

Dear Chairmen,

On behalf of PAMA Vietnam 2, I am pleased to extend our esteemed invitation to you to participate in the 22nd PAMA Global Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition, scheduled for December 26th, 2024. We are honored to host this prestigious event in the vibrant city of Ho Chi Minh City.

With your valued support, we are committed to ensuring that this year's competition is not only memorable but also highly effective. Your contributions to this project have been invaluable, and I eagerly anticipate our continued collaboration.

I wish to express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering support provided by PAMA Chairmen over the years. I am hopeful for the continuation of our fruitful partnership in the future.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the competition in 2024 will welcome approximately 25 member countries, including nations such as Taiwan, Thailand, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, Vietnam, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, India, Iran, Russia, Australia, China, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Iraq, Palestine, Armenia, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, the United States, Moldova, and more.

It is our sincere hope that all participants will achieve success in their endeavors within the abacus education sector, fostering stronger bonds and friendships through our shared commitment to PAMA Global.

Furthermore, I extend a cordial invitation for you to immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of Vietnam during your visit. While our country may not be vast in size, it boasts a dynamic spirit and a remarkable history of resilience and growth. Vietnam is blessed with a diverse array of beautiful landscapes, and the Vietnamese people make it even more special with their fascinating history, cultural diversity, and rich cuisine. Whether you are a history buff, nature enthusiast, or gastronomy lover, Vietnam offers an unforgettable experience for everyone.

Should you require any further information or assistance with arrangements, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are dedicated to ensuring your experience is seamless and rewarding.

Once again, I extend my warmest wishes for a memorable and fulfilling visit to Vietnam, and I eagerly anticipate your participation in the competition.

Sincerely,

UYEN NGUYEN

Chairwoman | PAMA Vietnam 2



THE 22nd PAMA GLOBAL ABACUS & MENTAL ARITHMETIC COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the competition is to allow for the observation of mental arithmetic skills from all countries, to promote abacus and mental arithmetic education, and to improve friendships among participants from around the world.

2. DATE

Wednesday, December 25, 2024	13:00~21:00	Pre-Competition Meeting
Thursday, December 26, 2024	08:00~18:00	Official Competition
	18:00~22:00	Post-Competition Meeting

3. PLACE (to be confirmed)

Phu Tho Indoor Sport Stadium

No.4, Le Dai Hanh Street, Ward 15, District 11, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

4. HOST

PAMA Global Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Association Vietnam 2 (**VAID CO.LTD**)

5. ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION

5.1 Enrollment period: **June 1, 2024** through **September 30, 2024**.

❖ **No late applications will be accepted.**

5.2 Members of PAMA will collect all applications, photos and any related documents of respective regions and email it to PAMA Vietnam 2 on or before **September 30, 2024**.

❖ **Email** – pamavietnam@vietmyeducation.com

❖ **Telephone/Whatsapp** - +8493 2765 347

❖ **Admin Contact** – Ms.Vy Vo

6. REGISTRATION FEE

6.1 Contestant Registration Fee: \$100 USD (includes event admission and lunch on competition day)

6.2. Attendance fee for Chairmen: \$100 USD (includes welcome night dinner, competition day lunch,

and post-competition dinner)

6.3. Guests, their family members, meeting representatives can pay **\$50 USD per person for each meal** (such as welcome night dinner, competition day lunch, and post-competition dinner respectively)

6.4. Teachers and their family members can pay \$50 per person for competition day lunch (includes event admission).

6.5. Event admission without lunch is \$20 USD.

6.6 Banking Information for Payment:

- **Joint Stock Commercial Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam (Vietcombank) – Cantho branch – Ninh Kieu transaction office.**
 - Account No. 1040476886 (Bank charges must be paid by the sender.)
- **Or you can pay by cash.**

7. COMPETITION CONTENT, DIVISION AND STANDARD

7.1 All PAMA member countries are invited to appoint contestants to join the competition.

7.2 Champion of Champions winners in the last competition must move up a group this year.

7.3 Refer to the following table for group levels and age restrictions. Contestants are allowed to move up to higher Groups but cannot move down to lower groups. PAMA reserves the right to disqualify violators.

Group		Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	# Questions per paper / Time / Total Score
Level		Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 4	
Age		Born after 2017	Born during 2015-2016	Born during 2013-2014	Born during 2011-2012	Born during 2010-2002	
Abacus Calculation	± 1st	2 Digits 6 Rows No Decimal Points	2-3 Digits 10 Rows No Decimal Points	2-4 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	3-4 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	4-5 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	20 Qs 3 Mins 200 Marks
	x 2nd	3x1	2x2	2x3 3x2	2x4 4x2 3x3	2x5 3x4 4x3 5x2	30 Qs 3 Mins 150 Marks

	÷ 3rd	2÷1 3÷1	3÷1 4÷1	3÷2 4÷2	4÷2 5÷2 4÷3 5÷3	5÷2, 5÷3 5÷4, 6÷2 6÷3, 6÷4	30 Qs 3 Mins 150 Marks
Mental Calculati on	± 4th	1 Digit 6 Rows	1 Digit 7 Rows	2 Digit 4 Rows	2 Digit 6 Rows	2 Digit 8 Rows	20 Qs 1 Min 200 Marks
	× 5th	1×1	1×1	2×1	2×1	2×1 3×1	30 Qs 1 Min 150 Marks
	÷ 6th	1÷1 2÷1	1÷1 2÷1	2÷1 3÷1	2÷1 3÷1	2÷1 3÷1 4÷1	30 Qs 1 Min 150 Marks
Abacus Calculati on	7th	×: 10Q ÷: 10Q ±: 10 Q	×: 10Q ÷: 10Q ±: 10 Q	×: 10Q ÷: 10Q ±: 10 Q	×: 10Q ÷: 10Q ±: 10 Q	×: 10Q ÷: 10Q ±: 10 Q	30 Qs 1 Min 200 Marks

7.4 Competition subjects, groups, and levels

Ranking	Champion of champions	Champion	1 st Runner-Up	2 nd Runner-Up	3 rd Runner-Up
No. of Contestant	1	20% -1	20%	30%	30%

8. TROPHIES DISTRIBUTION

8.1 The rank of the contestants will be according to the list above. In addition, the teacher for the "Champion of champions" of each group will be awarded the "The Best Coach Award."

8.2 When the total scores for two contestants totals to be the same, the winner will be determined by whomever scored higher on the 7th Paper. If the scores of the 7th Paper are also the same, then the winner is determined by the higher score in the following order: 1st Paper, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

8.3 Champion of Champion winners are also awarded \$100 USD.

8.4 If two or more contestants finish with the same total points and same scores on the tie-breaker, the organizer will add one more tie-breaker (same format as the first tie-breaker with different questions; only 45 seconds) to determine the winner of Champion of Champions.

8.5 Contestants need to score at least 300 total points to win any award and prize.

9. ATTENTION

- > The hosting country appoints judges of the competition.
- > The judge's decisions are final, once decisions have been made, there will be no changes.
- > All contestants should attend the Awarding Ceremony.
- > The hosting country and its honored guests will present the award.
- > Certificates will be distributed to member countries during the meeting after competition.

10. PERFORMANCES

While waiting for the competition results, there will be activities and performances for all guests to enjoy as following:

- > Vietnamese traditional performances
- > Handcraft activities
- > Magic show / Balloon modeler show

11. EVENT AGENDA

11. 1 Pre-Competition Meeting

- Date: Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- Location: (to be confirmed)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
13:00~15:00	PAMA Secretariat: Organization Businesses and Announcements	Conference Room
15:30~18:00	Pre-competition meeting (Host by Mrs. Uyen Nguyen, PAMA Vietnam 2 Chairwoman). Announce matters related to competition and what members should pay attention to, contestants ID, annual journal, staff ID, registration fee payment settlement, annual fee payment settlement with secretariat, etc.	
18:00~20:00	Welcome Dinner – Hosted by Chairwoman of PAMA Vietnam 2, inviting the Chairmen, guests and representatives (see No.6 for related fees) (If you will be attending, please email to pamavietnam@vietmyeducation.com)	Restaurant

11.2 Competition Day

- Date: Thursday Morning, December 26, 2024
- Location: (to be confirmed)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
08:30~09:00	Contestants check-in and be seated. (During this time, contestants find their seats and students can practice on their own)	Convention Center
09:00~09:40	22nd PAMA Global Competition Opening Ceremony (All members' national flag will be displayed, Chairmen and contestants enter, and the PAMA Global flag will be displayed, PAMA Vietnam 2 welcome speech, guests speeches)	
09:40~09:50	PAMA Chairmen Certificates	
09:50~10:00	Chief Referee (Chairwoman of the host country) Announcements	
10:00~10:50	22nd PAMA Global Competition starts. (Chief Referee announce all related rules; subjects include: abacus addition/subtraction, multiplication, division, mental addition/subtraction, mental multiplication, mental division; total scores of above 6 subjects: 1000; scores of same score additional competition (200 in total) is not included in the 6 subjects)	
11:00~12:00	Performances	
12:00~15:00	Lunch organized by host (Contestants Talent Show) (All participants have lunch together, talent show, Chairmen exchange souvenirs', contestants exchange gifts and cards, etc.)	

11.3 Competition Day

- Date and time: Thursday Afternoon, December 26, 2024
- Location: (to be confirmed)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
15:00~15:15	Contestants reenter for Award Ceremony (All contestants and their parents will be seated by the seat plan provided and organized by the host.)	Convention Center
15:15~17:00	22nd PAMA Global Competition and Awards Ceremony including Contribution Awards (Closing Remarks from the Chairmen and Honored Guests; all contestants receive their awards on stage)	
17:00~18:00	Closing Ceremony (Hand-over of PAMA flag) Hand-over of PAMA flag to the host of 2025 Iran (Chairman Mr.Ruhollah Mokhberian) The organizers arrange photo sessions on stage for each country	
18:00~20:00	Post-competition dinner Chairmen and honored guests are invited to the dinner (see No.6 for related fees)	Restaurant
20:00~22:00	Review Meeting Review of the Competition and its proceedings; discussion on new proposals	Conference Room

12. ANNUAL JOURNAL

Each member country will have 1 to 2 pages in the journal. The host country will print out the copies and distribute them on the day of the competition. Please submit the following contents to the host country before **September 30th, 2024**.

12.1 Chairman’s Congratulatory Message

12.2 Two pages of event photos in your schools

12.3 Journal file’s format: PDF/ Ai/ Photoshop

13. MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Please submit any changes to contest groups by **October 10, 2024**. After that, we will be unable to accept further changes.

13.2 We kindly remind all member countries who have completed registration and enrollment for the 22nd PAMA Global Abacus & Mental Arithmetic competition that, effective **November 10**, regardless of the reason for being unable to participate in the competition, registration fees must still be submitted or transferred to the host country. This measure is in place to ensure the host country can effectively manage investment costs across various aspects and maintain financial equilibrium.

Please note that after **November 10, 2024**, registration fees will not be refunded.

13.3 Each country member can assign one person to take pictures of contestants or group members at the award presentation ceremony. The photographers will be given a vest for identification. There will be professional photographers during the event. No other photographers are allowed.

13.4 Host country will provide copies of the videos and photos of the PAMA competition and award presentation ceremony.

13.5 Member countries that have fewer than 10 contestants will receive only one Contribution Award. Member countries that have more than 10 contestants will receive two Contribution Awards. If more than two awards are needed for one country, production costs will be charged at US\$50.

The names of the recipients of the contribution award are to be provided to PAMA Vietnam 2.

13.6. The host country will assign PAMA Chairmen to be the referee of each competition subject.

13.7 T-shirts will be provided to the contestants. Please mark the size when you register per the following information.

Student Sizes	Shoulders	Chest	Length	Weight
1	26	30	40	<12kg
2	28	33	43	12-14kg
4	30	36	47	15-19kg
6	33	39	51	20-26kg
8	35	42	55	27-34kg
10	38	45	58	35-40kg

S	43	-	60	40-45kg
M	46	-	66	46-53kg
L	48	-	68	54-64kg
XL	51	-	70	65-70kg
XXL	54	-	72	71-80kg
3XL	57	-	75	80-90kg
4XL	60	-	78	>100kg

Note: We recommend that you can register a larger size than your student actual size to back up. For examples, the actual size of student A is 8 then you can order size 10 to make student more comfortable.

14. REGISTRATION SUBMISSION

Please do all the following steps to submit a summary list of all the participants:

1. Click to open [LINK](#)
2. Open folder “22nd PAMA GLOBAL COMPETITION_REGISTRATION”, find *your country folder* to key in all your registration forms.

Notes:

- *If there are any changes to the guidelines listed above, I will advise all attending countries.*

Sincerely,

PAMA VIETNAM 2