

GUIDES were sweating during the visit to the Natural History Museum struggling to translate the hundreds of minerals, stuffed animals and preserved fish for the curious Olympians. The Latin names on the notices did not suffice for the young computer experts who wanted some further details on the items on display.

THE TEAM of Hong Kong went for a walk to the Alyosha Monument instead of going for a swim. The contestants did not go for the visit to the Aqua Park, but rather preferred to explore the city on their own. In addition to the hundreds of photos they made, they bought some post stamps and did not miss the opportunity to have some boza (malt drink made from wheat or millet) and Bulgarian yogurt, as advised by their personal guide.



THE MENU of one of the Japanese contestants can be described with just one word: cake. He will ignore the tables at Hotel Novotel Plovdiv heavy with all sorts of meat, stewed vegetables, cheese and salads and would head for the pastries. This is his breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day, because sugar stimulates the brain activity. His appearance, however, is not a tell-tale of his sweet tooth.

THE ACRONYM of the Olympiad -IOI, stands for „Oh, my God!“ in Romanian

A DOCUMENTARY about the Olympiad is being shot by the guests from Japan and Thailand. A

four-member crew has already visited the Renaissance houses and museums in the Old Town, Nebet Tepe, Dzhumaya, the Main Shopping Street, and Bachkovo Monastery. Today they will carry on filming in Nesebar and Primorsko.



No more tasks!

According to the unofficial calculations of the scores among the students, the Japanese must have scored most points. Each of them had over 300, as one scored even more than 350. The Asian teams showed supremacy, because computing is taught there from an early age. In Denmark, for instance, there is no such subject on the curricula as Informatics, although multimedia is used in the teaching of all subjects.



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Pasin from Thailand had his talisman with him - a mascot of the school he goes to. The cute doll did not help him too much, because he did only two of the four tasks. The team members of Israel and Tadzhikistan admitted that the fourth task was the hardest and most time-consuming.

Just before the start of yesterday's competition, however, quite a few were diligently looking for a four-leaved clover in hope to bring them luck. Others had brought their favourite items with them, such as mascots.