



The 11th World KenKen Championship

Will be held in Hong Kong in July

Hong Kong Sudoku Association (HKSA) has announced that they will host the 11th World KenKen **Championship on 10th and 11th July 2026**, which is authorized by International KenKen Puzzle Federation.

According to a news release from HKSA, this is the first time that world KenKen championship is hosted outside USA and first major logical puzzle championship in Hong Kong. HKSA spokeswoman said that previous ten championships were organized in New York and HKSA welcomes all the KenKen puzzle lovers to the contest where they can sport their unique calculation and logic skills to the world.

In order to encourage more people to share the enjoyment of KenKen puzzle, the Organizing Committee has decided to put participants into five groups in line either with their ages or experience. The five groups will use different KenKen puzzles for their contests.

- Group U8:** players born after 01-Jan-2018;
- Group U10:** players born between 01-Jan-2016 and 31-Dec-2017;
- Group U15:** players born between 01-Jan-2011 and 31-Dec-2015;
- Group O15:** players born before 31-Dec-2010;
- Group Elite:** players who have achieved high places in past contests both home and abroad and no age restrictions.

There will two stages for participants

At Stage One, all players take three rounds of competitions to decide their positions and award-winning places for each group.

At Stage Two, the top eight winners of each group are qualified for the prize-winning contest.

The Venue: HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School
(10 Hang Kwong Street, Ma On Shan, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong)

Deadline for enrolment: 12th June 2026

First 10 registered players get a free Polo shirt with the Championship logo.

[Note: Foreign players interested in the Championship can contact **George Wang** directly at hxw6688@hotmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/george.wang.52012/>]

Participation Fee: \$30.00 US dollars

[Note: The fee is paid only when you arrive in Hong Kong for registration. It covers administration and use of the school venue. Apart from your enjoyment of making new friendship with players of many countries, you will receive a souvenir bag containing Hong Kong local gifts, books and other championship.]

All participants will be responsible for their own expenses of travel, accommodation, insurance and other personal needs. But the Organizing Committee would like to provide local information and some advice. Please contact George Wang directly. The local laws must be respected and the rules of the Championship should be observed.

Time Table for the Championship

Date	Time	Programme
10 July Friday	17:00-20:00	Registration for locals
11 July Saturday	08:00-09:30	Foreign player's Registration
	09:40-10:00	Opening Ceremony
	10:10-10:40	First Round
	10:50-11:30	Second Round
	11:40-12:20	Third Round
	13:00-15:00	Lunch Break
	15:00-15:30	Prize Challenge Contest
	15:30-17:00	Award Ceremony
	17:00	Closing Ceremony

KenKen Puzzles for different Groups:

- Group U8: Ladder 4 KenKen (4X4) [Skill capacity: plus & Minus];
- Ladder 5 KenKen (5X5) [Skill capacity: plus & Minus];
- Ladder 6 KenKen (6X6) [Skill capacity: plus & Minus];

- Group U10: Ladder 4 KenKen (4X4) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 5 KenKen (5X5) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 6 KenKen (6X6) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
- Group U15: Ladder 4 KenKen (4X4) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 5 KenKen (5X5) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 6 KenKen (6X6) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 7 KenKen (7X7) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
- Group O15: Ladder 4 KenKen (4X4) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 5 KenKen (5X5) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 6 KenKen (6X6) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 7 KenKen (7X7) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
- Group Elite: Ladder 5 KenKen (5X5) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 6 KenKen (6X6) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 7 KenKen (7X7) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 8 KenKen (8X8) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];
 Ladder 9 KenKen (9X9) [Skill capacity: +, -, x, ÷];

[Note: The difficult levels of KenKen puzzles will apply to different groups. For example, the Ladder 4 KenKen (4X4) is used in four groups but the levels are not the same from that of Beginner, Easy, Medium, Advanced to Expert.]

If you'd like to know more, please click to visit: <https://www.kenkenpuzzle.com/#>.

Scores of each round:

Each round contains three KenKen puzzles for all groups.

1st Round is 30 minutes and scores is 150 points;

2nd Round is 40 minutes and scores is 200 points;

3rd Round is 40 minutes and scores is 250 points.

Total individual score is 600 points for each group.

[Note: ① Each puzzle must be solved correctly to get the full points, or there will be no points at all. ② Bonus points may be added if all puzzles solved correctly before the match time is over. Five points for each unused minute while less than a minute no awarding.

The top three winning positions will be decided by the total scores for each group. Should there be the same scores, then tied for the same place. Only the top three players in the Group Elite will be recorded into the Honor List of International KenKen Puzzle Federation and others of the same group also will be listed in the IKPF website.

Prize Challenge Contest

All top eight players of each group are qualified to the contest.

There will be three rounds and one Ladder 6 KenKen puzzle each time. Any players solving it in three minutes correctly will enter into the second round. But in this round, only **first three winners** who solve a Ladder 7 KenKen puzzle correctly **are qualified for the final** and will compete on a raised platform **for the prizes of 4,000, 2,000 and 1,000 HK dollars**. The final round will use Ladder 9 KenKen puzzle.

Awards of the Championship

Top three players of each group, respectably, will get gold, silver and bronze medals. Others will get certificates in line with their performance in the Championship.

There will be special awards for participants over 65.

Rules during the Championship must be observed.

- (1) All puzzles have only one unique answer.
- (2) Any pens allowed to use but not the red-colour ones.
- (3) All number should be written in the grids.
- (4) Should there be more than two numbers in the grid, the large and clear one will be taken into account. When it is not clear to judge, it will loss all score.
- (5) Impersonation, fraud and cheating is not allowed during the contest and will face disqualification punishment.
- (6) Players have the right to appeal to the Arbitration committee which is formed by people from the Organization Committee, the judge panel and players. The Arbitration is only available during the contest, not beyond the closing of the Championship.

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If you would like to know more about Hong Kong, the Pearl of The Far East, which is also known as *Nylonkong* (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nylonkong>), please click the following links.

- 1) <https://www.introducinghongkong.com/>
- 2) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USe-UWfNGIA>
- 3) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS_0PWpjAU4

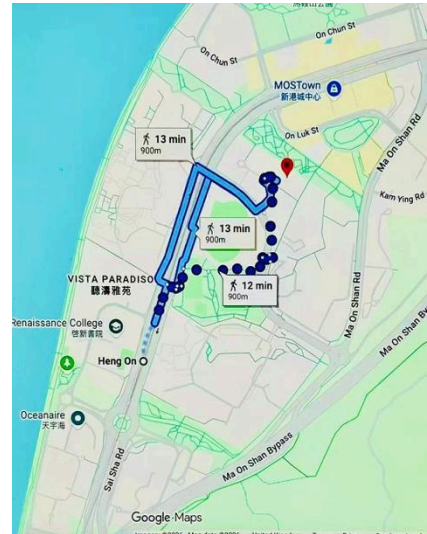
Venue Photos: HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School



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Heng On is the nearest underground station to the championship venue on the Tuen Ma Line towards **Wu Kai Sha** direction. Once get off at **Heng On** and find Exit C, then walk about 10-12 minutes and you will see the Venue: HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School.



The views near the school...



The main competition hall...



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<https://randomwire.com/i-heart-mtr/>

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