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In August 29, two days before the competition ended, Justin was ranked in the first place with 18,000 points accumulated. In order to surpass Justin, Zhang Yi finished 7,000 questions in one day. The more amazing thing was that he finished 9,000 more difficult questions the next day with all answers correct. With such determination and perseverance, he thus won the first place.

In the CMA's world competition on online practice of abacus mental arithmetic 2008, Zhang Yi won the championship, and Justin won the second place. Participants get to train their responses through the successes and setbacks they experience during the competition. They also learn to build their own personal philosophy, personality, kindness, and friendliness to their peers. This was not the only successful achievement for these two kids, but also a great experience for all participants and their parents, teachers and other staff of CMA.

Written by Amos, the father of Justin Jen

Online Competition in Mental Arithmetic, August, 2009 World Champion's Wining Remarks

With all the effort I had made, I was so happy to win the champion.

I won the world champion of online abacus mental arithmetic held in August, 2009, with only few points more than the second place winner. I also admired the spirit of Justin Jen, second place winner from Singapore. I hope he can continue his efforts and best wishes to him.

My name is Tai Weichen, the son of Tai Chiang Ching . I'm 19 years old and ready to go to college. Under my parents' encouragement and instruction, I'd already reached level 7 in abacus mental arithmetic when I was a child. My skills in abacus mental arithmetic have helped me a lot in other subjects in school. Especially in the subject of math, many classmates admired my outstanding achievement in math. In addition, my reflexes, judgment

and comprehension skills are improving. Now I'm still benefitting from learning abacus of mental arithmetic.

Early this year, my father established a new agent office in Xiamen, Fujian and started to recruit students in mid April. In early July, I finished my college entry exam and received a call from my father who asked me to visit him in Xiamen. I could also take this opportunity to see the development and progress in Xiamen. During the trip in Xiamen, I got to know more about the history, custom and industry development. My father also enrolled me in a swimming and a computer class. Apart from that, my father also suggested me to join the "Online Competition in Mental Arithmetic" in order to test my confidence and patience. Besides, by joining this competition, I wouldn't waste my summer vacation and had a chance to win a championship for Taiwan. At first, I thought Online Competition in Mental Arithmetic was very easy. However, after listening to my father's explanation and reminders, I realised it was somehow difficult. Since the Online Competition in Mental Arithmetic was a new system developed by CMA in recent years, I wasn't familiar with the system. I therefore wanted to give it a try.

During August, I spent a lot of time and efforts on online practice. Besides choosing the questions carefully and practising seriously, I had to watch the performance of other contestants from all over the world. I knew there were some outstanding contestants so I couldn't take it easy. After few days of competition, I knew my rival competitor was Justin Jen from Singapore. During the competition, I surpassed him at the beginning, but was overtaken by him later.