

Thai students can text with the best of them



Papaporn Atsavasilert and Varut Aphimanchindakul, the duo team who represented Thailand in the LG Mobile World Cup 2011 Championship in New York.

Two students from Mahidol University, Varut Aphimanchindakul and Papaporn Atsavasilert, came fifth in the LG Mobile World Cup World Championship 2011 held recently at the Gotham Hall in New York. The competition, featuring top texter teams from 16 countries, aims to search for the world's fastest texter and to set a new Guinness World Record for fastest texting on a Qwerty mobile phone device. Both Varut and Papaporn were

crowned Thailand's fastest mobile texters during the LG Mobile World Cup Qwerty King 2010 competition in Bangkok last November. They defeated 120 finalists, achieving 145.97 and 132.58 characters per minute, respectively. The duo represented Thailand in the LG Mobile World Cup 2011.

Varut and Papaporn were among the 26 finalists from 16 countries who had gone through a series of national texting

contests to be eligible to compete in the LG Mobile World Cup 2011. As a team of two, the 26 finalists vied for the title of World's Fastest Texter to take home US\$100,000 (3 million baht) top-prize money.

The competition in New York saw players demonstrating their texting skills using the new LG BL20 and LG GT350, which served as the two official phones for the event. In each round, contestants raced to be the first to type in phrases exactly as they appeared on nearby LG plasma screens, with no mistakes or abbreviations. Crowned the 2011 World's Fastest Texters was the sister duo of Cristina Sales Ancines, 20, and Jennifer, 15, from Panama. The duo defeated competitors from 16 countries through a series of rigorous texting challenges to take home the top prize. Contestants from South Korea, placed second and took home \$20,000, while team Brazil came third and won \$10,000. Meanwhile, the 2011 Guinness World Record for fastest texting on a Qwerty mobile phone device was set by Cheong Kit Au from Australia, with a record of 264-English character text in 1 minute 17 seconds, beating out 2010 winner and former Guinness World Record holder, Pedro Matias, from Portugal by 43 seconds.