



## Greetings from ICPC



Welcome to Harbin!

Welcome to the 34th Annual ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals sponsored by IBM and hosted by Harbin Engineering University!

The ACM-ICPC World Finals culminates the efforts of faculty and students from 1,931 universities in 82 countries competing at 242 regional sites worldwide. The top 103 teams have advanced to the World Finals. Congratulations to the 2010 World Finalists and to those who have made this possible!

You have earned the right to compete here in Harbin for a simple reason. You bested 21,648 of the finest university students on six continents who challenged you to do your best. So here you are, champions all, with the opportunity to earn medals – bronze, silver, and gold – while vying to make the “2010 World Champions” prove their rights to the title.

There are so many stars visible in the ICPC Community. UPE has served for 40 years, ACM has served for 34 years, and Baylor University has served for 27 years. In 13 years of IBM sponsorship, the ICPC has extended opportunity on six continents!

Consider Measures Award winner Wei Min Zhou and the Asia Award Winners, who have extended the ICPC Community to engage universities throughout Asia while raising the bar of performance and aspirations to extraordinary levels throughout the globe.

Consider your regional leadership, the organizers, the judges, the systems teams, the media teams, your coaches, your universities, industry leaders, and community leaders who join together to make certain that the efforts of the ICPC Community make a lasting difference.

Here, in Harbin, during the world's greatest Snow and Ice Festival, where great civilizations have crossed roads, trading goods and ideas; here, where the cold of winter only accentuates the warmth of the HEU welcome, with city, province, and country opening its arms in a hearty welcome; let us draw from that strength and purpose as we celebrate the opportunities before us.

HEU has made ready an extraordinary World Finals experience. So, let's look forward to an outstanding World Finals forged in the crucible of judges' problems and the energy of the finest teams ever to compete in the World Finals.

Best Wishes!

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