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INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE COMPETITION

ONLINE COMPETITION

FACT SHEET

Registration Deadline: December 16, 2022 (Fri)

Briefing Session: November 16, 2022 (Wed) via Zoom
(The recording will be available on the IPDC website)

Competition Dates: January 28 & 29, 2023 (Sat & Sun)

Venue: Online via Zoom

Format: Modified American Parliamentary (2 members per team)
Motions will be announced on the day of the competition.

Divisions: Upper Primary P.4 - 6 (~Ages 10-12)
Lower Secondary S. 1 - 3 (~Ages 13-15)
Upper Secondary S. 4 -6 (~Ages 16-18)

The division will be governed by the grade in school instead of age. For example, if you are age 16 and studying in S.3, you will be in the Lower Secondary division

Team Cap: 36 teams per division, first-come, first-served.
Max. 4 teams per school (8 participants). Any additional candidates will be waitlisted, and the result will be announced after the registration deadline.

Break: 1. Open and 2. Novice
Break categories will be determined by the responses provided on the application form, at the sole discretion of the Adjudication Committee.

Registration:



WHY JOIN IPDC?

- International platform with global exposure
- Meet peers worldwide including the Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Regions
- Global judging panel comprising legal professionals and debate awardees
- A free online workshop for school teams (first-come, first-served)
- Attractive scholarships and awards

WE HAVE...

440+

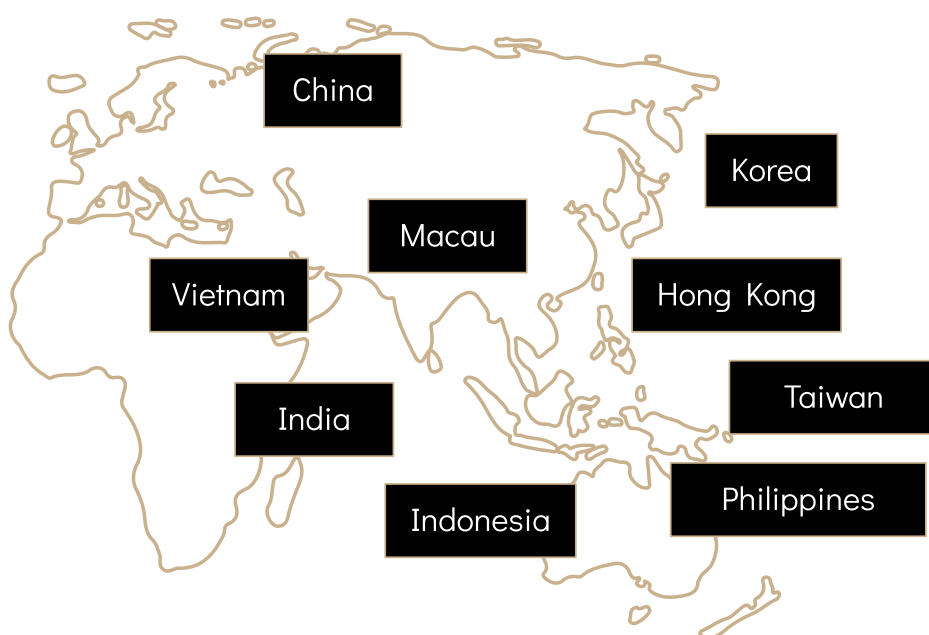
Students

50+

Schools

6+

Countries



COMPETITION ORGANIZERS



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We keep exploring different kinds of innovative education methods or tools to equip the next generation to become excellent leaders.

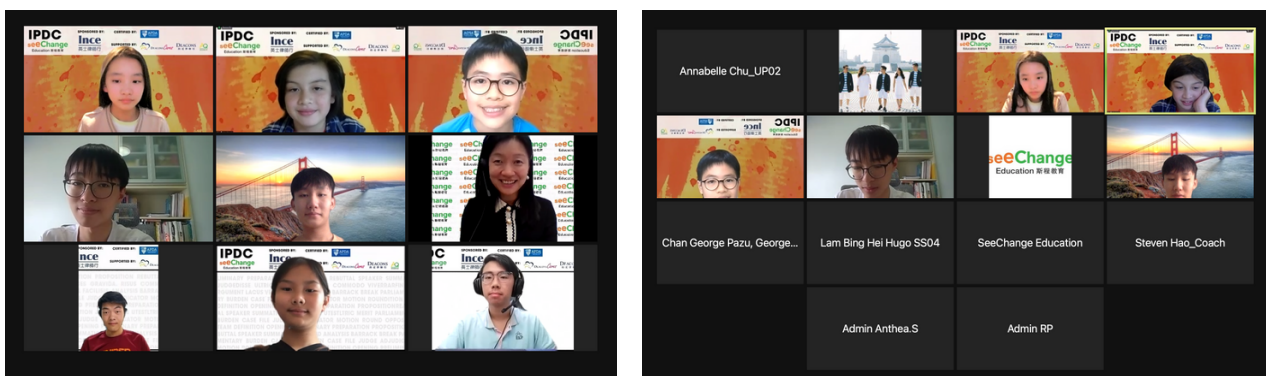


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To encourage diversity and open-mindedness in our students, we offer online classes so that students and teachers from around the world can meet and learn from each other. We also offer in-person school programs which are fun and engaging, allowing students to learn in environments different from typical classroom learning.



COMPETITION FORMAT



Currently at its fourth iteration, the IPDC is an international debate competition that will involve delegates from all over the world, including the Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Regions. This online event is an exciting opportunity for young learners to compete and meet with peers where physical interactions are limited.

The 4th IPDC is also one of the only Asia-based competitions which runs on the **Modified American Parliamentary Debate** format! The tournament features three categories: **Upper Primary**, **Lower Secondary**, and **Upper Secondary**. We welcome everyone, whether a beginner or experienced debater to participate in this event.

This year, we have two separate break categories: **Open** and **Novice**. This will ensure greater inclusivity and allow debaters with different skill levels to compete with each other.

Details as below:

Competition Dates

January 28 (Saturday) and
January 29 (Sunday), 2023

Team Cap

36 per division, first-come, first-served
2 students per team

Competition Format

Modified American Parliamentary Debate

- 2 speakers per team, with the 1st speaker also making the rebuttal speech
- Motions are released on the competition day, and debaters can prepare within a given time

Speaker Time

*No Points of Information (POI) will be allowed

- 15 minutes prep time (20 minutes during the first round) with your partner in the breakout room
- First Proposition Speech: 4 min
- First Opposition Speech: 5 min
- Second Proposition Speech: 5 min
- Second Opposition Speech: 5 min
- Opposition Rebuttal: 3 min
- Proposition Rebuttal: 4 min

There is a 30 second grace period between the transition of each speaker.

Judge Rule: $n-3$

(where n is the number of teams) For example, if you are sending 3 teams, ($3-3 = 0$), you do not need to send a judge. If you send 4 teams ($4-3=1$), you will need to send 1 judge.

Each school sending 4 teams or more is required to send at least one judge. If you require an exemption to this rule, or if you would like to volunteer as a judge by sending 3 teams or less, please contact us.

This rule does not apply to individual teams.

Briefing

A one-off briefing for teachers and students will be held after the registration period in order to introduce participants and coaches to the competition format as well as answer any questions.

Date: November 16, 2022 (Wed)

Time: 3pm - 4pm (HKT)

Venue: Zoom

Fee: Free

Click [here](#) for recording.

Online Workshop

Schools that nominate at least four participants to enter will be offered a complimentary online workshop on a first-come, first-served basis. Led by our top coaches who are all former debaters and national champions from top US Ivy League Universities, Oxford and Cambridge, these preparatory workshops will familiarize participants with the format of the Competition and have a practice round. Workshops will generally be held during weekends (e.g. Saturday or Sunday mornings) to avoid overlapping with school hours.

The number of workshop participants will be capped at 20 and will include a mix of schools. For schools looking for private training, please contact See Change Education for details.

For open teams who are looking for training, we offer paid training camps over Christmas and Chinese New Year. Please contact See Change Education for more details.

PRIZES

The 4th IPDC includes a novice and open break which can ensure greater inclusivity and allow debaters of different skill levels to compete with each other and battle it out! Top debaters in each division will receive a scholarship to further enhance their skills and abilities in debate and public speaking at See Change Education.

Prizes of the 4th IPDC are as below:

- Open Break Champion
- Novice Break Champion
- Speaker Awards
- Best Rebuttal Speaker Award
- Outstanding School Award
- Spirited Award
- Best Motion Award



The competition counts for a minimum of 3 hours towards a TQUK-endorsed Certificate in Debate and Public Speaking at Level 1, 2 or 3.



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Timezone: Hong Kong Time (GMT +8)

Day 1 (January 28, 2023)

Morning Session: Upper Primary Division

0830	Registration
0900	Opening Ceremony & Housekeeping
0915	Round 1
1015	Tabulation
1025	Round 2
1125	Tabulation
1135	Round 3
1235	Tabulation
1245	Break Announcement
1255	Dismissal

Afternoon Session: Lower Secondary Division

1430	Registration
1500	Opening Ceremony & Housekeeping
1515	Round 1
1615	Tabulation
1625	Round 2
1725	Tabulation
1735	Round 3
1835	Tabulation
1845	Break Announcement
1855	Dismissal

Day 2 (January 29, 2023)

Morning Session: Upper Secondary Division

0830	Registration
0900	Opening Ceremony & Housekeeping
0915	Round 1
1015	Tabulation
1025	Round 2
1125	Tabulation
1135	Round 3
1235	Tabulation
1245	Break Announcement
1255	Dismissal

Afternoon Session Finals (All Divisions) (Open & Novice)

1430	Staggered Registration
1500	Announcements & Housekeeping
1515	Quarterfinals
1615	Deliberation
1625	Semifinals
1725	Deliberation
1735	Finals
1835	Deliberation
1845	Results and Awards Announcement
1925	Dismissal

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Stage 1 - Registration and payment

Teams shall submit their information through the [Google Form link](#) on the IPDC website. The payment link is included in the last part of the Google Form. For those who are unable to access Google Forms, please email us at info@ipdcdebating.org.

Schools wishing to enter more than 4 teams (8 participants) will be waitlisted for the additional candidates. The result will be released after the registration deadline.

All registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Spots will be confirmed only after payment is made.

Stage 1 Deadline: December 16, 2022 (Friday)

Stage 2 - Release result to the waitlisted participants

Stage 2 will open only if there are places available after the close of Stage 1.

For schools wishing to enter more than 8 participants, the result will be announced at this stage.

Stage 2 Deadline: December 30, 2022 (Friday)

Registration



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