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STEMBoost Invitational

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On January 23, 2021, STEMBoost held its second annual Science Olympiad Invitational. The invitational took place online via the Scilympiad platform this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was broken into eight 50-minute testing periods from 8:00am - 3:50pm PST. The first two testing periods were solely for non-Hawaii teams, the middle four testing periods were for all teams, and the last two testing periods were solely for Hawaii teams. The event supervisors and test writers for the invitational did a phenomenal job ensuring the invitational ran smoothly, and we would like to thank Angela Zhang, Allen Li, Anish Bayyapu, Eric Ju, Iona Xia, Ishanvi Kommula, Edwin Xie, Dylan Yang, Deetshana Parthipan, Irene Tian, Saarang Kashyap, Amol Rama, Alyssa Yang, Michael Smith, Andrew Zhou, Aseem Rajopadhye, Arthur Perng, Daphne Guo, Ashish Kashyap, Leela Srinivas, and Varun Kumaravelu for taking on these important tasks.

Even though some teams did have technical issues during the invitational (i.e. trouble submitting answers, unintended time outside of browser recorded), the STEMBoost officers who manned the crisis center were very prompt and helpful in assisting any of the 72 teams in attendance. We wanted to send a special thanks to David Smith, Flora Huang, Ryan Li, Dylan Yang, Conner Yin, Saarang Kashyap, and Grace Kuo for helping to run the crisis center throughout the course of the invitational.

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Fun Fact

Which country on Earth has the longest coastline?

(See answer in the back)

Answer: Canada has the longest coastline out of any country on Earth due to the large number of islands in the northern part of the country.