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# Poland: Vice-Champions of GMC 2006!

The Polish team have come runners-up in the GMC World Finals once again!

Above: SDG Chairman, Luis Alvares Costa (first from left), a guest of honour and the Polish team SIGMA: Piotr Skibiński, Ewa Gasperowicz, Michał Kierkowski, Maciej Bryński and Marcin Suszczewicz.

**O**n 24 and 25 April the World Finals of the Global Management Challenge Contest were held in Macao. The GMC consists of a sophisticated Strategic Management Simulation in which each team runs a company with the objective of finishing with the highest company share price on the simulated Stock Exchange.

The virtual management champions from 24 countries participated in the Semi Finals on 24 April. These were the biggest Finals in the history of the GMC competition, and for the third time they were organised in Macao (previously in 1999 and 2003), made possible by the support of Macau Management Association.

Brazil, Bolivia, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Italy, France, Belgium, Poland, Romania, Greece, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, the People's Republic of China, Macao, India, Singapore, and Hong Kong were joined by Angola, Ukraine, Great Britain, Russia and Denmark.

The teams competed in four sub-groups. Poland was represented by a student-manager team, SIGMA, sponsored by Millennium Bank. SIGMA's members are Michał Kierkowski (Millennium Bank employee), Ewa Gasperowicz (Warsaw School of Economics student), Maciej Bryński, Piotr Skibiński and Marcin Suszczewicz (Mathematics, Computer Science and Mechanics departments of Warsaw University students).

The Polish team was assigned to the third group and during five decision cycles competed directly with companies headed by teams from:

- Germany (managers of Festo AG & Co. KG – the team leader which also took part in last year's finals in Warsaw),
- India (upper management of Reliance Industries Limited),

- Ukraine (employees of Ukreximbank),
- Greece (students of the University of Athens), and
- Macao (managers of The Bank of China, who have already competed several times in the GMC).

After a day's struggle all the representations met at the Friendship Dinner, during which the results were announced.

The Polish team came first in their group and went through to the next day's finals along with runners-up Germany.

In the Finals on 25 April only 8 teams competed from: Poland, Germany, the Czech Republic, the People's Republic of China, France, Portugal, Russia (for the first time in the GMC World Finals) and Belgium.

The results of the day's rivalry were announced on the evening Gala in Macau Tower Convention & Entertainment Centre.

After a formal dinner, the SDG Chairman, Luis Alvares Costa, together with the guests of honour, handed diplomas to the Finals competitors in reverse order, of course. In eighth place came the Belgian team, Germany came seventh, Russia took sixth place, followed by Portugal and France. When the third-placed team were announced to be The People's Republic of China, the Polish and



Czech Republic teams (photo below) erupted in joy and then, first and second placed respectively, entered the podium together.

#### GMC World Finals Results:

- 1st – Czech Republic (1.043 Share Price)
- 2nd – Poland (1.006)
- 3rd – PR of China (0.995)
- 4th – France (0.900)
- 5th – Portugal (0.894)
- 6th – Russia (0.817)
- 7th – Germany (0.814)
- 8th – Belgium (0.652)

We congratulate SIGMA on their results in the World Finals and wish them further success!

After reading the results, the International Organization Committee announced that the next World Finals would be held in Bucharest in April 2008.

In the meantime in Poland the eighth edition is starting soon with a record-breaking number of 311 teams. The Virtual Management Boards are evaluating their decisions in the Trainee Program. ■

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