

The 1st All Japan High School English Debate Tournament

1. Auspices Promotion Committee for the English Debate Competition for High School Students
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3. Supporting Groups
All Japan Senior High School Cultural Federation ; Gifu Prefecture ; Board of Education, Gifu Prefecture ; English Educational Workshop for High Schools in Gifu Prefecture ; Takayama City ; Takayama City Education Board of Education ; Hida International Association ; National Association of Debate in Education ; Japan Debate Association ; Gifu Newspaper ; Gifu Broadcasting
4. Date 16th (Sat) & 17th (Sun) Dec. 2006
5. Venue Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University, Gifu Campus 38-1 Nakau Gifu City 〒500-8288
TEL 058 - 278- 0711
6. Sponsorship Casio & Gakken
7. Participant Requirements and Restrictions
Participants should be a student of High schools in Japan.
Native speakers of English are not allowed.
Only one member is allowed in each team to whom the following conditions apply :
 - (1) A student with more than 10 months experience staying in a country where the first language is English
 - (2) A student students from countries where English is not the mother language, but is one of the official languages
 - (3) A student who mainly uses English at home
8. Team Three to four students are permitted to participate in the game.
Up to five members, including reserves, may register.
9. Tournament Procedures
Four Preliminary Rounds will be held (Number of rounds may change depending on the number of schools participating). The rounds will be allocated through the "power-pairing" system (which aims to minimize the influence of chance by matching the teams with the same wins). Top four or eight teams will proceed to the Finals (Elimination Rounds).
Finalists will be decided by the following criteria: wins, vote-rate, average points.

10. Resolution for This Year.

Japan should make English its second official language.

- ※ Japan adopts Japanese as its first official language.
- ※ In any official documents and official deliberations concerning administration, justice, and legislation, both Japanese and English should be used.
- ※ The affirmative side can decide whether or not other fields such as education, traffic and transportation, national broadcasting, or any other field, should be treated in their plan.

1 1 . Schedule

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| 12/16 Sat 12:00 Reception | 12/17 Sun 14:00 Final Game finishes |
| 12:20 Opening Ceremony | 14:30 Celebration and Closing Ceremony |
| 13:00 First Game starts | 15:00 Dismissed |

1 2 . Debate Format

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| Affirmative Constructive Speech | 肯定側立論 | (4 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Questions from the Negative | 否定側質疑 | (3 min.) |
| Negative Constructive Speech | 否定側立論 | (4 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Questions from the Affirmative | 肯定側質疑 | (3 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Negative Attack | 否定側アタック | (2 min.) |
| Questions from the Affirmative | 肯定側質疑 | (2 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Affirmative Attack | 肯定側アタック | (2 min.) |
| Questions from the Negative | 否定側質疑 | (2 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Affirmative Defense | 肯定側ディフェンス | (2 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Negative Defense | 否定側ディフェンス | (2 min.) |
| ————— Preparation Time ————— | 準備時間 | (1 min.) |
| Affirmative Summary | 肯定側総括 | (2 min.) |
| Negative Summary | 否定側総括 | (2 min.) |
| | total | 3 7 min. |

※) Each debater's speech burden is shown on the table below.

NB : The burden is different, depending on the number of team members (three or four).

1 3 . Rules. Rules in detail will be sent to the participants later.

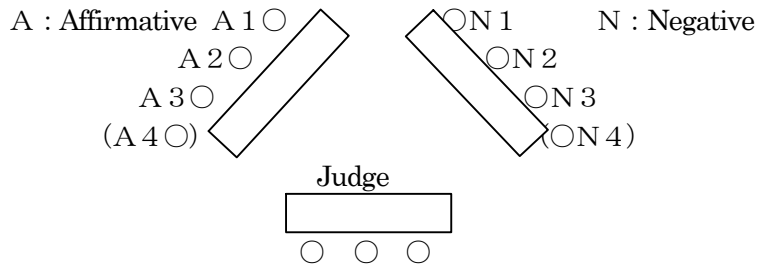
1 4 . Judging training program In August and October, judging training programs will be held to assist participants in learning more about debating, and will tentatively include practice matches between students. Judges: There will be a judge's seminar where all aspects of judging and debating will be discussed. We strongly suggest that you make time to attend this seminar.

1 5 . Application If your prefecture has a preliminary match, please ask them first. The deadline for applications for exhibition games is Saturday, November 25. Please apply using the application form.

1 6 . Awards Prizes will be awarded to the top four debating teams. Several "Grand Debaters" will also receive awards. The 1st place team will get the right to attend the World Schools Debate Championship held in Seoul, Korea in February, 2007. (Travel expenses will be provided.)

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Order of Speech



| Speaker | | Role and Contents | Time |
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| 3人の場合 | 4人の場合 | | |
| A1 | A 1 | Affirmative Constructive Speech (up to 2 merits) | 4 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| N2→A 1 | N4→A 1 | Questions from Negative (A1 will answer.) | 3 min. |
| N1 | N1 | Negative Constructive Speech (up to 2 demerits) | 4 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| A2→N1 | A4→N1 | Questions from Affirmative (N1 will answer.) | 3 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| N2 | N2 | Negative Attack (Only against Affirmative Construction speech) | 2 min. |
| A3→N2 | A3→N2 | Questions to the Attack (To Questions from A3. ,N2 will answer.) | 2 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| A2 | A2 | Affirmative Attack (Only against Negative Construction speech) | 2 min. |
| N3→A2 | N3→A2 | Questions to the Attack (To Questions from N3. ,A2 will answer.) | 2 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| A3 | A3 | Affirmative Defense (Reconstruct the attacked Const. speech) | 2 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| N3 | N3 | Negative Defense (Reconstruct the attacked Const. speech) | 2 min. |
| | | Preparation Time | 1 min. |
| A1 | A4 | Affirmative Summary(Summarize, comparing the both arguments) | 2 min. |
| N1 | N4 | Negative Summary (Summarize, comparing the both arguments) | 2 min. |

Total 37 min.

How to Judge (Outline)

- There are 3 judges. After the match, they have a discussion about the game, but basically they decide independently which wins. The team which gains a majority will win. No draws.
- Each Judge has to focus on examining each argument objectively, deciding whether the resolution is rationally affirmed or not, and deciding which wins.
If the judge thinks the merit logically surpasses the demerit, he or she will vote for the affirmative side, and vice versa. In this tournament, speech skill or delivery skill of English are not evaluated for the judgment itself.
- Also, each Judge has to give the communication points to each team as the subordinate, besides voting. Maximum is 5 points, which is given according to how much the debaters pay attention to the audience and judge, including other elements such as politeness.

