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Fairfield student takes bronze at Chemistry Olympiad

Kelvin Cheung of Fairfield has done Australia proud at the 42nd International Chemistry Olympiad in Tokyo, taking home three bronze medals.

A Year 12 student from James Ruse High School, Kelvin was selected by Australian Science Innovations and sponsored by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO). He competed with the world's brightest young scientists from more than 70 countries in the Olympiad at University of Tokyo and WASEDA University.

Kelvin was part of a successful Australian team that won a total of ten medals.

Before departing, Kelvin was given a tour of ANSTO's facilities and given the chance to speak to scientists in his field of interest. Kelvin chose to speak to medical researchers from ANSTO LifeSciences whose work into fundamental biology aims to provide better ways to prevent and treat a range of diseases. One such field of study has led to human trials in the United States of ground breaking new methods to diagnose Alzheimers and Parkinsons Disease.

"Since primary school I've been interested in discovering how nature works. To me, science just makes sense," said Kelvin.

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