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**W**e'll smash them all! This is what Korean participants said is the 17th Olympiad in

## The Koreans: upon their arrival. For their national team, this We'll smash them all

a row and the youngsters believe that this year they will justify the trust bestowed on them. During the



Winter and Summer Holidays, the most gifted school students attended special preparation camps. For two weeks, they worked with

the best professors and those of them who showed highest scores, joined the national team, explained Chan Su Chin.

It took the Columbian contestants a whole 38 hours to reach Plovdiv. Their training for the international competition took just about three months because two of the team members are gold and silver medal winners at previous editions of IOI and are well familiar with the regulations, etc.

The team of the United Arab Emirates first travelled to Munich and then took a direct flight to Sofia. Their Ministry of Education made all necessary arrangements concerning the training tasks, explained Hamad. He is one of the four team members selected after special exams administered to school students of mathematical classes.

For Nigeria, this is the first participation, pointed out the team leader Emanuel Onibere who immediately grabbed the attention with his distinctive appearance.

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