

# 2018 Summer Activities

## CAAA



"Excellence demands effort and planned, deliberate practice of increasing difficulty"

### The Role of Competition in Learning

Chinese American Abacus Association participates in international competitions over the summer to provide a platform for students to sharpen their skills and demonstrate their talents. Competition can be an effective way to encourage students to **pursue excellence** and improve self-discipline, in addition to developing a global view and building cross-cultural knowledge.

#### Drive Intrinsic Motivation, Unleash Potential

The achievement of competition can drive students' motivation. A challenging, purposeful task is a good motivation factor.

#### Developing Ability to Handle Loss and Building Mental Toughness

Students faced with tough challenges can learn how to pick themselves up and try again when they fail. They learn persistence, resilience, grit, and build up their mental toughness.

#### Peer Comparisons and Self-Concept: Appreciating the Achievements of Others; Self-Affirmation and Progress

Students should learn from their own performances, affirm their own efforts and progress made while also appreciating the achievements of others. With proper interpretation, peer pressure can be a useful and positive force.

#### Teamwork and Collaboration

Many academic competitions actually foster collaboration and team work. Team-based educational competitions require students to strive to achieve a challenging task together such that they need to work harder through good communication and better collaboration.

#### Expand Worldview and Make New Friends

International competitions offer students a chance to meet new people and make friends from other countries/regions. In the journey to different areas one can experience and explore local culture, history, heritage and more.

#### ★ 2018 World City Cup Abacus, Mental Arithmetic, & Math Competitions

Date: July 21-23, 2018 Place: Hong Kong

#### ★ WAAMA The Seventh Mental Arithmetic Competition

Date: July 27-30, 2017 Place: Bandung, Indonesia

#### ★ 2018 TCOC Abacus & Mental Arithmetic International Invitational

Date: August 5, 2018 Place: New Taipei City, Taiwan



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