

The International Jury at the 1st International Earth Science Olympiad in Korea

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At the 1st International Earth Science Olympiad in Korea, the International Jury meeting was started from 9:25 a.m. on October 8th. After the identification of the role of the International Jury, the discussions among International Jury were taken places. There were proposals for the examination from each country, and the participating International Jury examined problems one by one. Among the International Jury, we have five persons in geology, two persons in Meteorology, two persons in Astronomy, one person in Oceanography. Although in the first plan was that we may not exchange ideas on the problems of the examination among each area of science, the International Juries in all the members examined the 1st IESO after all since the members are small. Through long discussion we chose and modified questions for the examination with the leadership of the International Jury from the US and India. The final decision for the questions was taken places by three persons among the International Jury, the chairman of this host country, the vice-chairman, and the chairman of the next host country, the Philippines. The process took for about two days. We finished developing examination at about midnight of October 9th. At this moment all International Jury was noticed that we can not contact with any high school students who were participated for IESO. Also, personal cell-phones were collected and internet access was prohibited.

On October 10th, the written examination was done during the morning and the practical test was performed in the afternoon. It went on basically very smoothly. The International Jury graded on the night of the 10th. Although the International Juries were agree to collect answer sheets which were all translated by the students who were experts for the translation, some language such as Indonesian language which Korean students could not fully translate, the International Jury did translated into English and scored by the other International Juries. Grading continued till around midnight 2:00 on that day. Two or more International Juries graded on the same problem, and when the score was differed, then, discussion was held, and, when they agreed, it became the same mark, but when it did not agreed, mark was adopted with the averaged score.