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Thursday – Day 1

Today, February, 23rd, 2017, was the first day of Romanian Master of Mathematics. In the morning, the guides took the contestants to the Institute of Mathematics for a geometry conference. Thus, the students attended some preparation lessons for the contest. At the end, the students seemed to be delighted at the conference and they were still talking about some things discussed there.



By lunch, the guides had given the students a tour of the city, had talked and found out more about the contestants.

They had lunch at Moxa student canteen and then they had a rest. At 6 PM all the participants and their leaders met in Aula Magna of The Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies in order to attend the opening ceremony of the competition.



One by one, the teams were called in front of the room with their leaders to have beautiful photos taken of them holding their national flags.



Along with their guides, the competitors returned to Moxa for dinner and had an early night in order to be fully rested for the first day of competition.

During the participants' free time we made sure to ask our teams some questions. The answers listed below are team UK.

1. How do you feel? Nervous, excited, both?

N: Well, I've been to this contest in the past, so I can't say I'm nervous, but I'm definitely excited to participate.

H: It's my first time here, so I feel a bit nervous, since I've heard that it's quite difficult.

R: I pretty much feel the same as H.

2. Have you been to this contest before?

N: Yes.

H: No.

R: I participated last year as well.

3. What are your expectations with regards to the difficulty of the problems?

N: It's definitely going to be hard, since it's generally seen internationally as one of the hardest math contests in the world, but I don't think it's going to be harder than last year.

H: I expect it to be quite difficult, from what I've heard, but I'm not worried.

R: I'm also not worried, because I've been here before and I know what to expect.

4. How do you like Bucharest so far?

N: It's very interesting. The architecture is quite different from London, where I'm from, but there are a lot of sights to be seen, such as the House of Parliament, which we visited last year.

H: I'm also from London, so I have the same opinion as N.

R: I'm from Cambridge...which is also different in a lot of aspects from Bucharest.

5. Would you like to come here again in the future?

N: Well, I'm going to be in my final year in the future, so I don't think I'm going to participate anymore after this.

Me: Well yeah, but would you like to come to Romania again?

N: Oh, definitely.

H: Same.

R: Same.

Me: These are all the questions, thank you for taking part in our interview.

