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# SUCCESSFUL GROWTH IN PAST 25 YEARS

## 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-six years, the program has been implemented in many countries across the world which are part of the ALOHA Mental Arithmetic international network.

## The evolution of ALOHA

During the International Competition last year in Moscow,

Russia, a Press Conference was organized with the aim of convening different media to show the evolution of ALOHA through the 25 years of experience we celebrate during 2018.

The following personalities joined us in this conference where they shared their own experience, how they initiated in ALOHA and how it has have a positive impact in their lives and in their society: Mr. Loh Mun Sung – Founder and President, Mrs. Kiran Motwani - International Director of ALOHA, Mrs. Janna KEGHAI from ALOHA Russia, Mr. K. Kumaran from ALOHA India, Mr. Ali Haider from ALOHA Bangladesh, Mr. Jin Long from ALOHA China, Mr. Sergio Vila from ALOHA Europe, Mr. Ricardo Almeida from ALOHA

Spain, Mrs. Diana Artunduanga from ALOHA Ecuador and Mrs. Dinara Khakimova from ALOHA Uzbekistan. Also, a representative of the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics gave a speech about the importance of mental arithmetic.

In addition, we had brief demonstrations of different ALOHA students, starting with Mr. Jin Long, current Master Trainer of ALOHA China, where it was clearly appreciated that the knowledge and skills learned and developed in ALOHA, are for a lifetime.

You can see the Press Conference on the following link: <https://youtu.be/naROF5UwWQM?t=9348>



# The ALOHA Mental Arithmetic INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 2018

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 Congress  
Center of the WTC, Moscow,  
Russia.**

*"It is a special day because we are in Russia and you're here; we're all together here with our children".*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, 16 countries (Bangladesh, China, Croatia, Ecuador, Germany, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Uzbekistan) participated in the competition and celebrated with us the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ALOHA at Moscow's World Trade Centre (WTC).

We are delighted to have received a congratulatory note

from the Administration of President Putin. The competition was also supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, the Ministry of Education of Russia, the Federal Agency for Tourism of Russia. In addition, the event was graced by the presence of Ambassadors and representatives from various embassies, including the Embassy of Bangladesh, the Embassy of Ecuador, the Embassy of Panama, the Embassy of Portugal, the Embassy of the Philippines, and the Embassy of Uzbekistan. In the host city of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, ALOHA children were also invited to

attend a football masterclass with Juventus F.C. Academy Moscow during their stay in Moscow.

In the morning on the day of the event day, nearly 1,500 parents and 600 children gathered at the Congress Center of the WTC, greeted by ALOHA International and ALOHA Russia team members, and entered the hall decorated with hand-painted wallpaper featuring Moscow scenic skyline. Before the competition began, overseas delegates entered the hall as flag bearers, carrying their respective national flag, whereas children, the national representatives



ALOHA Star Awards  
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ALOHA Bangladesh  
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ALOHA China  
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ALOHA Croatia  
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ALOHA Sweden  
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ALOHA Philippines  
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ALOHA Malaysia  
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ALOHA India  
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ALOHA Uzbekistan  
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ALOHA Spain  
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ALOHA Panama  
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waved their national flags.

The competition started at 10:30 am. All children were required to complete 70 calculations in 5 minutes. Parents were invited to witness the competition through livestream on our YouTube channel. At the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> minute, the second bell rang signaling the end of the competition. The competition was followed by a press conference attended by ALOHA delegates from participating countries as well as ALOHA students from three ALOHA generations.

Parents and children returned

to the Congress Center at 2pm. The prize-giving ceremony began with the 'Colours of the World' concert, where children from various countries performed and demonstrated their national culture to the audiences. It was echoed with a big round of applause. The concert was preceded by a keynote speech by Mr. Loh Mun Sung, the Founder President of ALOHA Mental Arithmetic, and Dr. Janna Khagai, the Director of ALOHA Russia. Winners received ALOHA-going global trophies from VIP guests. The event came to an end with

the vote of thanks to all the parties who contributed to make the event a huge success.

Children spent the rest of their stay visiting Moscow and St. Petersburg with their families and other ALOHA children from the rest of the world.

We will continue to quote Mr. Loh's keynote speech, "do the best for our children" in the coming years. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



ALOHA International Competition Moscow, 2018.  
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# NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMPETITIONS



ALOHA Malaysia  
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ALOHA Canada  
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ALOHA Croatia  
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ALOHA Mexico  
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ALOHA Ireland  
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ALOHA India  
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ALOHA Spain  
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ALOHA Gujarat  
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ALOHA Ecuador  
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ALOHA Russia  
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ALOHA Philippines  
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ALOHA Cambodia  
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ALOHA Panama  
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# WITH IMMENSE PLEASURE WE ANNOUNCE...

The most awaited ALOHA Mental Arithmetic International Competition 2019!



**Venue: Marco Polo Lingnan Tiandi, Foshan, China**

**Date: 20th July, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This year, China is ready to hold all of our international students at ALOHA's biggest event. We are preparing an unforgettable celebration.

## Guangzhou:

Guangzhou is a beautiful ancient but also a modern Chinese city. You can explore its parks, temples, river fronts and markets. This city has the most incredible and unforgettable spaces to discover!

## Foshan:

The name of the city means "Hill of Buddha" since 3 bronze sculptures of Buddha were unearthed in the nearby mountains in 628 B.C. It is a historic city with a modern face, as it is the third largest city in Guangdong province.

Also known as the hometown of the art of pottery, Cantonese opera and martial art. It has become a tourist city supported by its privileged geographic location, economic conditions and its great cultural achievements.

# ABOUT CHINA

## PLACES AND FOOD

We would like to share with you a summary of the beautiful places you can visit there. You will have lots of things to do in Guangzhou and Foshan:

### Places to visit

- **The Ancestors' Temple:** Is the most famous place in Foshan, located in the main part of the Zumiao Road of the city. The temple covers an area of 3000 square meters.
- **Bruce Lee Ancestor's House:** Bruce Lee, a brilliant Chinese Kung Fu master and action movie star, made a great contribution to promoting Chinese martial arts and Kung Fu films. Bruce Lee Ancestor's House became a tourist resort for his martial arts lovers.
- **Qinghui Garden:** is recognized as one of the four major gardens of Guangdong and ranked among the top ten greatest gardens of China. There are over 100 varieties of plants, including the purple bamboo trees, Chinese hollies and has an amazing collection of rare stones from all over the country.
- **Chimelong Paradise:** is the largest amusement park in China and boast the 10 inversion Roller Coaster; the park currently contains more than 60 attractions.

### Gastronomy

Foshan is entitled as City of Gastronomy by UNESCO this is because Shunde District of Foshan is considered the birthplace and home of Cantonese cuisine. People say that best Cantonese chefs are from Shunde. They are good at cooking fish and other meet in various ways as well as making delicious desserts.

- **Yingji Yuntun Noodle:** The noodles basically are prepared with fresh shrimp and egg. The noodle strip is thin, resistant and smooth texture when it enters the mouth.
- **Dumpling:** Think in dumpling as a kind of Ravioli. It is a dish that consists of dough pieces wrapped around a filling (or without filling). It can be filled with meat, fish, cheese, vegetables, fruits or sweets.
- **Sweet bamboo shoot:** This snack is steam made with fresh sweet bamboo shoot for main ingredient. It contains higher nutrition, few sugar, low fat and the taste is good.



Bruce Lee Ancestor's House



Qinghui Garden



Chimelong Paradise



Noodles



Dumpling



# CHINA TOUR

### Traditional Chinese wedding

On the day of the wedding we accompanied the groom very early to "steal the bride". We arrived at the bride's house and entered her room. It is part of the tradition that the groom makes 3 challenges to show the bride what he is capable of.

Once the bride agrees to marry him, the guests are given tea and nuts while they finish organizing everything for the "Wedding of the dragon"

The wedding is a great feast. There were more than 20 dishes that were elaborated lovingly by the neighbours of the bride.

The bride enters the room with her head covered and it is her future husband who guides her to the stage. There they both thank their parents and make promises that they will fulfill in their marriage.

Again the groom must perform 3 challenges in front of all the guests to demonstrate his skill. And finally the bride and groom walk along the hall stopping at each table to toast with the guests.

*A wedding full of majesty!*



Chinese Wedding



Chinese Wedding



Chinese Wedding



Chinese Wedding



## Abacus Museum

All of us who are part of the ALOHA family have a very special affection for a millenary tool: The Abacus. For this reason, visiting the Abacus Museum was a wonderful experience.

The day of our visit, there was a lot of expectation and enthusiasm in each one of us, especially when we heard that the Founder and owner of the Abacus Museum would be our guide.

Before starting our journey, he shared with us the anecdote that gave rise to the idea of gathering several abacuses.

In his childhood, Mr. Lei Guo Hua, visited his grandfather, he had an abacus but did not even allow him to look at it carefully. "It was something expensive and the idea of wanting to have many abacus was sowed in me" - Mr. Lei told us with a big smile.

At the entrance of the Guo Hua Zhusuan Museum there was a large abacus.

The exhibition had more than 1000 abacus from different periods and different places.



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## China School

The Minghe Primary School in Ningbo is an institution recognized for its achievements with Mental calculation. ALOHA Mental Arithmetic was received by the president of the Abacus Association Minghezhen Central Elementary school.

We began our visit with a presentation on the trajectory of the school throughout these years. The institution was founded in 1949 and has distinguished itself for several years for winning in the national and international abacus competitions.

With great enthusiasm they shared with us their experience to get the children into the wonderful world of mental arithmetic. The key to achieving this is: Discipline, perseverance and enthusiasm.

*Discipline: to perform again and again the same activity until mastering it.*

*Perseverance: not to lose sight of the objective.*

*Enthusiasm: in teaching and learning.*

We observed the class and activities that children did to



Chinese primary school

develop mental arithmetic. We saw teachers full of energy and vitality encourage their students and we could see how the students full of motivation and enthusiasm performed mental calculations of 5 digits several rows.

We also attended preschool classes. The teacher projected images of abacus (3 columns) and the students said the numbers in unison. It was a pleasant feeling to watch them work "taking their abacus and using their abacus diligently".



Chinese primary school



Chinese primary school

# SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Nowadays, the attention given to students with Special Educational Needs has been evolving by integrating these students into the ordinary educational system. Considering all students have the same rights and responsibilities has been helpful to have a unique educational system respecting diversity and giving all students an opportunity for learning.

An inclusive educational system is characterized by offering a quality educational opportunity to all students, no matter what their personal or social

circumstances are, in order to enhance their performance as much as possible.

The ALOHA program, in all its itineraries, offers a wide benefit also to students that have Special Educational Needs as long as they comply some basic requirements. It is important to previously know the diagnosis of the student issued by a professional to be able to provide the necessary follow-up during his/her ALOHA class.

ALOHA has the "Support for Special Educational Needs" manual, that helps teachers to

adapt the ALOHA class structure for students with different diagnoses; it contains the techniques and strategies that need to be implemented according to every diagnose like Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Down Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, among others.





CEO of ALOHA Mexico & Expansion  
Director of ALOHA International

We are proud to present the ALOHA Star of the year, Mr. Kamal Motwani, Expansion Director of ALOHA International and CEO of ALOHA Mexico. In the past 10 years, Mr. Motwani has dedicated his time, effort and passion towards recognition, growth and expansion of the ALOHA brand throughout the world, of course with the continued support of Mr. Loh.

Mr. Kamal Motwani, a successful businessman apart, is also a dedicated husband and an excellent father of two incredible young boys Ronit and Samir. "Ronit and Samir have won 4 consecutive ALOHA International Competitions and have been proclaimed "Grand Champions", he says with pride in his smile.

The interesting story of bonding between Mr. Kamal and ALOHA

started when the youngest of his children had difficulties coping in school. This prompted his wife, Mrs. Kiran Motwani and him look for options that could help improve their son's concentration and attention. This was when one of their closest friends recommended them to try ALOHA during their family holidays in India, country of origin of Mr. and Mrs. Motwani. Soon they began to see fantastic results in their children. This life-changing outcome made Mr. Motwani decide to be part of the ALOHA family with a Master Licensee and thus share the benefits of the program starting from Palma de Mallorca, Spain, city where they resided. With positive encouragement, they soon expanded the business all over Spain along with his partners, in turn benefiting many children for life.

At the beginning of his integration as Expansion Director of ALOHA International, the brand had a presence in less than 20 countries

and today ALOHA has made its mark in 39 countries.

ALOHA Mexico's new administration began with 6 franchises and enrolment of 2000 students in June 2016 with Mr. Kamal as its CEO, ably supported by Mr. Aldo Chew. In less than 3 years, ALOHA Mexico has today grown into a renowned brand with more than 50 franchises and over 10,000 students enrolled, from different states of Mexico.

"The most important factor that I can attribute to the success we have had in ALOHA is that during the process of sales we like to be financially honest and realistic with the people interested" said Mr. Kamal.

The CEO of ALOHA Mexico also adds in his own words the reason behind his success as follows: "The main part of the success of any corporation, always is the 'team work'. Going by experience, I am lucky to have the best team ever".

# ALOHA STAR

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*  
*Henry Ford*

