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Former National Team Player Remains in Top Form and Wins 'TSD Thailand Open 2005'

'TSD Thailand Open 2005', important chess matches with overall prizes worth over THB100,000 hosted by the Thailand Securities Depository Co., Ltd. (TSD), The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and the Bangkok Chess Club (BCC), hit a new record when more than 200 players participated. The games were exciting, with highly-competitive players. A former national team player won the Open Category.

TSD President Mrs. Nongram Wongwanich announced that the 'TSD Thailand Open 2005' hosted by TSD in conjunction with the SET and the BCC on April 2 -3, and 9 - 10, 2005, at the SET Building, Bangkok, received an overwhelmingly good response from chess players. A total of 266 novices, amateurs, and professional players participated, including 35 youth players. The youngest one was only 9 years old.

"The TSD is proud to be a part in encouraging Thailand's youth as well as the general public to be more enthusiastic about chess, a sport that needs both analytical and problem-solving skills. The Thai chess community has also become more active. Many players returned to the chess championship again, while many others participated for the first time. The games were really exciting and lively, due to both active players and supporters," Mrs. Nongram said.

The 'TSD Thailand Open 2005' was divided into 3 categories: 1) the Open category (With an ELO or TELO score of higher than 1800), 2) the Amateur category (No ELO/TELO scores, or TELO scores lower than 1800) and 3) the Novice category (No ELO/TELO scores, or TELO scores under 1400).

In the Open category, the winner who received a THB30,000 cash prize and a trophy was Mr. Anotai Rittiphunyawong, a former national team player who used to participate in the Chess Olympiad. The first runner-up was Mr. Patcharawee Brahmawong, who received a THB20,000 cash prize and a trophy. The

second- runner up was Mr. Wisuwat Teerapabpaisit, who received a THB10,000 cash prize and a trophy

For the 4th - 8th rankings, the players received a THB4,000 cash prize each, while the 9th-16th rankings received a THB2,000 cash prize and a plaque of honor each.

In the Amateur category, the winner was Mr. Nitat Deewan, who received a THB10,000 cash prize and trophy. Mr. Sawapop Tuamsang was the first runner-up receiving a THB6,000 cash prize and trophy. Mr. Smitchupong Kamolviriyakul was the second runner-up receiving a THB4,000 cash prize and trophy. The 4th-8th rankings received plaques of honor.

In the Novice category, the winner was Mr. Amnag Sakulrattanakulchai, receiving a THB5,000 cash prize and a trophy. The first runner-up was Mr. Worapong Smithirittha receiving a THB3,000 cash prize and a trophy. The second runner-up was Mr.Piyawit Bunasa receiving a THB2,000 cash prize and a trophy. The 4th - 8th rankings received plaques of honor.

The star youth player was Parinpat Angsuwarangsee, 13, from Chulalongkorn University Demonstration School, who received the Outstanding Youth Player award (age less than 14) and a THB2,000 cash prize. He was also the third runner-up, among a total 52 players, in the Amateur category.

The other Outstanding Youth Player (age less than 18) was Theetat Bannakorn, 15, from Bodindecha School, who received a THB4,000 cash prize and a trophy.

In addition to these prizes, all award recipients in all categories will also receive a THB1,000 entrance fee sponsorship from the BCC to participate in the 5th BCC International Open.

This year, the TSD hosted the chess championships to celebrate its 10th anniversary. The two big chess tournaments included the "Chess Team Championship" and the "TSD Thailand Open 2005", which the TSD provided prizes worth over THB100,000 in total. Moreover, the TSD will also support players at the youth team level to join the 6th Asean Age-Group Chess Championship, as Thailand's representatives, in Pattaya from June 11 - 20.

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