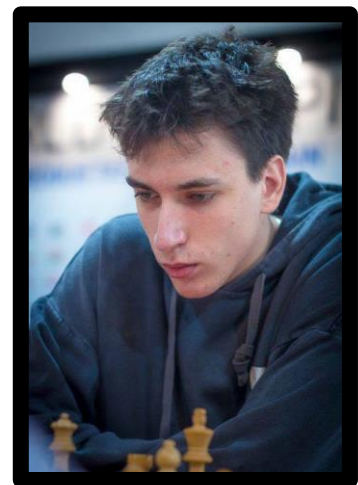




## World U7–U17 Championships in Roquetas de Mar, Spain

The World U7-U17 Championships was held at the Evenia Zoraida Hotel Resort at Roquetas de Mar, Spain from 12-21 October 2026. A total of 721 players from 82 countries participated in the 12 age-group and gender categories, namely U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17 (Boys and Girls).

FM Zanas Nainys of Lithuania clinched the premier Open U-17 with a better tie-break score. He scored 8.5/11. The win secured him an IM title and his first GM norm. It was Lithuania's first World Youth title in 31 years. Spain's Danie Tabuenca Mendataurigoita and CM Iago Fernandez Ramos was second and third with a similar score.



WFM Batpelden Buyankhishig from Mongolia won the U17 Girls with a score of 9.5/11. WIM Kesaria Mgeladze of Georgia was second but lost on a lower tie-break score. WIM Mariya Kholyavko from Kazakhstan was third with 8.5/11.



U17 Girls' Winners

The top three delegations were Kazakhstan (7 Gold, 2 Silver & 4 Bronze), Mongolia (2 Gold) and Uzbekistan (1 Gold, 3 Silver & 1 Bronze).



All The Winners







## Team Malaysia at Roquetas de Mar, Spain.

Malaysia was represented by Genivan Genkeswaran (Open U17: Score - 6/11, Position: 33/77), Leong Ee Hern (Open U15: Score - 6.5/11, Position: 21/85), **Aqilah Husna Ainul Fikri** (Girls U15: Score - 7/11, **Position: 5/43**), Keertieshvar Saravanan (Open U13: Score - 6/11, Position: 25/75), Muhd. Faez Ady Norfadzly (Open U11 Score - 6/11, Position: 38/99), Ilman Mubin Khairul Annuar (Open U9 Score - 6.5/11, Position: 18/82), **Ayshah Sakeenah Abdullah Khairi** (Girls U9 Score - 9/11, **Position: 6/40**) and **Estelle Yap Chen Yi** (Girls U7 Score - 6/11 Position: 12/28).

Generally, our Malaysian youngster played well and most of them have improved positive ratings! Aqilah Husna Ainul Fikri narrowly missed a podium finish with a 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the Girls U15 while Ayshah Sakeenah Abdullah Khairi was sixth in the Girls U9. Penang's seven-year-old Estelle Yap was placed 12<sup>th</sup> out of 28. A strong showing from our girls!



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### FINAL RESULTS FOR MALAYSIAN PLAYERS

| Category             | Player                          | Points | Ranking | Rating Change | Performance |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>CATEGORY: O17</b> | Genkeswaran, Genivan            | 6      | 33/77   | +12.40        | 2155        |
| <b>CATEGORY: O15</b> | Leong, Ee Hern                  | 6.5    | 21/85   | +88.80        | 2077        |
| <b>CATEGORY: G15</b> | Ainul Fikri, Aqilah Husna       | 7      | 5/43    | +38.80        | 1958        |
| <b>CATEGORY: O13</b> | Saravanan, Keertieshvar         | 6      | 25/75   | +165.20       | 2105        |
| <b>CATEGORY: O11</b> | Norfadzly, Muhd Faez Ady        | 6      | 38/99   | +139.60       | 1821        |
| <b>CATEGORY: O9</b>  | Khairul Anuar, Ilman Mubin      | 6.5    | 18/82   | 0             | 1790        |
| <b>CATEGORY: G9</b>  | Abdullah Khairi, Aysah Sakeenah | 7      | 6/40    | +112.40       | 1661        |
| <b>CATEGORY: G7</b>  | Yap, Chen Yi Estelle            | 6      | 12/28   | 0             | 1469        |

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Aqilah Husna (left) was fifth in the Girls' U15 Category. Congratulations!



Malaysia's Leong Ee Hern (Open U15) before the start of the match.



Estelle Yap at the 23 Asean+ Age-Group Chess Championship



Aqilah Husna



Kazakhstan dominated the FIDE World Youth U7-U17 Chess Championships with haul of 7 Gold, 2 Silver & 4 Bronze Medals.

