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We will provide all official expenses for up to 4 teams of each invited city or country, including meals and accommodation during the period of the official program (25-30 October 2008). Each team will be responsible for the travel expenses from the participating city or country to Chiangmai, Thailand. Enclosed please find detailed information of the competition and the application form for your information. One application form is for only one team, and should be submitted to us via email within the specified date.

Your kind cooperation in conveying this information to the authorities concerned would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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2. Divisions of Competition

IMC 2008 is composed of 2 divisions:

1. **Key Stage II Division (Upper Primary Education):**
2008 Thailand Elementary Mathematics International Competition (TEMIC 2008)
2. **Key Stage III Division (Lower Secondary Education):**
2008 Thailand Invitational World Youth Mathematics Intercity Competition (TIWYMIC 2008)

3. Qualifications of Participants

Participants must have the following qualifications:

1. **Key Stage II:** Students have not enrolled at secondary schools or at any equivalent institutions, and were born on or after 1 October 1995.
2. **Key Stage III:** Students have not enrolled upper secondary education or any of its equivalence, and were born on or after 1 October 1992.

4. Participation and Application

Participation in the competition is by invitation. Any invited city or country may apply up to 4 teams to participate in each division. Each team may comprise to a maximum of 6 members: a team leader, a deputy leader, and up to 4 students.

5. Types of Contest

There will be two kinds of contest in each division namely, individual and team contests. All participants must participate in both contests and other activities, as scheduled.

6. Competition papers

Proposed problems written in English should be submitted to IMC 2008 Committee for consideration and preparation of competition papers. The competition papers may be translated into each country's native language during a specified scheduled date.

7. Competition committee

The competition committee comprises of experts from Thailand and 1 team leader from each participating team.



8.	Awards and Prizes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual Award: gold, silver and bronze medals Approximately two-thirds of the participants will receive individual awards in the form of gold, silver and bronze medals, with approximate ratio of 1:2:3. ○ Team Award: gold, silver and bronze medals In the team competition, prizes will be given to the three teams achieving the highest scores in different groups. Grouping will be done through drawing lots. ○ Highest Total Scores Award: grand, second, third and honorable prizes The Grand Prize is awarded according to the sum of the four team members' scores in the individual competition, and of the team's scores in the team competition. Second, third, and honorable prizes will also be awarded. ○ Certificate: Every participant receives an IMC 2008 certificate. 	
9.	Period of application and procedure	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each participating city or country has to apply for its participation. It should specify the number of participating teams for each division to the organizer through an e-mail. A notice of confirmation will be sent on or before 15 May 2008. ○ For each level, a participating team should submit 10 English-translated problems and solutions: 5 for individual competition, and another 5 for team competition, on or before 15 August 2008. ○ A filled-up application form must be submitted via e-mail to the organizer on or before 30 August 2008. ○ Each participating team must inform the organizer about its arrival and departure schedule on or before 30 September 2008. 	
10.	Expenses	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The organizer will take charge of all official expenses of the teams from each invited city or country, including accommodations, meals, transportation, and study tours during the official period of the competition in Chiangmai, Thailand (25-30 October 2008). Observers, parents or other accompanying persons will be responsible for their own expenses. ○ Each participating team is responsible for the travelling expenses from its homeland to Chiangmai Airport, including visa fees and other expenses for its entry to Thailand. ○ Observers, parents or other accompanying person, who would like to stay with the participants, have to pay US\$500 for accommodation, meals, transportation, and study tours during the period of official competition in Chiangmai, Thailand (25-30 October 2008). 	
11.	Proposed Itinerary	
	25 October 2008	Arrival to Chiangmai Airport, Thailand Hotel Registration Meeting of Team Leaders
	26 October 2008	Opening Ceremony Competition Papers Meeting by Team Leaders Study Tour for Students
	27 October 2008	Translation of Competition Papers by Team Leaders Study Tour for Students / Deputy Team Leaders / Observers
	28 October 2008	Competition for Key Stage II Students Competition for Key Stage III Students



29 October 2008	Study Tour to Ecotourism Destination Cultural Night Evaluating Competitors' Solutions by Team Leaders		
30 October 2008	Closing and Awarding Ceremony		
31 October 2008	Departure for Homeland with Fond Memory of Thailand		
12. Official Languages			
English and Thai will be the official languages of the Competition.			
13. Organizer			
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14. Medical Care for Participants			
The organizer will procure accident insurance to all participants during the official period of the competition. The insurance will cover accidents leading to death or permanent disability of the body; therefore, all participants are advised to arrange medical insurance for themselves.			
15. Additional Information			
Each participating country should provide the followings:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o to inform the organizer in advance of any specified dietary requirements or restrictions; o to prepare a 5-minute cultural performance for the cultural night; o to organize a country-introduction exhibition; o to complete visa procedures before arriving in Thailand. 			

