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## Chulalongkorn Students Win "Youth Chess Team Championship" in Both Individual and Team Categories

President of the Thailand Securities Depository Co., Ltd. (TSD) Mrs. Nongram Wongwanich disclosed that the "Youth Chess Team Championship" the TSD held in conjunction with the Bangkok Chess Club was very successful. There were 101 contestants from 32 teams participating, the highest number for any chess championship ever held in Thailand. The Championship took place in 12 rounds on Saturdays and Sundays March 19 - 20, and 26 - 27, 2005 at the SET Building.

"The contestants have shown their determination and skills in playing as a team through careful planning. This reflects our objectives of promoting the solidarity and team building through the use of chess. We arrived at the final winners on March 27 and admire all the players, as they all did well," said Ms.Nongram.

In the overall category, the winning team was the 'Nemesis' team, a group of medical students from Chulalongkorn University. The category's first runner-up was the 'Dek-Phra-Jom' team, a group of students from King Mongkut Institute of Technology, North Bangkok and Lad Krabang campuses. Finally, the 2nd runner-up was the 'Chess' team comprised of students from the Chulalongkorn Demonstration School and the Suan Kularb School.

All these 3 teams received trophies and special sponsorships worth THB12,000 each team to participate in the 5th BCC International Open at the Regent Cha-Am Hotel on March 19-23. The International Open will be a great opportunity for the students to gain more exposure and develop their skills.

As for the outstanding teams at the high school level, the winner was the 'Chess' team, the rising star in this championship that was 2nd runner-up in the overall category and took top honors in this category. The first runner-up in the high school level was the 'Three Goddesses' team of students from the Chulalongkorn Demonstration School, the Chiang Mai Demonstration School, and the Harrow International School. This category's 3rd prize went to the 'Kaset VimutSatree' team of students from the Kasetsart Demonstration School, the Satree Samut Prakarn, and the Vimutayaram School. All the 3 teams received trophies and THB6,000 per team worth of gift vouchers.

For the outstanding teams at the Primary School Level, the winner was the 'The Great' team of students from Sarasas International School, Chulalongkorn Demonstration School, and Santa Cruz Convent School. The first runner-up in this category was the 'Red & White Knights' team. Finally, the 2nd runner-up position went to the 'AC Chess' team of students from Assumption School.

The prizes for outstanding players were considered from all players who had outstanding scores and were good team players. They also were required to show good etiquette and player spirit. The outstanding tertiary level player was Mr.Saovaphop Tuamsaeng from the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University. The outstanding player at the High School Level was Mr. Ariya Tangsunthorntham from the Ayudhya Institute of Technology Demonstration School, while the outstanding player at the Primary School Level was Raksith Kanant from the Kasetsart University Demonstration School.

"A highlight of this Championship was that there were 2 all-girl teams (the 'Red & White Spades' and the 'Sassy Girls' teams) participating. We were very pleased to have them in the games," noted Ms. Nongram.

For the "TSD Thailand Open 2005", the championship will be divided into 3 categories: 1) the Open category (With an ELO or TELO score of higher than 1800), 2) the Amateur category (with no ELO/TELO scores, or TELO scores lower than 1800) and 3) the Novice category (with no ELO/TELO scores, or TELO scores under 1400). Contestants with comparable rankings will be matched to play. The matches will be on Saturdays and Sundays April 2-3, and 9-10, 2005 at the SET canteen next to the SET Building as well as other areas inside the SET Building.

The winner of "TSD Thailand Open 2005" in the Open category will receive a THB30,000 cash prize and a trophy. In the Amateur category, the winner will receive a THB10,000 cash prize and a trophy. Finally, in the Novice category, the winner will receive prizes worth THB5,000 and a trophy. There will also be prizes for the first and second runners-up, consolation prizes, and prizes for outstanding players. Interested persons and all fans can watch the games on the specified dates," concluded Mrs. Nongram.

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