

Go-Players from Erding in Japan

School-Team visiting Professionals

Erding/Tokyo (ama) – It was a special honour to the School-Go-Team of the Anne-Frank-Gymnasium (high school) from Erding. They were invited to tournaments in Tokyo by the Japanese Professional-Go-Association because of becoming German School Champion in 2006.

Go is a 4000 years old, Asian game of thinking and of strategy which is quite similar to the German chess. The stones are put on the point of intersection of 19 by 19 marked lines. By conquering territory you can catch stones from the opponent. In the end, the winner is the player who has conquered the most points of intersection. Go is in Japan that popular that “there was even an own ministry for it in former times”, explains Karl Scheitler, Go-Teacher at the Anne-Frank-Gymnasium.

The group of four – the students Korbinian Riepl from Würth, Maximilian Dreyer from Bockhorn and Matthias Qian from Erding – did not only get to know the streets of Tokyo, but they were also allowed to be at Professional Go-Tournaments as spectators.

Moreover, the Erdingers met well-known Go-Players, among other things the best Japanese Professional Takemiya Masaki. “It was a very special honour for us to see the Ronaldo of Go in action”, said Scheitler. Moreover, Masaki gave lessons and the appropriate tips to everyone. “This was the climax of our trip”, raves Scheitler.



Matthias Qian and Maximilian Dreyer (from the right) were playing Go in Japan.

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