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DAY 2 of the contest- Saturday, 28th of February

The day started really early for all the participants at 7 AM sharp. But nobody was tired, and at breakfast they were all bracing up and then almost ran on their way to “Tudor Vianu” National High school of Computer Science.



At 8:15 AM , our high school was full of pensive students.



At 1 PM , the second round was over and all the students were in a hurry to speak with their team leaders or check some Mathematics books.



At 1:30 PM, after the subjects had been discussed we were on our way to have lunch and we spoke with two team leaders:

- **Interview with Marco Antonio Ibarra from Mexico:**

Guide: Hello! How were the problems today?

M.A.Ibarra: Hello! They were at a high level because Mexico is just entering the top 20 IMO. So this is our first participation.

Guide: Do you think that your students were ready for this competition?

M.A.Ibarra: Yes, yes. In fact, we only took 3 of our students, the ones we thought were ready for this competition. We are not ready yet to bring a whole team of 6 people, but in the following years we will see.

Guide: Thanks you a lot! Hope to see you next year !

- **Interview with Jean Louis Tu from France:**

Guide: Hello! How was the level of the problems?

Jean Louis Tu: Well we think that on the first day , the first problem was kind of easy for everybody, but the second was pretty hard. Most of the students in our team didn't solve the second and nobody did solve the third one. On the second day , the first problem was slightly harder than on the first day, but still not extremely hard. And the second problem of the second day was harder, but still ok and the third was really hard.

Guide: Do you think they did well? Do they hope for any medals?

Jean Louis Tu: We hope that one of our students will have maybe a silver medal and some will have bronze medals.

After lunch , everybody had free time. Some of the teams went to play billiards (the Russian and the British teams) while others simply for a walk (see photos below).



We then talked with the Hungarian team:

Guide: How was the competition? How do you feel about the problems?

Kada Williams: I think I did as I had expected to or maybe a little bit better.

Mark Di Giovanni: I could have been better, but after all I'm pretty much satisfied.

Guide: How was the organization?

Mark Di Giovanni: I liked it very much. There weren't any delays. I expected some but they weren't. I didn't expect there to be so many guides and so young, but that was a positive experience.

Guide: Did you like the activities?

Kada Williams: I feel like I didn't get that connected to the other teams. So I might just want to get to know them better if I can.

At 8:30 PM, we arrived at the Farewell Banquet. The students were really excited about the food and they kept asking about any song they didn't recognize whether that was a Romanian song or not.



I think this day was a great experience for everybody :)