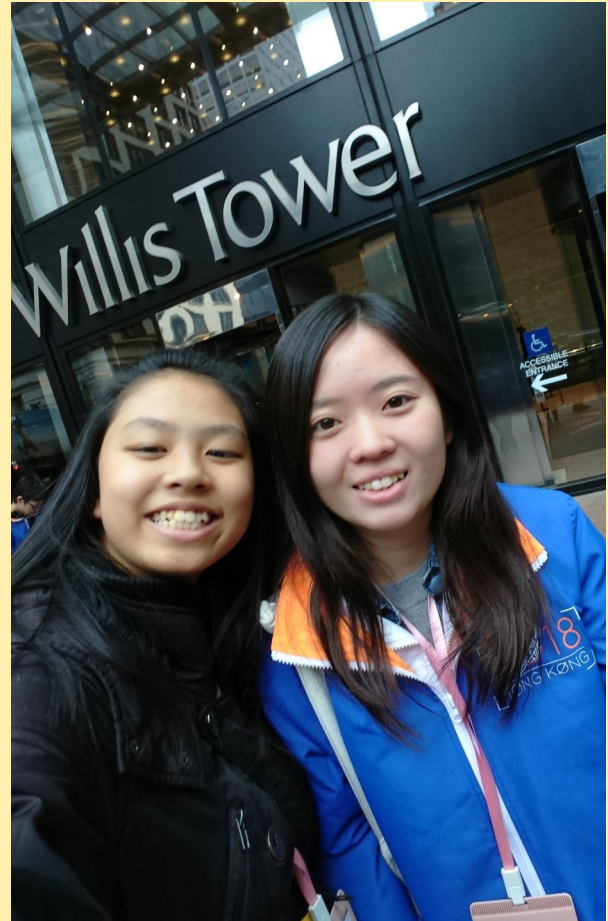
## Ms. Cheuk Hang LEE

The “Odyssey of the Mind World Finals” tour enriched my teaching experience as a newbie. This was a golden opportunity for me and my students to see the world. During the study tour, we met our buddy team and people around the world. It is essential for us to “walk” instead of just read from the textbook as we could never imagine the level of our competitors, and we could learn more and far from our expectations. In these ten days, we went to Chicago for sightseeing, attended the lecture provided by NASA, watched the performance and parade demonstrated by different countries. It was a great experience for me to conduct cultural exchange and discuss the education issues with other coaches at Iowa State University.

This trip reminded me that we should always leave our comfort zone. At first, some students were afraid of using English to communicate with others. However, they tried their best when meeting other teams. Nothing would be happen if they did not take the first step. Attitudes determined what we are going to learn. No one would succeed without any trials.

Besides, this trip also reminded me to reflect on our own lifestyle in Hong Kong. In the US, we can feel the huge cultural difference. The local people showed their hospitality. They are eager to talk with strangers while this would be quite weird if the same thing happen in Hong Kong. Students and I enjoyed this “friendly” atmosphere in the US while everyone could

walk slowly and spend more time to have real communications. These are the things that we have forgotten as Hong Kongers.



## 1E Wai Ming CHENG

During this competition, we've done a lot of things. We've tried to roll down from the grass, played beach ball, played Frisbee and the most exiting activity "Pins Trading".

The "Pins Trading" was so much fun to me. We met people from many countries and chatted with them. They were so nice and generous. I got only six pins at the beginning. But I finally got more than 50 pins. They were generous as they traded more pins for only one pin from me. All of the pins from different parts of the world were related to their country or state. All of them were so pretty and I just wanted to collect them all.

The costumes from different states and countries that I saw at the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony were so beautiful. We showed others that street snacks, such as Siu Mai, Curry Fish Balls and egg tarts are the famous things in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong team also used Tram and Street signs for the parade to show the uniqueness of Hong Kong to people from different parts of the world.

The people from different parts of the world loved the things that Hong Kong is famous for. Teammates and I also gave some special products to our buddy team. We gave them postcards which showed the beautiful night view of Hong Kong, street signs magnets and some sweet messages to them. They loved the presents so much.

Finally, I would like to say I love this competition so much and I will join this competition again if I can have another chance. This competition has enhanced my friendship with teammates which I liked the most.

Although we didn't have a chance to get a prize from the competition, I think that our creativity has improved.

To sum up, I would like to say that I love this competition so much because it helped me gain so much, such as the friendship between my teammates and I, the special features from different parts of the world and the improvements in creativity.



## 2E Wing Tung, Sonia LI

During these 10 days, I met a lot of friends from different countries and I was also inspired by the creativity of other participants from different countries. Let me introduce more!

First, let me introduce the people I met in this trip! There was a buddy team in the World Finals. They were from Colorado, U.S. and the team members were very amusing. We met in the common room and we enjoyed this meeting. We celebrated Mr. Chow's birthday by giving him a big surprise! We also gave our buddy team a gift and we all had an unforgettable night as we played and chatted crazily and laughed happily.

Second, I enjoyed the performance of the different teams and I was impressed by the result of their hard working. They performed very well. Their props were exquisite. Their creativity and great efforts are impressive! Our team also spent lots of time on the training and preparation for the competition.

I remembered the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony were really memorable. The mood and the laser lights were gorgeous. I really love this kind of atmosphere because it was lively. I hope that I can join the competition again next year!

Apart from having good days in the USA, I also think that it was a precious chance for me to join this World Finals. I really haven't imagined that I could represent Hong Kong and went to USA. I was strained as I was the main character

in the "Long-term Problem". We were asked to perform a drama to solve the problem, called "A Stellar Hangout". Luckily, I did not make a big mistake.

It was a great experience! We went to the Iowa State University to have the final round of the competition. This was the first time for me to live in the hall and it was quite comfortable! I miss the food in the canteen, too!

To sum up, it was a meaningful trip for me and I hope that I can join the 'Odyssey of the Mind' in 2019.



## 2E Hiu Yau WONG

After this competition, I learnt how to socialize with others. We needed to communicate with people when we were trading pins and team jackets. Trading was the funniest and the most interesting part in the competition. You can see trading anywhere. Whenever you walk pass the road, some children might ask you to trade pins. Then, you would show your pins to them and ask them which one they like the most. At the end, some might trade with you or some might walk away. Also, you can set up a small booth to display your pins and invite others to trade. We need to speak in English and learnt how to communicate with others. We would ask them what patterns they like and we acted like a salesperson to ask them to trade pins with us.

Also, we had many different opportunities to

speaking English when we were trading and meeting with the buddy team. It improved my English speaking skills. When we met with the buddy team, we talked to them and played games with them. We spoke in English a lot during the activities. Their spoken English was so fast and we needed to listen carefully. When I traded pins with other students, I always took the initiative to ask them to trade with me. Sometimes, I bargained over the number of pins with some children. Most of them traded with me happily but it was hard when I first traded with people because I was afraid of speaking English with others. After I tried once, I was not afraid and started to speak English more.

I think this competition has built up my confidence. I am not afraid of speaking with others in English. This is my big hindrance and I made a breakthrough.



## 2E Yu Ching WONG

During these ten days, we had different experiences. We learnt a lot of things from this culture exchange. The part I learnt most from was the “Pins and Jackets Trading” and I gained a lot from the competition.

Trading pins was one of the biggest activities in O.M. Every country designed their own pins with their unique culture. We have learnt from different cultures while trading and chatting through pins trading. Also, we traded some representational things, such as jackets and T-shirts.

The competition was divided into two parts, the “long-term problem” and the “spontaneous problem”. I learnt about different techniques from both parts.

First, we needed to go to the storage area and find a place to store our props for the “long-term problem”. But we found that other teams had already put their props there. There was no space to put ours. However, we needed to learn how to coordinate. Finally, we still got a great performance.

Second, the “Spontaneous Problem” was to open some cups and tell a little story about them. I learnt that it was easier to get a creative answer if I didn’t have any limitations in my mind.

The most important parts I learnt from this trip were teamwork and problem-solving skills. Sometimes, we had arguments on different topics, such as making props and choosing the place we would go next. We had to solve these by ourselves. Also, after few arguments, our team became more cooperative and we knew what we should do without really talking to each other.

The problem-solving part was hard as we ran out of many things in the competition, such as the tape, glue, etc. We used different methods to solve the problem when we were ran out of the double-sided adhesive tape.

To sum up, this trip was fun and priceless to me. I am proud to be a member of the O.M. school team. Mr. Chow gave me this special chance and this is the best memory of this year.



## 2E Kwok Hung YU

After these ten days of Odyssey of the Mind, I realized it would be one of the most important and unique experiences in my entire life.

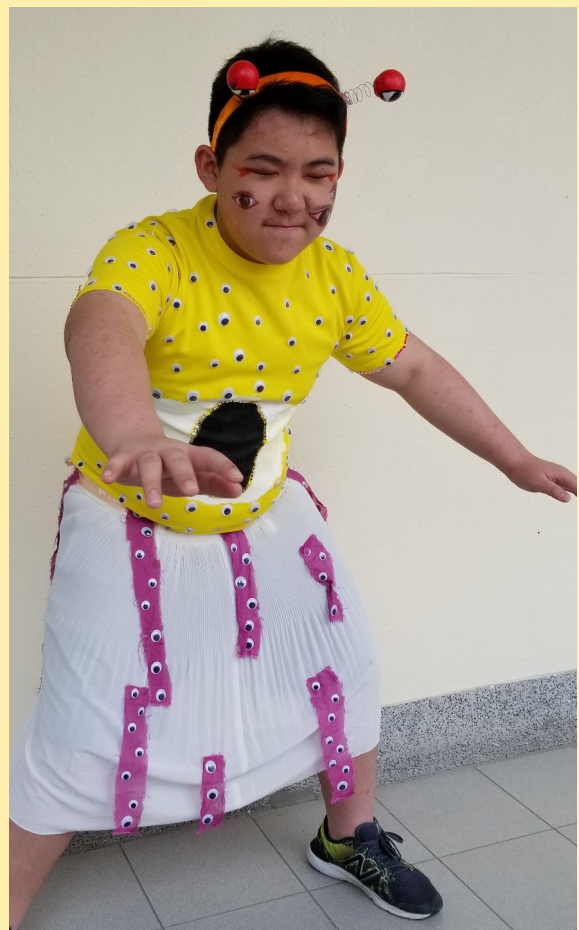
Sure, things never go as what you think. When we finished the Hong Kong regional tournament, we got the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up. Few days later, we've got the news that since it was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Odyssey of the Mind in 2018, the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up team could join the competition in the US this year!

I remember when we confirmed that we could be in the world finalist, we went like crazy monkeys. I yelled around the tuck shop and chased after Mr. Chow. Yoyo was the one who kept calm and tried not to be one of the monkeys. Yoki went next to her best friend and shared the good news.

After knowing that we could join the World Finals, we have 8 weeks to do the preparation. I would say these eight weeks were the most unforgettable eight weeks in my life. We stayed in the school until 11p.m., and I must say that when nights come, the school is creepy like an abandoned school which is surrounded by the mountain. We had tough times and good times, but the result was totally worth it.

This is our first year to join the Hong Kong regional tournament and we had the chance to participate in the World Finals. We need to appreciate the support from every one of you, especially our donor, Mr. Chow, Miss Lee and my team. There are two more people I would like to thank and they are 2D Kwok Chun Ming and 1E Chik Hon Man Cherise. Both of them helped us a lot. Although they didn't go to World Finals with us, it doesn't mean that they are not one of us.

Odyssey of the Mind brought me lots of memorable memories and made us a team.





### 3B Fung Ting KWOK

I am honoured to participate in this world-wide competition. I learnt how to solve the problem and how to do better during this competition.

In the United States, we visited some famous attractions, such as Willis Tower and The Field Museum of Natural History. We saw a lot of new things. "Odyssey of the Mind" is a world-wide competition. There was laser performance in the Opening Ceremony. Also, we met the teams from different countries and listened to

their ideas. We traded pins with different teams.

Although we did not win this competition, we had the great experience and can do better next time. Also, it was interesting to know different kinds of topics. It helped me to apply creative thinking skills in other competitions. We can know our shortcomings and improve them.

Finally, I am grateful to the sponsors for their help. Also, I would like to thank my school for giving me this opportunity to have an eye-opening experience.



# Photos



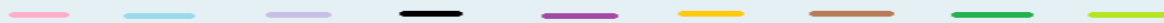






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