

Excursions

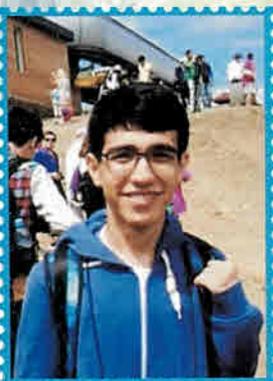
High-Mountain Sports Complex "Medeu" and Ski Resort "Shymbulak"

Today, the fourth day of the 27th International Olympiad in Informatics. Contest organizers have arranged a tour of the popular High-mountain sports complex "Medeu" and Ski Resort "Shymbulak" to entertain and cheer up the participants of the Olympiad. Some of the participants unadapted to the cold climate, went down. And others continued to enjoy nature, under the impression after a few photos.

Silap Aliyev, from Turkmenistan

- How are you, What can you tell first impression of Shymbulak?

Fine, I'm Great, About Shymbulak it's wonderful, You know we have such views in Turkmenistan! And I'm thankful, and really appreciate to "Daryn" Center and Kazakh National University, that they have organized such excursion like this.



Hanh Van Pham, contestant from Vietnam

- What can you say about our city, and your first impression?

Impression of Kazakhstan is very large, really large. Kazakhstan have many activities, and most of all I liked it is Disco. It is my first time and I really enjoyed. People are really talkative, and their English here is very good. Very easy talk with people. It's my first time here, I loved your country!

- What can you tell about first contest day?

- My contest was not bad. Maybe I was lucky yesterday!



Team of Bolivia: **Marcelo Alejandro Zeballos Guzman**, Ronaldo Franco Jaldin, Diego Alejandro Angulo

Ramirez, Mauricio Wilde Monasterios

- What is your First impression in Shymbulak?

- Here in this place? YES, It's Awesome, mountains it's great! The city looks beautiful. The best place I have ever seen!

-What can you say, your future, connect with what?

I hope with the computer scientist! We also too!





After the Ski Resort "Shymbulak" participants waited another surprise. Warmed, after dinner, they went to the **Kazakh State Circus**. Olympiad participants witnessed, bright rooms dedicated to the 45th anniversary of the Circus. Performers are well able to cheer the participants and guests from foreign countries, and were able to show their talents to the public. During his speech, the clown who imitated car forgot to fasten seat belts, and one of the participant who helped the clown with the number clearly demonstrated that it is necessary to fasten the seat belts, the audience applauded and

supported the foreign guests. But there were also who do not like the circus.

Mohamed Moakhar, the student from Tunisia

- Did you enjoyed of Circus?

- The circus, not really, cause I Against circus, but Shymbulak, yes it was incredible, awesome, I have never seen place such like Shymbulak. I Loved it!



School student from Macedonia **Kliment Serafimov** thinks that the IOI 2015 will be remembered by all its participants for a long time.

"We have been to Medeu today. You have beautiful scenery over there. You can be proud of it. It feels like we have been to a European resort. We have a very interesting program, and I would like to thank all the organizers of the event. I am sure this Olympiad will be remembered by all the participants forever," he said.

Kliment noted that he made friends with students from the other countries, which he is happy about. Now he has friends from Argentina, Norway, Austria and Kazakhstan.

"I would like to say thanks to all the volunteers, Kazakhstanis boys and girls, who helped us a lot. They really take care of us. They support us if we are getting too nervous. It is nice to be in such a friendly atmosphere," K. Serafimov said.



Contestant from Argentina **Maximiliano Redigondam**, said that Kazakhstan reminded him of his home country.

"I liked your country right when I first saw it. I think that culture and nature of Kazakhstan are similar to Argentina's. If I ever have an opportunity to come to Kazakhstan again I will do it without hesitation," he said.

The Argentinian also added that he and his friends were impressed with the beauty of the mountains of Almaty during their excursions to Medeu and Shymbulak.

"I like mountains, I like skiing. I fell in love with your mountains. I took a lot of pictures of your nature. I want to show those pictures to my friends in Argentina. Maybe one day we will come here together," the participant of the Olympiad added.

Notes: The ice skating rink "Medeu" located at the altitude of 1,691.2 meters above sea level is world-known. It was erected built in 1972.

Shymbulak is a ski resort near Almaty, the largest city of Kazakhstan. It is located in the upper part of the Medeu Valley in the Zaiilisky Alatau mountain range, at the elevation of 2,200 metres (7,200 ft) above sea level. The resort area is about 25 kilometres (16 mi) south of Almaty city by the Medeo road.



Photos of Tasks Selection and Translation



Team leader from Portugal **Pedro Ribeiro** takes part in the International Olympiad in Informatics for the 15th time.

"I really like Informatics, that I take part in the Olympiad on this subject for the 15th time. Eleven times I was a participant of the Olympiad, and the last four times I have been involved as a mentor," - told in an interview with the team leader of Portugal.

P. Ribeiro noted that they select the best students for participation in such competitions. "We brought a smart team. But I said to my guys that the main thing is not winning, the most importantly thing is participate. I want that they know, in the first place they have to gain knowledge and experience, make friends with peers from other countries. Certainly, medals are good, but not important," he said.

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