

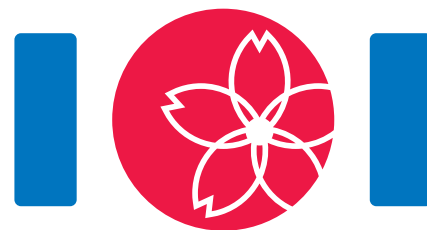


Sayonara -  
**The Future is Next**

On Friday evening IOI 2018 contestants, leaders and team guides had a chance to congratulate one another all in one place after the awarding of medals at the Closing Ceremony. The 'Sayonara Party' was held in the Capio Arena, the very hall where the contests took place. Instead of workstation banks, there were buffet tables. Where once there was a steely focus and combat, there was now laughter and high fives. Background music was from IOI 2018 Virtual Ambassador IA reprising the theme song 'Euphoria' and expressing the joy of

youth, happiness, hopes, searching and expectation for the future - themes to match the feelings of everyone at this extraordinary international event.

Saturday morning witnessed the inevitable happy/sad farewells as coaches filled with teams and luggage to set off to the airports with team guides waving goodbye. No matter what the customs of our cultures – whether farewell ends with a hug, a handshake, or a bow - our smiles and tears are all the same.



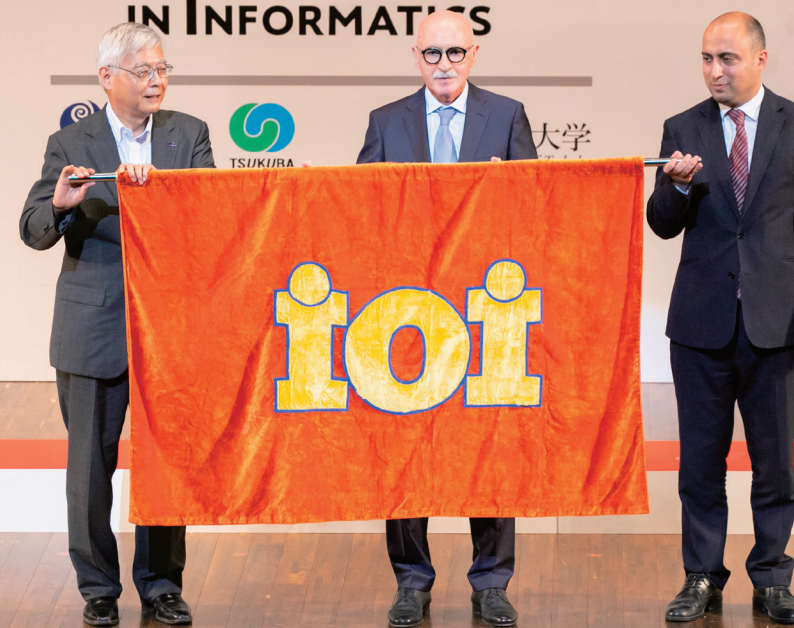
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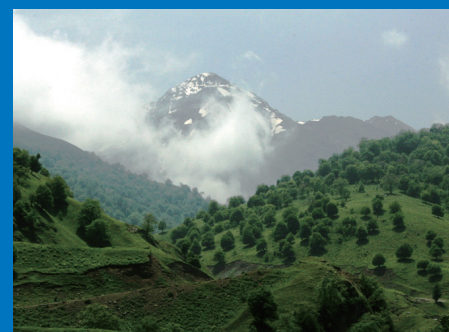


## Let's Get Together in Azerbaijan

Dr. Araz Yusubov, Organizing Committee member for IOI 2019 in Azerbaijan sat down with the news team to excite our interest in his little-known country.

Located near the Caspian Sea, where Eastern Europe meets Western Asia, Azerbaijan's strengths have historically related to oil and industry. More relevant to the world of Informatics, the nation has always been an early adopter of new technology (it was the first country to film an eco-disaster back in 1896) and its capital city Baku was birthplace to the 'father of fuzzy logic' and one of AI's pioneers Prof. Lotfi Zadeh. Sadly, Prof. Zadeh died last year but he was proud to know that Baku would be hosting the 2019 Olympiad.

Azerbaijan has been sending contestants to IOI since the 1990s and although it has not won clutches of medals it fully understands the vital importance of Informatics. That has been recognized by the Azerbaijan government for years and why, in 2015, the nation successfully bid to become Olympiad hosts. Despite disruptions to air flights caused by this week's typhoon in Japan, Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Education made it to Friday's closing ceremony in Tsukuba to accept the IOI flag from Japan. "I invite you Azerbaijan" he said.



# Saturday's Schedule September 8, 2018

Time	Contestants	Leaders	Guest
Check Out	Check Out ~8:30	Check Out ~11:00	Check Out ~11:00
06:30~	Check Out 8:30 (NITS)	Transfer by Bus (TICC→NITS)	Breakfast 7:00~ (Each Hotel)
	Breakfast 6:00-10:00 (Box Breakfast distribution 6:30-10:00) Departure		Transfer by Bus (EPOCAL→NITS)
-	Stand by until departure		
09:30~	Departure ① To Narita International Airport ② To Haneda International Airport ③ Ibaraki Airport ④ To Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba (near the Tsukuba Station=Departure Time 8:30,9:30) Lunch (Box lunch distribution 11:30-14:00)		
~14:00	Last bus (NITS→Airport) Stand by until Departure (Airport)		

■ TICC: Tsukuba International Congress Center ■ TSUKUBA CAPIO ■ NITS ■ Excursion

## The Week in Flash Back

IOI 2018 was a gathering of an elite. Across 8 days, 335 contestants, 173 leaders and over 100 volunteers from 87 countries assembled in 1 place to take 83 bronze ( $\geq 187$  points), 55 silver ( $\geq 272$  points) and 29 gold ( $\geq 336$  points) medals plus the ultimate champion's trophy. Enjoy the results in almost 500 photographs in 25 categories and daily movies on the IOI 2018 website at: <https://ioi2018.jp>



## Best Quote Digest (edited):

"Everyone here is already a champion." (Greg Lee)  
 "Find something you can be crazy about." (iwiwi)  
 "IT is key to future progress in society." (Kazuo Furukawa)  
 "I'll tell you what matters - People, People, People." (Tim Bell)  
 "The contest is only 1 week but friendships last forever." (Greg Lee)  
 "It's great to meet so many people from other countries." (Sae K)  
 "Let's make the world a better place together." (Mayor Igarashi)

"Utilize your talent and skills to overcome climate change." (Governor Oigawa)  
 "The best is yet to come." (Bob Sen)  
 "We are standing in the same world, and heading for the same future." (IA)  
 "Dokkoisho, dokkoisho, souran, souran." (all 2018 contestants)  
 (this doesn't translate - but we all feel it the same way - happy!)