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From its beginning in 1993, ALOHA Mental Arithmetic has been very successful. The first achievement was in Malaysia, the country of origin, with the endorsement of Malaysia Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Association (MAMAA) and Zhejiang Abacus Association of China.

The Program's success quickly reached the neighboring countries of Asia and then to Australia, North America, Europe, Africa and South America. In these past twenty-three years, the program has been implemented in many countries across the world which are part of the ALOHA Mental Arithmetic international network.



**ALOHA Russia** 









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**ALOHA Uzbekistan** 

We are pleased to present the new members of our team: Uzbekistan and Russia









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# **ALOHA Mental Arithmetic International Competition 2016**

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Indonesia, identified by Conservation International (CI) as one of the "Mega diverse Countries" because of its OHA Indonesio great number and diversity of animals and plants, was the host of the 2016 ALOHA Mental Arithmetic International Competition.

More than 700 students from countries like India, Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, Philippines, Spain, Panama, Mexico and, of course, Indonesia, prepared and worked hard to win one of the trophies that were awarded on last July 24th on ALOHA's most important event of the year.

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**ALOHA Spain** 





Motwani, the International Director, Mr. Pudjiyanto Liem and Mrs. Lea Deasy Kartika, delegates Sempoa Buah Hati Indonesia, Mr. Kumaran and Mr. Tushar Kangsagara delegates ALOHA India, Mr. Saiful Karim and Mr. Mohammad Ali Haider Chowdhury, delegates ALOHA Bangladesh, Ms. Yean Foong, delegate of ALOHA Malaysia, Mrs. Vanessa Campos and Mr. Adrian Cedeño, delegates ALOHA Panama, Dr. Nixon Olfindo delegate ALOHA Philippines, Mr. Xu Jin Long, delegate ALOHA China, Mdm. Chen Xiao Li, Executive Director Of Dong Cheng Primary School and Mdm. Shen Zu Pei, Principal Of Dong Cheng Kindergarten.



**ALOHA** India

ALOHA Mental Arithmetic International, thanks everyone who attended this event and especially to Sempoa Buah Hati Indonesia, for their commitment, dedication and support during this Competition.

By 10:00 in the morning, all the participants were ready to begin their exam at the Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. As every year, the examination lasted only 5 minutes in which the students showed a high level of concentration while using or visualizing the abacus.

The trophies were presented by our VIP quest from Indonesia Mr. Suyono Sujono, Mr. Tatang Sutanto, Mr. Suwendy Nurcija, Mrs. Titiani Loren, Mr. Felix Tanja and Mr. Tan Swee Tean from Malaysia, along with the Founder, President of ALOHA Mental Arithmetic Mr. Loh Mun Sung, Mrs. Kiran

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# **New Centres and Promotions**



#### **Multiplication Flashcards**

ALOHA Mexico has created a fun and efficient way for students to practice multiplication tables that coincides with Class Structure of ALOHA. These are square flashcards that contain multiplication tables from 2 to 9.

With this flashcards, the teacher can practice the multiplication tables with their students in order to make sure they all know them by heart since before learning multiplications on the abacus. The teacher can see the answer at the back of the flashcards.



Wall of Fame

#### **Other Countries National Competitions**

ALOHA India and ALOHA Portugal participated in ALOHA Bangladesh and ALOHA Spain National Competitions respectively, giving the opportunity to their students to travel to compete with students of other countries and explore new culture.



**ALOHA India in Bangladesh** 



**ALOHA Portugal in Spain** 



**ALOHA Ecuador Centre** 



**ALOHA Chia, Colombia Centre** 



**ALOHA Russia Centre** 



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#### The Wall of Fame

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ALOHA Bangladesh created "The Wall of Fame" in recognition to the effort of the students who have finished all levels and as motivation for the students who are currently enrolled in the program. The Wall of Fame is a wall with the photograph and resume of ALOHA Star students who graduated and received recognitions in Competitions since 2008.

#### **Level Completion Pin Buttons**

ALOHA Portugal awards Level Completion Pin Buttons to all their students who complete a level successfully.







# Images of National Competitions



**ALOHA** India







### **ALOHA** Spain









# With great pleasure we announce



To experience the real essence of Malaysia, we recommend our guests to visit Kuala Lumpur.



Menara KL Tower is easily Malaysia's most recognizable and popular landmark. Constructed in 1994, is the highest and most spectacular view of the city. This gleaming tower's spindle-like apex is visible from almost anywhere in Kuala Lumpur.





The Cameron Highlands is a highland situated at about 150 kilometers North of Kuala Lumpur. Because of its high location it is cooler than the rest of Malaysia.

We must begin with the world famous iconic landmarks, known as the PETRONAS Twin Towers. In 1998, they were declared the tallest buildings in the world.

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Batu Caves during Thaipusam Batu Caves is the focal point of the annual Hindu festival of Thaipusam, which attracts thousands of devotees and visitors. The awe-inspiring natural caverns are reachable by resistance test of 272 steps.

It is said that the Aquaria KLCC is the largest aquarium in the world. Home to over 150 species of marine life, its star attractions include scary tiger sharks.

#### Malacca

In 2008 UNESCO listed Malacca as World Heritage Site. So is one of the most popular tourist destinations within Malaysia. Every evening the famous Jonker Street night market is buzzing with tourists from all over the world.



Malaysia has a lot of beautiful places to offer in your visit to Kuala Lumpur. Organize your itinerary, you cannot miss anything!

The comprehensive theme-park Genting Highlands, is a real fun Hill Resort, within the Titiwangsa Mountains. It is accessible by car from Kuala Lumpur in one hour, or also accessible by a cable car called Genting Skyway.

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# **ALOHA Mexico's** international champions

We are pleased and proud to introduce José Ángel García and Diana Aurora Rojas, two Mexican students who have achieved international fame as a result of the skills they both have developed through their consistency and dedication in ALOHA by acquiring great speed and precision in mental calculations.

Both started ALOHA classes at their school in Mexico in 2013, and since 2014 both have participated and won in the Regional and National Competitions that have been held in their country. Ángel and Diana were part of the delegation that represented Mexico for the first time in the ALOHA Mental Arithmetic International Competition Hangzhou 2014, obtaining the title of Champion and Subchampion respectively. Ángel also participated and won in the International Competition in Manila, Philippines 2015 and in Yogyakarta, Indonesia 2016.

Due to their great performance, they have attracted the attention of local and national media. They, along with other Mexican students, have been invited for radio and television interviews.





Sabadazo Show - Mexico, 2015







In addition, since 2016 they have also been summoned by international media. In July, they traveled to Colombia to participate in the show "Little Big Shots". In November they traveled to Miami and had a participation with Don Francisco in the "Siempre Niños" show. In December they traveled to Italy to appear in the "Little big show".





"Siempre niños" with Don Francisco – Miami, 2016











# **"ALOHA Uzbekistan and ALOHA Russia Special Launch"**

In order to promote ALOHA Mental Arithmetic brand in these countries and encourage the sale of franchises and/or student enrolment, ALOHA Russia and ALOHA Uzbekistan executed a successful marketing strategy that included workshops, open house and the inauguration of their ALOHA Centres.



**ALOHA Uzbekistan Centre Inauguration** 







**ALOHA Russia** 





Congratulations to our Master Licensees for its successful launch!!



# **Sarita from ALOHA Ecuador Interview**



**Our admirable Sarita** Sarita was born in Loja, Ecuador ten years ago. At first everything seemed fine, she was a laughing and enthusiastic baby. When she began to walk she had to learn to deal with the frustration of not being able to run and play just like other children because her skin could set hurt. When she was taken to the doctor, the diagnosis

was that she had Epidermolysis bullosa. A rare and a hereditary disease, in wich the skin gradually degenerates, internally and externally. There is no cure, their parents just try to keep her skin well with creams and special care.



Her ALOHA teacher says that she is a cheerful, enthusiastic girl, who has fun in class, and who has found in the abacus a highly motivating challenge. She is the first in the class and extremely responsible. She is very cooperative with other students, if she sees that there is someone who cannot do something, she tries to teach them. "





"In our center we have no words to express the pride and admiration that makes us feel. She uses the abacus with ease; of course there are certain activities that we must adapt for her, however since we arrived at the first day of class in ALOHA we were surprised "says Luis Artunduaga, Master of Ecuador, who had the pleasure of giving Sarita her first ALOHA class" I did not know her condition, I began to give my class among children excited about their first ALOHA class and suddenly I realized that this beautiful little girl had no hands. A sea of doubts invaded me. Could she do it? I approached her with lots of shame to ask in her ear if she could write. Her reply was: of course I know how to write! she told me very altive. When we did the speed test.. I was so thrilled by the heart of the emotion, for witnessing what that small being was showing me. Sarita is a beautiful treasure in ALOHA.



#### We invite you to witness what Sarita can do. It is a pride for the whole ALOHA family.

https://www.facebook.com/alohaecuador/videos/1171528542944796/



# ALOHA Star Mr. Ranabir Roy

Ranabir Roy a 33-year-old "Iron man", whatever he determines he achieves with "hardwork and sincerity", happily married to Satavisha Dey Roy and father of a lovely baby, named Ratnesh, about to turn 6 months old, coming from a small state called Tripura in the Northeast of India and on the border with Bangladesh.

His story at ALOHA is full of tenacity and perseverance. He started working at ALOHA India corporate office in Chennai year 2008, but after 6 months his story within ALOHA took an unexpected turn, he had to return back to Tripura, his hometown. Roy returned willingly to face his destiny with a great dream in his heart: of awarding the children of his state with the benefits that ALOHA offers.

February 2009, was the beginning, in his own words pathetic. "Nobody knew ALOHA, it was a whole new concept for people in Tripura. They always asked if it was some meditation or magic that had to do with the numbers".-he told us between laughs. But no matter how tired or impossible it was to explain what ALOHA was, he always woke up very early every morning to get on his bicycle and repeat the task of going places, distributing the flyers. It was 3 years of continuous day & night effort. From his early age he went on taking experiences, working at Maria Montessori Teachers Training College as an instructor, at Women Welfare Development as an Administrator & lastly being an painting teacher at his self institution Pikaso Academy Of Art & Fabric's that still exists in Tripura.

Anyone else would have surrendered in less than a year. But for Roy, nothing is impossible. Shall do as much as we can but shall never expect for results, as results are the final blessings of the supreme soul- "The Almighty: GOD"

It was finally in 2012, that their efforts began to bear fruit. The ALOHA classes started in February, 2009 with 67 children and he managed to open 5 centres. ALOHA is not for him or his family a job/business, it is part of his life -he said it proudly.

When we asked what had motivated him to join ALOHA, without hesitating a second, he answered: the desire to do the things differently, I want to give something innovative to my society & children.



This 2017, ALOHA Tripura participated for the first time in a competition outside India. An unforgettable experience with 44 children and for Mr & Mrs. Roy, who had to carry out the tramitation of the Passport for 140 people, transportation, accommodation for these children and their parents. Much work, impossible task, many things to coordinate but all that effort was rewarded when returning from Bangladesh to Tripura with 30 trophies. ALOHA Tripura has been recognized by the government people. Currently has approximately 1500 students, enrolled in the program.



With his eyes full of satisfaction Roy finished this interview by pointing out that the blessing of God has accompanied him all this time, giving him great challenges and impelling him to succeed. In any work: Learn it, Give Your Best Effort, Face The Challenges, You May Fall, Try To Wake-up, It Will Be So Hard, Be Positive, Your Goals Are Waiting At Your Destiny!



