Dear Participants:

It is my great honor to send you this message as you begin your participation in the 23rd annual Lithuanian team-contest in mathematics and the 10th Lithuanian individual contest for youngsters.

One of the things that each of you should remember while participating in these events, which invite each one to strive to reach his or her best level in problem solving, is that while solving interesting and challenging problems in mathematics you are joining young people all over the world in continuing a tradition among the finest humankind has, for mathematics and mathematical thinking are both science and art, requiring a knowledge background, logic and creativity. We are fortunate to have such an endless supply of creativity, year after year, in each new generation like yours. This unique combination makes the experience both an opportunity to have some fun as well as satisfaction in meeting the challenge.

My best wishes for each of you, for in such an endeavor everyone will gain.

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