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### **Opening Ceremony of ICM 2014 is successfully held today**

The 27th International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) hosted by the International Mathematical Union (IMU) has started today in Seoul, Korea. The Awards Ceremony of the ICM prizes including the Fields Medal, which is the most honored prize in mathematics awarded to mathematicians not over 40 years of age, has been held during the Opening Ceremony.

The 27<sup>th</sup> ICM is being held for 9 days from today. The mainstay of the congress are several academic programs. More than 5,000 mathematicians from 125 different countries have already registered, the largest number in the history of ICM. There are also numerous public events in the program. Including general participants attending these events, nearly 30,000 people will participate in this ICM.

A notable component of this ICM is, *NANUM* (a Korean word meaning 'share' or 'divide') program initiated by the Organizing Committee which offers grants ranging between 1,200 and 2,500 US dollars to 1,000 mathematicians from developing nations. This program is offered as a token of appreciation for the help the Korean mathematicians had received from the world mathematics community and as a continuation of the collaborative effort to spread the benefits of mathematical education and discourse to all corners of the world.

The Opening Ceremony of ICM 2014 has witnessed a convergence of prominent female leadership. The proceedings has been presided over by Ingrid Daubechies, the first woman president of the IMU and Maryam Mirzakhani has become the first woman Fields medalist in history. Following the tradition of ICM, Park Geun-hye, the first woman president of South Korea, has presented the medal.

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