

## Pre osu! World Cup #2 Interviews

### Questions

1. Did you participate in the first osu! World Cup? What are your impressions about this new installment so far?
2. How do you feel about the group drawing? Do you think there is a "group of death" or any easy groups?
3. What about your group? What countries do you believe will take top 1 and 2? Why?
4. Do you have any expectations for your country? Like, qualify to playoffs or top 3 or maybe even top 1!
5. Last but not least: besides yours, who is the strongest country?
6. Any last words?

### Answers



## [Wishy22](#)

1. Yes, I did. And I don't know first OWC was bad, guess I like the fact that now you play bo5 instead of bo3@the early rounds. Plus having groups instead of getting China VS. Korea on the first match is quite cool.
2. Having seeded the most imbalanced teams makes it pretty hard to really get any kind of group of death. I only know those players from the best teams and I don't really have any idea about the rest. I mean, being a group of death one that has two strong teams and two somewhat weak ones, I think there's none tbh.
3. Honestly I think our group is kind of interesting since we got, I think, the weakest seeded team. I know some pro players from the US but they don't seem to be playing (like ebacho or naptime). And I don't really know about Austria and Thailand. If I had to guess I'd say we'll pass to the next phase with the US, can't tell about who's going #1 and #2 since, as I said, their line-up is not finished.
4. That depends on how early we end up playing against any imba team, I don't think we stand a chance against any of those.
5. Japan or Korea. I'm going for Japan though because of accuracy, played with some of Korea and Japan's main players yesterday in multi and well, none of them really missed a thing, but Japanese players had better accuracy overall.
6. You should take a bath in a lake of fire.

## [mizorex](#)

1. no i didnt and i think non of the other aussie players did
2. A minor country is up against some majors like germany and japan...im not happy with out drawing but.... who cares... it was drawn fair so we will give it our best shot ^.^
3. I could only find like 2-3 good players in australia, the others with minor playcounts are only in because we couldnt find any others.
4. probably not... because do many major pro's playing, but we will have a go
5. Going to be the same answer as every other country <3
6. i hope it turns out fun and everyone in the australian team can make it for the 21st. i finished my exams early but i hope the others dont have exams on the 21st.

## -Lennox-

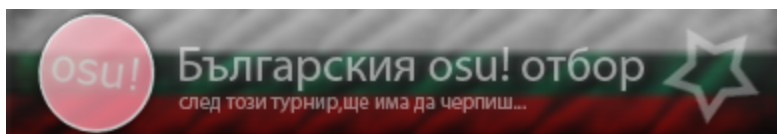
1. Nope, this is the first world cup in which I participate. What my impressions are? Well, imo there is just one thing i don't like. The maps shouldn't be announced, i mean everyone can play the maps ten or hundred times in a row and thats not fair to the other players who can't because they have to work or other stuff.
2. The groups are fine so far. And no, i don't think there is a "death group"
3. We all playing just for fun and not to be the best :p I know its a challenge but fun should be everytime on top 1.  
And yea, japan or korean will take rank 1 and 2 because they are pretty beast.
4. Everyone should have fun. \*and beat the german country huehuehueh\*
5. Japan i guess.
6. Our country isn't well known at all. But everyone will see that we have pro players here!  
Aaaand im sorry for my poor english ;D

## Blue Dragon

1. Yes, I did. We didn't play much, since we got eliminated on the first round, however there were many things I have seen that have been improved in this edition, like calling community people instead of BATs to be judges. In my eyes, this is going to make the map choice a bit better, but let's see.
2. Group of death is obviously C. Poland has some nice opponents and will probably have a hard time playing against them, mostly **Norway**.
3. I can't really say who will be the #1 and #2 already because I usually suck at this kind of stuff. I end up overestimating/underestimating people too much. I do not know much about Bulgaria, so I'm expecting an interesting match here. Sweden has got some very nice players, so I am actually a bit scared of this match. And Taiwan... well, you know. Even with Uan/Rucker out of the team, they're still beastly and are probably going to destroy us. xD
4. If we really try hard enough, I think we can go to the quarterfinals or even the semifinals, but then we will need a lot of faith... ..and a bit of luck.
5. I would say Poland or Japan. These two are ridiculously strong to a point that I, as an opponent, am rooting for them. But I still want to see if some team will get through them.
6. I can't wait to play for this. I wish everyone good luck, and I hope our team will get far!

## [Lolicore Flandre](#)

1. No I didnt participate in the first OWC. Actually back then I didnt even know because I was just playing and not noticing whats going on the forums. And about the #2 OWC - its looking very well organised, users are taking interest in participating, 32 slots are already full. Quite the success, I'm looking forward to it, will be very fun im sure.
2. I saw the video on the drawing of the groups. In my opinion it would have been better to draw the groups the old fashion way just like they do in the football tournaments. Would be more random then using an online application. Group of death? Dont really know the countries' strength in general (except the asian ones) but the only group of death is the one Bulgaria is in with Taiwan. As one of my teammates said "They will beat us even during the brakes."
3. My group is new, first time so it will be interesting how we will perform. As for who will take top 1 and 2. I think Poland and Korea will be on the first two places. With their players I'm sure they'll put up on heck of a score/combo. But I cant predict anything osu wise.
4. As I said its our first time and we dont have much of an idea. But mostly we think we wont qualify even after the group stages. #1? Oh miracles happen but not in this case haha.
5. I wouldnt say mine is "strongest" but I think its Korea. Koreans are gaming monsters :D
6. I actually succeeded in organising a Bulgaria team. To be honest im quite proud \*tears\*. We need to show osu that our country can play too.



Made this. Gotta be motivated! :D

Thanks for the interview ;)

[Lolicore Flandre](#)

## [FurukawaPan](#)

1. I was in the first OWC. We were competing against Chile. It was a close match, but ultimately Chile prevailed.
2. I like the group drawing, since it gives us more opportunity to stay in the game and compete against more countries.
3. Naturally the best teams, and perhaps those with a bit of luck, will rise to the top.
4. Many of the teams have some excellent players in them. Hopefully Canada will rise to the challenge and go all the way in this tournament.
5. It's not really fair to suggest one country is clearly the strongest, as each player will have their own strengths and weaknesses. However, I believe from the get-go we're already up against a really strong team with Korea.
6. The map selections this time offer an interesting blend, just like in the first tournament. It will indeed be crucial to a team's strategy to select their maps most carefully.

Good luck to all the teams, let's all enjoy OWC #2 to the fullest!

## [nVidi4x](#)

1. Yes i did, i think this new owc should be better, because beatmaps should have been improved and admins have a lots of experience in osu! Also a lots of players have improved their skills
2. I think there are no easy groups and in owc any team should be able to win. If you have just 1 try to demonstrate your skills fail is not an option. Chile had the 4th place in the last owc even thoug all !! of our player were using a mouse. If we did it good last time I guess we should it better now!
3. I think one of this teams: Poland/Korea/Japan/Taiwan , because these countries have the best players in my opinion (amazing multiplayer skills and replays)  
I think France and Chile should do well, I know French and Chilean players and they have great skills.
4. I'd like to qualify to playoffs for sure, but sometimes a player might fail, you know that kind of things happen  
My expectation is to play well as a team. I'd like to qualify to playoffs for sure, but sometimes a player might fail, you know that kind of things happen, We're all glad to represent Chile, if we do our best is enough for me!
5. I'd like to say that the strongest country is Korea, because korean players are not human beings... i mean... how is possible to play like that? koreans have no feelings, they're bots, anyways, if cookiezi doesn't play we all should be OK.
6. I'd like to say gratz to the admins for this cup,the most important for me about owc is to meet new people and increased the number of players in our community. Osu players are pretty friendly and you have a lot of fun playing this game!  
BTW, admins should make rounds with mods, like hidden, double time, hard rock ;)

## [Emaal](#)

1. Denmark didn't participate in the first owc, since we had problems getting player. This time around, it seems to be handled better than the previous one though, which I am very satisfied about.
2. Groups were made fair and square. I don't see any specially easy groups though. If I had to name a death group, I'd either say group D, or my group, A.
3. I believe that Japan will take the victory this year, no special reason, but I just see it happening.
4. I don't expect Denmark to get any further, than qualify to the play-offs. And I'm not even sure about us doing that, since we have some strong teams in our group.
5. Strongest, I'd say Japan.
6. The team that I think will surprise the most, could be Norway.

## [ragelewa](#)

1. I did not participate because I wasn't skilled enough to even clear insanes.
2. I haven't really paid any attention to the groups so I can't say.
3. I don't know anything about the players in the teams in my group. I'm a lousy captain.
4. My team is most likely not making it far because of me.
5. I can't say because I have no right to compare players to each other when I'm so much worse myself.
6. Man, I hate this place/game/life/whatever.

## [Odaril](#)

1. I have participated in the first one as a back-up player, yes. The installment looks stronger than last time, at least... I hope it won't take the same path.
2. The group drawing looks pretty even. I hardly know any player though, so I can't tell which group would be easier or not.
3. I expect something like #1 Chile and #2 France. Chile did EXTREMELY WELL last year. I know three of the players to be extremely good players, so Chile's #1 for sure. As for France, we have very good players (everyone but me), so we definitely can take #2.
4. I expect France to qualify, but that's about it.
5. Probably Korea.
6. I'll be super nervous during the matches \:D/

## [DoKoLP](#)

1. No i didn't participate in the first osu! World Cup, so i can't answer that question. Sorry.
2. Group of death? Maybe the korean group, but Cookiezi didn't play in that group, so i really don't know which group is good or not. I didn't take part in the first World Cup, so it's hard to answer this question.
3. My group? Two great players left the group, so it could be hard for us to keep up with the others... Korea and Poland will be top 1 and 2 maybe.
4. My expectations? I hope we won't fail in the first round xD
5. KOREA Q\_\_q
6. Nope \: D/

## [KanaRin](#)

1. We didn't get enough players to participate in the first OWC, and I may not be able to compare #1 and #2 OWC accurately, but I believe that staffs and players will do their best xD
2. and 3. Definitely we will be torn up by KR sooner or later orz We just hope that we can beat Canada and Vietnam in order to get a ticket in 1/16. Hong Kong, Vietnam and Canada are in similar strength so I believe the competition for the second ticket in this group will be extremely fierce. Of course, it would be the best if HK is the second. All participants are elites from their country so I don't believe you'll find someone significantly weak here, and the matches would be interesting. Though there're some groups that are exceptionally hard, like our groups!
4. I hope we can make it into 1/16. Since we won't meet KR again in 1/16, if we get a relatively weaker team, if we can win again... ok stop day dreaming. We would do our best and enjoy the match, results are not important at all.
5. It's hard to say.. every team is strong. But I think it's KR probably. Even though Cookiezi missed here, they are will lunatic players. JP, TW are all strong teams as well.
6. We just hope MiU and me can recover earlier and good luck to every player.

## [Kuroi Mato](#)

1. Not played at first osu cup. I do not really know what to reply to this.
2. Are a lot of good players there, including my own part, I do not know so many of them do not really know:)
3. Well, I honestly do not think there is little chance but to be seen.
4. I do not know I think everyone starts equal chance to win so I can not catch. I think it is also good that if we win our first game: D
5. I do not know.
6. Yet what I write here: D?

 [Hakeru Prismriver](#)

1. Yes , well um this 2nd osu world cup tournament was better than last year , idk why
2. honestly i don't care about the drawing group lol
3. i don't think so , maybe our group will change some player later due to school work , been busy nowadays D:  
i think korea or japan will take the 1st place and 2nd place .. because there's so many skillful players D:
4. hopefully our country will be in top 3 ahaha
5. Japan and Korea , thats all =))
6. Good luck to the others!

 [SiLviA](#)

1. I joined the latest Cup. I think it's a wonderful competition.
2. I think all groups is as hard as others.
3. Consider the potential of members, maybe Japan is top, Germany is next.
4. There is nothing but TOP.
5. Maybe Korea.
6. Thank you for your operation of the competition!

 [Angel](#)

1. We didn't participate in the first osu! World Cup, because in that time we were not able to made team, because of active players count.
2. I think all teams are drawed good, and in the final games, we'll look at really strong teams. There are not "easy groups" and "groups of death", in my oppinion all are ballanced good.
3. What's about our group, I think the best there are France and Chile. Because nicknames like Kanna and nVidi4x, Mesita is known by everyone in osu : D
4. I hope our country can get in 2nd or even 3rd round : ) And it will be great for us : ) I don't dream about top places : D
5. I think most strong teams are Japan and Korea : )
6. FOR THE LATVIA! \o/



 [akupp](#)

1. This is my 2nd time enter OWC, for the 1st time (last year) was bad, 1st round fight with korea, so can play 1 round only. And this year it has Group Stage, so we or a lot of "normal" country can play longer and have fun in this OWC. So basically I like this year style then last year.
2. We get Group F which is I think "quite" OK compare to other group. Lucky we not face any strong team like korea, japan or taiwan. >.<
3. In our group Russian Federation is the strongest and I think they can get top 1 or at least top 2 in our group. Uruguay is strong too, Z e o n is dangerous there and also Finland with ragelewa, so it hard to see who (include our) will able to go to the next round.
4. Our target now is to able play on play-off match.. >.<
5. This is really hard question. There are 3 strong country (and hard to give title "Strongest") which is Korea, Japan and Poland. But if you ask me who is my favorite, then i will answer Japan, I have high expectation on SiLviA. XD
6. We hope this OWC will be much more fun and exciting and also hope to get more friend with all people in this OWC. And lastly sorry for my bad English.. >.<

## [GladiOol](#)

1. Yes, I've participated (and so did everybody in our current team, except zozozofun) in the first owc. The new installment seems great and I love the 'group' system rather than going into knock-out matches from the beginning.
2. I love the fact that the best teams got seeded. This way the more exciting matches (Japan/Korea/Poland/Norway etc.) will face each other later on in the tournament. I don't think there are any "death groups", though there are some interesting ones I will surely follow~ For example, group c. I can't wait for the match Poland vs. Norway. That one will be a blast for sure :D.
3. I think we, the Netherlands, have gotten one of the easiest groups. This is very nice of course, except I would've preferred if we had one or more experienced opponents in our group as well. Why? Because matches versus better countries are exciting and fun~  
I can't say which country will be #1 or #2, though I surely hope we will take #1 this year :D
4. I think we have a big chance of getting #1~ We've got Lesjuh back on his tablet after a 5 month break. Ango, me and eddieee are more active because of the owc again and are getting better each day. Zozozofun is someone who has grown skillwise over the last few weeks, and we always have our secret weapon; Awoken. Totally unknown player, but surely one of the best around. I think we have quite the dream squad and we should be able to get #1 this year :D
5. Poland, Japan, Korea and Norway. I don't know why, but I've got this feeling that Norway will come really far in this owc.
6. I hope the map pick will be a bit better this year. The semi-final / final's map list was, to say the least, plain horrible. But I have faith in the map pickers this year~ so I'm expecting some great maps for the owc rounds!

## [deadbeat](#)

1. i didn't participate in the first one, i was going to. but then my friend played instead  
i don't have many thoughts on the new one currently since most of my thoughts will revolve around which maps will be selected, however i am surprised at absence of certain players like cookiezi for example
2. the draws don't look too bad. most of the pools have a team that should make it through to the next round which is good, not too sure about some pools as i don't know much about all the countries, but hopefully all the pro teams will make it through. and as for death group A-D. Some pro teams in there
3. i think we got into a good pool. 2 of the teams should provide a good challenge for New Zealand, Netherlands will bet us unless another hardware issue occurs, but it should be fun anyway  
Poland seems to be looking pretty good this year, WW is now comparable to cookiezi, + with some of the other players, they have a good chance. as for second. i'm not sure really. i haven't looked into in that much really. but Korea, USA and Japan seem pretty strong, so maybe one of them :D
4. New Zealand does have some good players, But i don't think we'll be able to play with the big boys just yet, but with practice i'm sure one day we'll be able to face them head on. until then we'll just have to practice hard.
5. i'd say its close between Poland and Korea. kinda hard to say. they seem even.
6. just good luck to all teams and do your best

## [kriers](#)

1. Norway planned to join the first osu! World Cup, but the rounds collided with military duty. Had to serve my country elsewhere ;p I think the new installment has gone really smooth. I'm impressed by the owc staff's work towards making this year's OWC possible.
2. I'm excited about our group drawing. I'm a bit dissappointed we drew Poland so soon, but it will be a great experience competing with the best! I don't regard any group as easy. This game is all about keeping combo, and even a 1x100 run is worse than a B given an unfortunate slider break. There will be a lot of nerves and conviction, and I'm sure we'll see a few surprises this year.
3. I believe Norway is much stronger compared to the amount of players registered in our country. With strong players such as CXu and AndreasHD, it could make us an upset victory! I'm hoping for a European team to reach the finals, that's for sure. It doesn't really matter which country that would be, but I hope for Netherlands (and Poland if they beat us...). Would be awesome if it ended in a Europe vs Asia final like last OWC!
4. Norway has a record of overachieving in various sports. Maybe this'll be the case in osu! too :3
5. Japan. Oh wow
6. I wish all the teams good luck towards the final! Don't let the nerves get to you :3

## [Pizzicatto](#)

1. No I haven't joined the 1st owc so I can't say
2. The group drawing looks pretty neat. I think they're all balanced
3. We just joined for fun. I think taiwan or korea's gonna nail this tournament.
4. No we're not that pro so I can't expect anything
5. I can't really say because Cookiezi's not playing for korea and the captain of taiwan is still unknown
6. -

## [fartownik](#)

1. I can say 'I participated' (however I was just a backup and didn't play even 1 match) in the 1st OWC. What are my impressions about my own and the staff's work? I think we're heading in a good direction. Everything goes on well, according to the plan and if it stays like this for the future stages, it's going to be a really fun tournament.
2. The drawing went very well in my opinion. Might sound selfish, but it seems like my group (Group B) is the strongest one. Groups F and H seem also interesting and the fight for the first places will be very serious there.
3. My group is kinda tough and no one should be underestimated. Of course I believe our lineup is strong enough to take the #1 place, however Norway has also very good players this year and it not might be that easy. Ukraine and Indonesia are the 'black horses' of the group, technically they have nothing to lose so will try even harder to beat us and take the promotion from our hands.
4. We aim for the finals. We know there's much teams which can stand on our way, but we will do our best to give a good performance this year.
5. Japan. Their lineup has 4 world's top players as the main squad and additional val0108 as the backup. In what kind of team player like val doesn't have an ensured place in the first squad? This is just crazy.  
Also Korea, Taiwan, Netherlands and Chile will be a pure challenge to face for everyone.
6. -

## [Mikutard](#)

1. Yes, i did. I guess it's much better than the last year but i didnt really follow the OWC #1 till the end. At least it is starting of well, groups are a much better choise and i have the feeling the mapset is gonna be good. (Cool logo btw)
2. Well.. To be honest there aren't easy groups but group A is extremely tough.
3. I guess Chile is gonna get the first place and France second place.  
Well, chile has strong players as well as France, that's why.
4. Not to be pessimist but i think we aren't gonna be qualified, altho it could happen with some luck.
5. Japan, even without loli\_milk :>
6. Thank you, Mikutard.

## Akai-

1. Yes, I did. Actually, I can't say much about my impressions of it, because our team was defeated in the first tour, but overall it was a bit non-organised. I heard many players disliked the maplist, which was chosen by organizers.
2. It's well, I think, I couldn't draw them in other way in my mind, so I think they're have been drawn well. If you mean group containing Russian Federation team, 'the group of death' can be called Finland. I heard about some strong players from this country
3. I don't think our team will win, I don't think it will go further than the second tour. I believe, Poland\Japan\Korea will take the first or the second places, because these countries have many strong players for sure.
4. No, I don't think I really have. Playing just for fun, I guess.
5. In my opinion, the strongest ones are Poland, Korea, Japan, maybe Taiwan, there are strong players, as I've written before.
6. I wish good luck to everyone (and if some of them really have decided to win)

## theowest

1. I did not participate in the first one, cuz I sucked back then. The new instalment looks cool.
2. Well.. Our team will suck against Brazil and Taiwan but other than that, I think it's pretty good.
3. Probably Korea and Poland. They have the best players and I think they will do awesome.
4. We're pretty good. We've got some talent I think we could show off pretty nicely. :D But we won't come too far.
5. Korea, I think. I'm not sure. I haven't checked all countries yet.
6. **I LOVE YOU BRO <3**

## KRZY

1. → Yes, I had participated in the previous competition. I feel the second competition has received more attention from some of the less known regions, and to live up to the expectations of being a more successful competition overall compared to the first one, I feel that it could do with more staff and an improvement in written procedures/rules, both in quantity and quality.
2. → Group H, in my opinion, is the toughest. There is no clear favorite in the group, and any of the four countries in the group has a very good chance of making it to the quarterfinals. Other than that, thanks to the seeding system, the groups look pretty obvious in terms of outcome.
3. → I believe we will top our group; the fight for second place between Canada and Hong Kong will be fierce. I believe Canada has an overall better team, but Miu Matsuoka in Hong Kong could single-handedly carry his country to 2nd place. If I had to choose between the two, I am slightly leaning towards Hong Kong.
4. → Going all the way of course. We lost to Taiwan in the semifinals in last competition, who fully deserved their win, but this time it will be different.
5. → I'd have to say Japan. Clear favorites.
6. → If you remember our match against Taiwan in the last competition, it was not about winning; it was about having fun, and putting on the best display you can. I hope everyone in the competition keeps this in mind. Thank you.

## Saya-Honmei

1. YES , Is a good opportunity to show themselves!
2. Listen to Uan said Japan Poland, South Korea, very strong! Other did not pay attention to @ @
3. Uan with Ruc did not participate in this year, I am afraid that Taiwan is unlikely. May be Japan Poland South Korea, will stand on the final stage now!
4. # 1! Taiwan team will win again!..... Uan want me to say this ..- -|||
5. The average Japanese feel is the strongest team looks, the less Korean cookie, but Reisen & M A I D 's strength also are well known . Poland but also White Wolf. In my ability to judge really can not predict. ><
6. @@....  
We refuel @ @?  
(Weak momentum!) =□=

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 [Frostmourne](#)

1. No, we didn't. It's quite a big deal in theosu! community since the world cup has been announced.
2. We joined this competition because we want to play and have fun with other people and other countries around the world.
3. They're just our well-known friends so we don't have to take it too seriously. We think Japan will take the first place and Korea will take the second place because Cookiezi didn't join in Korea's team and SilviA is the captain of Japan's team.
4. No, we don't :3
5. Japan!!
6. Good Game..

 [gorlum](#)

1. Yes, it's the second OWC for me as a captain of the Ukrainian team, and I really love the idea of OWC since it gives the opportunity to play against teams with the strongest players of the world. It's a great experience! The first OWC was epic, and I'm sure that this OWC will be even better!
2. As for group drawings, I think that everything is fine. Looks like that every group has 2-3 strong teams so there shouldn't be a problem.
3. I think that our team is strong enough to perform a decent play. We were weak in the last OWC, but we became stronger. ;) As for favorites of this OWC, my bet is on Poland vs Japan in the finals, but I can't predict who will win. ;)
4. Well, we will do our best, but there are such beasts in our group as Poland and Norway, so this will be challenging to beat them. :|
5. Oh, the strongest country, huh? My money is on Poland. :P
6. As for the last, I wish good luck for all participants and hope that this OWC will be enjoyable for everyone! ;)

 [Kyou-kun](#)

1. No opinion
2. Argentina and USA because it's a fact
3. Not too high.
4. Korea or Japan, maybe Poland
5. No
6. -

 [maay](#)

1. NO, I didn't play back then. Even so, this ovc looks really well organized compared to last year's,
2. No,, ironically, the groups are so balanced they don't even seem to have been formed randomly.
3. Obviously we are aiming for the #1 in our group. I'd say Russia would be #2, should we succeed.
4. No all in all i don't really know what to expect from our country,, I'd say I'm actually] looking forward to see how everything goes,m
5. Korea
6. -

 [Misuzu-san](#)

Hi ! my name is Mari. I chose this name because in my Team DotA , they always call me is Mari

1. Yes , this is my first play at Osu!WorldCup. For me this game have so much song I like and best I can set my favourite skin, top of that I feel so relax when playing this orther people around me said : "Not relax at all" hahaha I don't know but may be I have strange think. If I can , so for me 6/10 is fun 3/10 is ranking 1/10 is friends in same country ^\_^ ( VN have little player know this game), some web in VN have topic about this game and yes they interesting in it but they leave this game after few month play because being loser is that"poor".
2. Group drawing did good . No I don't think so , each group base on member ability or that will be the group have crazy player " Cookiezi " :).
3. My group all player is "Mouse only" only one JerryC using Tablet.I think Japan & Poland will be Top because they're #1 Country & #1 Player.
4. Little little little little or very little since this is first time my country play WorldCup ^\_^ . That would great for us can playoffs but It seem a little hard.
5. I think Korea is strongest country.
6. There is so much things I want to say but better I will let it in my heart. At last thank to peppy, Metro to let us know this tourament and Im very happy to play this, also this is a change to show this match in my country and get more people play ^\_^ " Rhythm"