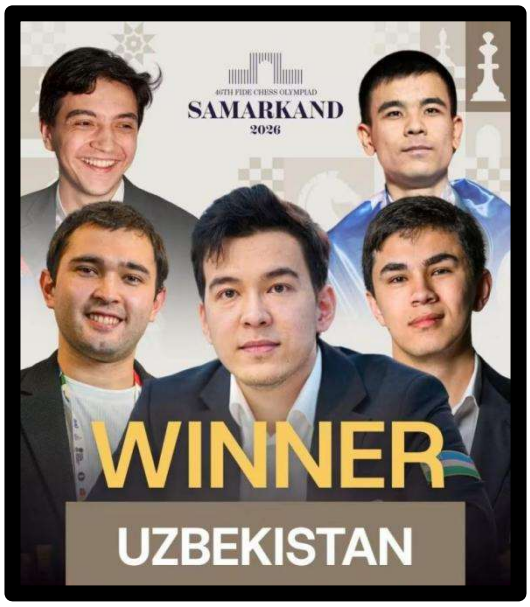
E-Catur Pinang **74/2026**

The 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

The 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad is probably the biggest sporting event in the world in terms of country participation. 206 nations registered for the Open event and 189 nations for the Women's category. The biennial Chess Olympiad was held at the Silk Road International Exhibition Centre from 16th to 27th September 2026. Each team is represented by 5 players, played over 4 boards.



After an exhaustive 11 rounds, host nation, Uzbekistan clinched the coveted Gold Medal. India was second and Germany third. Top seed USA was placed fourth. GM Nordibek Abdusattorov won the Board 1 Gold Medal with a fantastic 8.5/11 score with 6 wins and 5 draws!

Team Uzbekistan

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Gr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games
1	GM	Abdusattorov, Nodirbek	2762	UZB		1	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	½	8,5	11
2	GM	Sindarov, Javokhir	2778	UZB			1	1	½	1	½	½	1	0	1	½	7	10
3	GM	Yakubboev, Nodirbek	2685	UZB		1		½	1	1	1	1	0	1	½	½	7,5	10
4	GM	Vokhidov, Shamsiddin	2654	UZB		1	1		½	1	½		0				4	6
5	GM	Madaminov, Mukhiddin	2611	UZB		1	½	1				½		½	1	1	5,5	7

We are the Champions!

Final Ranking after 11 Rounds - Open

Rk.	SNo	FED	Team	Group	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	3	UZB	Uzbekistan	A	11	10	0	1	20	455,5	32,5	161
2	2	IND	India	A	11	8	2	1	18	405,5	28,5	162
3	5	GER	Germany	A	11	9	0	2	18	386,5	28,5	160
4	1	USA	United States of America	A	11	8	1	2	17	391,5	29	157
5	7	AZE	Azerbaijan	A	11	7	3	1	17	364.5	28.5	151

In the Women's event, the Chinese quintet of GM Zhu, IM Song, IM Lu, WIM Yan and WGM Zhai upset the favourites India by emerging Champions with 9 wins and 2 draws! Kazakhstan took the Silver and India, the Bronze.

GM Zhu Jiner won the Board 1 Prize with a magnificent 7/9. IM Lu Miaoyi took the Board 3 Prize with a fantastic 9.5/11!

Team China

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games
1	GM	Zhu, Jiner	2550	CHN			1	1	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	7	9
2	IM	Song, Yuxin	2457	CHN	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	½	½	½	½	8	11
3	IM	Lu, Miaoyi	2371	CHN	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	9,5	11
4	WIM	Yan, Tianqi	2338	CHN	1	1	½			1	0					3,5	5
5	WGM	Zhai, Mo	2336	CHN	1	1		½	½			1	½	0	½	5	8

Final Ranking after 11 Rounds - Women

Rk.	SNo	FED	Team	Group	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	4	CHN	China	A	11	9	2	0	20	463	33	161
2	3	KAZ	Kazakhstan	A	11	7	4	0	18	395	29	160
3	1	IND	India	A	11	7	3	1	17	424	31	161
4	5	USA	United States of America	A	11	8	1	2	17	418	32,5	150
5	9	POL	Poland	A	11	8	1	2	17	381	28,5	160

Something to talk about!

63-year-old Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling scored a fantastic 8/11 at Board 1. Cramling was playing in her 15th Chess Olympiad and anchoring Team Sweden. She proved her legendary status by achieving a stellar performance rating of 2532 (!) playing alongside her daughter, Woman FM Anna Cramling. She is one of the few elite players to have competed in both the Open and Women's section, winning the Board 1 prize on 3 occasions!

However, 75 year-old Filipino Eugenio Torres, the first Asian Grandmaster holds the record for playing in 23 Chess Olympiads! He was the Captain of Team Philippines in Samarkand. He won a silver medal on Board 1 at the 1974 Chess Olympiad in Nice.

England's 11-year-old prodigy FM Bodhana Sivanandan made history with a score of 8/11 at Board 1! She completed her requirements for WGM title and also secured her second IM norm!

The Malaysian Teams at the 46th Chess Olympiad.

In the Open section, our men's team was made up of a relatively young team with Penang's IM Tan Jun Ying holding fort at Board 1. IM Chan Kim Yew was at Board 2, 15 year old FM Kavin Mohan on Board 3, FM Lim Zhuo Ren on Board 4 and CM Chow Yi Chen on Reserve. 12 year old Chow Yi Chen fulfilled a Direct Title requirement and qualified for the FM Title. He secured 6 points out of 9 games with a performance rating of 2295! Congrats! The team finished at 78th position. Let's hope our two strongest players, GM Yeoh Li Tian and IM Poh Yu Tian can make it for the next Olympiad in Abu Dhabi!

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Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games	Rp
1	**IM**	**Tan, Jun Ying**	**2399**	**MAS**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**½**	**0**		**½**	**0**	**1**		**½**	**4,5**	**9**	**2361**
2	IM	Chan, Kim Yew	2383	MAS		0	1	½		0	½	0		½	½	3	8	2350
3	FM	Kavin, Mohan	2348	MAS	1	0	1	0	1	1		1	1	0	½	6,5	10	2405
4	FM	Lim, Zhuo Ren	2309	MAS	1	0		0	1	1	0		1	0		4	8	2299
5	CM	Chow, Yi Chen	2152	MAS	1		½		1	1	1	½	0	½	½	6	9	2295

The Open Team with Mr. Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah, MCF President

The Women's team finished at 65th position, 3 places above their ranking. 3 Penang players featured in the team, WFM Agnes Chong Kai Ni, WCM

Chua Jia-Tien and Kumaran Ashwiniy. The other two players were WFM Tan Li Ting and WFM Ainul Mardhiah Mohd. Afif.

Ainul Mardhiah played exceptionally well and scored 6.5 out of 9 points on Board 4, only losing on her last game to WIM Montilla Reyes of Colombia. The teenager achieved her 1st IM norm. Well done Ainul! Meanwhile, WFM Agnes rose to the occasion in Round 9 and got the better of Belarussian IM Olga Badelka (Rating 2424). Also our congratulations to newly minted WCM Ashwiny Kumaran (she also received a conditional AFM, subject to a 1900 rating) and WFM Chua Jia-Tien. Not forgetting IA Abdul Hamid receiving the FIDE's Arbiter's Award for long service of over 35 years. Proud of all of you! Malaysia Boleh!

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games	Rp
1	WFM	Tan, Li Ting	2067	MAS	1	0		½	1	0	1	0		½	½	4,5	9	2015
2	**WFM**	**Chong, Kai Ni Agnes**	2024	MAS		0	1	0	1	0		1	1	0		4	8	2062
3	**WCM**	**Chua, Jia-Tien**	1938	MAS	1	0	1	0	1		1	1	0		1	6	9	2072
4	WFM	Mohd Afif, Ainul Mardhiah	2006	MAS	1	1	½	½		1	1		½	1	0	6,5	9	2101
5		**Kumaran, Ashwiniy**	1712	MAS	1		1		1	0	1	1	0	1	0	6	9	1983

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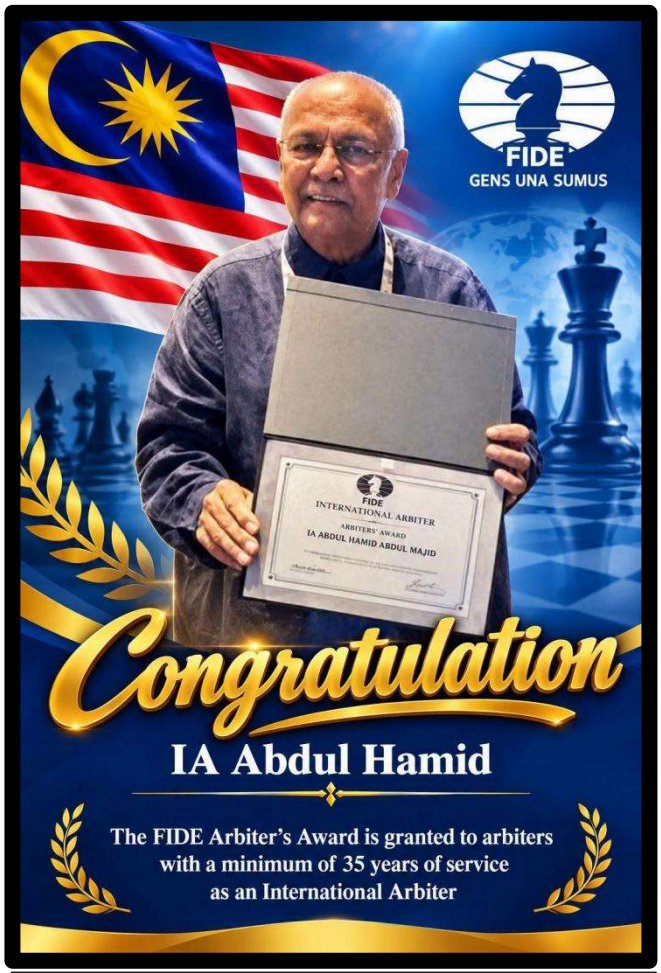

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England's 11-year-old Bodhana, latest WGM!

World Champion Gukesh Dommaraju at Samarkand

Timur-Turlov, the New FIDE President from Kazakhstan

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CHESS OLYMPIAD 2026
SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN
Open Section
INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEDALS
OPEN SECTION
BOARD 1
GOLD
NODIRBEK ABDUSATTOROV
UZBEKISTAN
SILVER
YAĞIZ KAAN ERDOĞMUŞ
TÜRKİYE
BRONZE
R. PRAGGNANANDHAA
INDIA
BOARD 2
GOLD
WEI YI
CHINA
SILVER
JORDEN VAN FOREEST
NETHERLANDS
BRONZE
JAVOKHIR SINDAROV
UZBEKISTAN
BOARD 3
GOLD
FREDERIK SVANE
GERMANY
SILVER
NODIRBEK YAKUBBOEV
UZBEKISTAN
BRONZE
SHANT SARGSYAN
ARMENIA
BOARD 4
GOLD
IHOR SAMUNENKOV
UKRAINE
SILVER
D. GUKESH
INDIA
BRONZE
LEVON ARONIAN
USA
BOARD 5 (RESERVE)
GOLD
GLEB DUDIN
HUNGARY
SILVER
DANIIL YUFFA
SPAIN
BRONZE
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15 – 27 SEPTEMBER 2026
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OPEN SECTION
FINAL STANDINGS
1 UZBEKISTAN
2 INDIA
3 GERMANY
WOMEN'S SECTION
FINAL STANDINGS
1 CHINA
2 KAZAKHSTAN
3 INDIA
ABOUT THE EVENT
The 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad took place in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from 15 to 27 September 2026.
The prestigious global event concluded with host nation Uzbekistan taking gold in the Open section and China securing gold in the Women's section.
KEY HIGHLIGHTS
Uzbekistan won the gold medal in the Open section.
China won the gold medal in the Women's section.
India finished with a silver medal in the Open section and a bronze medal in the Women's section.
Venue: Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

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