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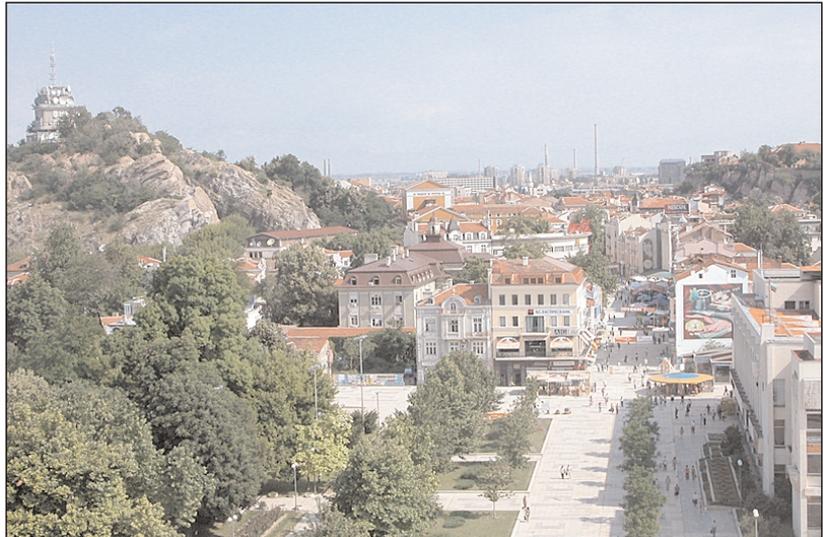
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**Slavcho
ATANASOV,
Mayor of
Plovdiv**

Welcome



Dear Informatics Specialists!

I am delighted to welcome you to the city of Plovdiv and I do believe that you will return home with wonderful impressions of our beautiful and hospitable city. To me, as Mayor, it is a great honor to host this Olympiad in Informatics because this forum is outstandingly fair. Please allow me to show some local patriotism here by noting that the young Informaticians from Plovdiv are exceptionally talented and a hard competition. I personally keep my fingers crossed for them and I hope that they will show top performance. I wish success to all participants and I am confident that Plovdiv will be a highly organized and attentive host of the event. It is particularly important for us that

the event should be a success because we have considerable traditions in mathematics and informatics education - both at secondary and higher levels, and we hold firmly to being a leading academic center in our country. Let me once again greet the participants and wish high achievements to all of them.



The city is yours, our friends!

Here are Alexandar Todorov /left/, Kalina Petrova and Alexandar Gyorev. Adding Yassen Trifonov to this photo, we would have the complete team of the host city. The four teenagers are students of the Model School of Mathematics in Plovdiv. For three years now, they have taken part in a number of competitions and training workshops in Informatics. Their achievements are commensurate with those of the students on the national team. However, they have an advantage of their own: they are Plovdivians. They will compete with each and every one of their peers, but are also ready to make new friends. Should they have the possibility, they would show their peers from abroad their favourite places in their hometown. For Kalina, this is the Antique Amphitheater. For Alexandar Gyorev - the narrow streets of the Old Town. The other Alexandar believes that one can best get a feeling of the city at the foot of the hills if they look at it at night from the TV tower.

Dear friends, during the days of the Olympiad, this city will be yours, too!