

Dear Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich,
Dear hosts from the Kazakhstan Chess Federation:

We would like to express our utmost gratitude for inviting Team Canada to the 2019 Vladimir Dvorkovich Cup in Aktobe, Kazakhstan. We have attended many chess tournaments both internationally and locally but have never been to one so prestigious and meticulously organized.



This tournament gave us a unique opportunity to learn about the life and accomplishments of the famous arbiter and chess organizer Vladimir Dvorkovich and to meet his wife in person. The event expanded our chess knowledge but also allowed us to make lifelong connections with other chess players.

The kindness from the hosts and volunteers made us feel very welcome and helped us settle in and explore the beauty of Aktobe and the local culture. Very grateful for the field trip organized especially for us.

We enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and we hope that this tradition lives on and that future generations of Canadian players get this amazing experience.

Our parents, captain, and personal coaches join us in expressing their gratitude to FIDE and the Kazakhstan Chess Federation for this opportunity you have given to us so generously.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Team Canada 2019:

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Fredericton, N.B., October 09, 2019.