



## ***FIDE Trainers' Seminar for FIDE Trainer Titles***

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 a FIDE Trainers' Seminar (**FTS-HON 2013-Prospectus**) was held in Hong Kong Island in Hong Kong. The event took place in the 'Kennedy Town Community Center' (days 1 & 2) and in the 'Traders Hotel' (day 3) and it was held for 15 hours in 3 days. The Lecturer was GM & FST **Efstathios Grivas** (Greece - Secretary of the FIDE Trainers' Commission).

The seminar was co-organised by the FIDE, the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), the FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG), the Hong Kong Chess Federation, and the Caissa Chess Club Hong Kong.

It was the first seminar ever that was held in Hong Kong and 20 participants from Hong Kong, Malaysia, China, Thailand, Spain and South Korea registered.

Here is the traditional 'family' photo from the event:



Well, 15 training hours was already a good experience for the trainees, but there were also an examination and FIDE titles to be awarded as well. Here is the final table (DI= Developmental Instructor – NI= National Instructor – FI= FIDE Instructor – FT= FIDE Trainer):

Titles' Award Table						
N	Surname	Name	Birth	Country	FIDE ID	Award
1	Chau	Sau Ming	1953	Hong Kong	6000215	FI
2	Garceran Nieuwenburg	David	1967	Hong Kong	6001718	NI
3	Kannappan	Sigappi	1982	Hong Kong	6000711	NI
4	Koh	Suengnam	1973	Korea	13203690	DI
5	Lai	Robin	1960	Hong Kong	6000436	NI
6	Lai	Sai Wing	1971	Hong Kong	6001521	NI
7	Lam	Chi Wang Raymond	1950	Hong Kong	6002129	DI
8	Lam	Daniel King-Wai	1976	Hong Kong	6001238	FI
9	Lau	Joe Yiu-Cho	1961	Hong Kong	6001742	DI
10	Leung	Ho Yan Andrew	1991	Hong Kong	6000290	-
11	Llaneza Vega	Marcos	1987	Spain	2253585	FT
12	Madhavan	Collin	1959	Malaysia	5700116	FT
13	Mahadevan	Aravind	1977	Hong Kong	6001998	NI
14	Masters	Christopher Benedict	1995	Hong Kong	6000681	NI
15	Muniz Pardino	Alberto	1977	Hong Kong	2229560	FT
16	Pitirotjirathon	Jirapak	1977	Thailand	6200206	FT
17	Tian	Tian	1983	China	8602417	FT
18	Tong	Xin	1984	China	8609616	DI
19	Yu	Ting	1982	China	3403963	FT
20	Zheng	Jinlei	1978	China	8612692	DI

And here (**FTS-HON 2013-Results Letter**) you can have the entire info of the results. Unfortunately the event was a bit affected by the typhoon 'Usagi' which badly hit Hong Kong on the last day of the seminar, causing various problems - even a participant couldn't make it to the exams!



'Kennedy Town Community Center' - Day 1





‘Kennedy Town Community Center’ - Day 2



‘Traders Hotel’ - Day 3



The award of the participation certificates was modest but quite joyful! As it was the day of the 'Usagi' no federation official could make it to the seminar hall! Here is a photo:



Efstratios & WGM Yu Ting from China



The organiser & President of the Caissa Chess Club David Garceran Nieuwenburg

After the end of the seminar I spend another two days in Hong Kong, giving lectures for the 'Caissa Chess Club Hong Kong'. Here is the announcement and the webpage of the Club: <http://www.caissahk.com/train-with-the-best-series-igm-efstratios-grivas-training/>.

So, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> I returned to the Hong Kong Island and in the 'Kennedy Town Community Center' for a 3-hour session and a simul, where 10 participants showed-up (+9 = 1 -0 in my favour - I can still play some chess by the way!).

The next day I visited the headquarters of the Club in the beautiful 'Discovery Bay Island', where a 4-hour session took place. My visit to Hong Kong ended with a special Thai dinner.

I shouldn't forget to thank David Garceran Nieuwenburg, who tried his best to make all of us feel comfortable. I had a wonderful experience in the Hong Kong seminar & lectures and I feel like thanking everybody who made it possible! I promised to return in the near future for more training and more experience to be gained by everybody!

See you soon,

GM & FST Efstratios Grivas