



ASIAN SCHOOLS DEBATE
- CHAMPIONSHIP -

July 1, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam:

Greetings in St. La Salle!

The La Salle Debate Society (LSDS), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) welcomes you to the first ever notable gathering of Asia's high school debaters and public speakers. **The 1st Asian Schools Debate Championship (ASDC)** will be held from September 9-13, 2009. We are expecting **HUNDREDS** of participants from the best high school institutions all over Asia, both public and private, to come to De La Salle University-Manila to participate in this remarkable exhibition of wit, intellect, and rhetoric.

The Debates will be contested in the **Asians format** with 7 elimination rounds that will determine the top 16 teams who will compete to the penultimate rounds which will eventually culminate to the Grand Finals. The event shall provide an avenue for **cultural exchange** as students from different schools from all over the region shall engage each other in academic discourse under the spirit of a healthy competition.

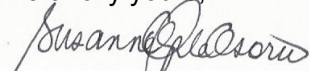
In line with this, we would like to **cordially invite** your institution to partake in this biggest gathering of the Asia's most brilliant young minds by sending your debaters and public speakers to join the tournament.

There will be a **registration fee of USD 80 (₱ 3,500)** for stay-out and **USD 175 (₱ 8,000)** for stay-in participants. Note that participants can also avail of the early bird discount. We would like to request local Philippine schools to pay in peso as much as possible and for other Asian schools to pay in dollars. The fee includes tournament kits/souvenir programs, opening dinner, lunch and snacks for the whole duration of the tournament, break night and championship dinner among others.

Herewith is a copy of the guidelines and some other pertinent information about the said event for your perusal and reference. Should you have **any inquiries**, feel free to contact Jasper Go, ASDC Convenor at (011)+(63)+(9)+(228812188) or e-mail us at **convenor@asdc2009.com**. Furthermore, please keep posted on **www.asdc2009.com**, the official website of the 1st ASDC for future announcements. At the moment however, we would like to confirm your participation in this tournament as the organizers need to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. Institutions can register online at www.asdc2009.com.

We look forward to seeing your institution in this prominent competition for we are definitely certain that you are one with us in this goal of honing the potentials of our Asia's young leaders. Thank you very much and in this endeavor of advancing a debate culture amongst our youth, we remain


Faithfully yours,


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**1st ASIAN SCHOOLS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP
REGISTRATION DETAILS**

1. Number of Teams Allowed

- A tournament cap of **80 teams** will be implemented.
- **No institutional cap** will be implemented but a **breaking cap of 3** will be enforced.
- Every team should consist of 3 debaters, all enrolled in the same institution. Composite teams will be allowed to join the competition, but they will not be qualified to break. Only High School Students are eligible to debate.
- There is no limit as to the number of Public Speaking Contestants an institution can send.
 - * Debaters are automatically qualified to join the Public Speaking tournament at no extra charge.

2. Fees

- For stay-out participants there will be a registration fee of **USD 80 (₱ 3,500)**.
- For participants who would require lodgings (stay-in), there would be a registration fee of **USD 175 (₱ 8,000)** per person which shall cover your stay for 5 days in a hotel (to be announced) from **September 9-13, 2009**.
- Note that there will be an early bird registration. This can be availed by **finishing all the registration phases on or before July 31, 2009**. Discount for stay-out participants is **USD 10 (₱ 500)** and **USD 20 (₱ 1000)** for stay-in ones. So early bird participants will only have to pay **USD 70 (₱ 3,000) for stay out** and **USD 155 (₱ 7,000) for stay in**.
- Same rates will apply for all debaters, adjudicators (judge), public speakers, and observers.
- This is inclusive of mainly one debate kit per person, souvenir program, the opening dinner, the break night party, the championship dinner and food throughout the tournament among others.

3. Registration Phases

➤ **1st Phase (July 1, 2009- July 31, 2009)**

At this point, we will need the most basic information about your institution and debaters. This stage requires each institution to disclose the number of teams and adjudicators that they will be sending. Contact details will also be required.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Institutions that will register after the 80th slot will be put on the waiting list. In the event that institutions that were able to register earlier are unable to pay, their slots will be given to institutions on the waiting list, also according to first come, first served basis.

Registration will be done online via the ASDC website: www.asdc2009.com.

When slots have been confirmed institutions that have completed this stage and are part of the tournament cap may move on to the 2nd phase.

➤ **2nd Phase (July 15, 2009- July 31, 2009)**

The second stage requires that down payment be made for confirmation of slots. The down payment will be set at **USD 200 (₱ 10,000)**. This payment is non-refundable should any of the institutions and/or participants back out of the tournament. **We would also be asking you to fill up a registration form which is downloadable in the ASDC website.** *This is to acquire the necessary information, such as dietary requirements, names and travel details.* If you wish to avail of the early bird discount, don't forget to pay your registration in full on or before July 31, 2009.

Payments may be done via three (4) methods:

a. WIRE-TRANSFERS (For International Participants)

Account Name: De La Salle University Manila

Bank Name: United Coconut Planter's Bank

Bank Address: Upper GF Lorenzo Tower Corner Vito Cruz

Dollar Account no (For those who will be depositing USD): 01-120-300035-8

Peso Account no (For those who will be depositing Philippine Peso): 120-114711-9

Swift Code: UCPB PH MM

*Please send us a copy of your wiring slips (scanned) to register@asdc2009.com as it will serve as our basis to verify your corresponding payments. Bring it with you in the tournament for verification purposes.

b. BANK TRANSFER (For Philippine Schools)

Bank Account Name: De La Salle University/Debate Society

Dollar Account no (For those who will be depositing USD): 01-120-300035-8

Peso Account no (For those who will be depositing Philippine Peso): 120-114711-9

*Please send a copy of your deposit slips (scanned) to register@asdc2009.com as it will serve as our basis to verify your corresponding payments. Bring it with you in the tournament for verification purposes.

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c. CHECK/CASH

Check payments should be payable to De La Salle University/Debate Society. Please coordinate with James Sy, ASDC Finance Director at (011)+(63)+(9)+(175380595) or you can email us at james_sy@asdc2009.com. Payments may also be coursed through the ASDC Convenor, Jasper Alvin Go (011)+(63)+(9)+(228812188).

Failure to pay during this time period will result to the forfeiture of your slot in ASDC. Your slot will be offered to the next institution on the waiting list. **Expenses that will be incurred through wire or bank transfers will not be shouldered by the De La Salle Debate Society.**

➤ **3rd Phase (July 15, 2009- August 21, 2009)**

The third stage will require the full payment of your account. Same process with the 2nd phase will apply in depositing your money. Failure to pay the registration fee in full during the allotted time period will forfeit your slot in ASDC, and will be given to the next institution on the waiting list. Take note that your down payment is non-refundable.

4. MODERATOR/ADJUDICATOR-The representatives of each institution must be accompanied by a moderator, who will be responsible for the safety of his/her students during and outside official ASDC functions, as well as maintaining their respective school regulations.

➤ Each institution **is required to send at least 1 adjudicator**, preferably the moderator or a coach.

5. Other Reminders

➤ **Check-in** for people who are going to avail of the accommodations (stay-in) will be on **September 9, 2009**. If your opting to check-in on September 8, 2009, kindly inform us and we will be glad to assist you but note that this will not be shouldered by the registration fee.

➤ Your participation will be confirmed once you send in the Registration form. It will be considered as good as your institution's guarantee that you will pay the amount of slots you reserved for.

➤ It is highly encouraged to pay per institution (for the total number of participants).

➤ Smoking and drinking of alcohol are prohibited throughout the tournament period.

➤ Debaters must be in **FORMAL** attire during the Championship Dinner on September 13, 2008 (Sunday).

➤ All debaters are highly encouraged to stay at the official lodging place (to be announced) for the duration of the tournament.

➤ Schools which are in need of DepEd endorsement (Advisory) can download it from www.DepEd.gov.ph.

➤ Should you have urgent questions and inquiries about the tournament, feel free to contact Jasper Alvin Go, ASDC Convenor at (011)+(63)+(9)+(228812188) or visit our official website at www.asdc2009.com. You may also e-mail the organizing committee at convenor@asdc2009.com. Thank you ☺

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Day 1 – TBA

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Time	Activity	Venue
Whole Day	Hotel Check-in for Stay-in Participants (Optional, not shouldered by registration fee)	Lodgings

Day 2 – De La Salle University - Manila

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Time	Activity	Venue
7:00-7:30	Travel to DLSU	n/a
7:30-8:00	Breakfast (For Stay-in Delegates)	DLSU
8:00- 17:00	Registration (whole day)	William Shaw Little Theater
8:00-10:00	Adjudication and Debate Seminar	William Shaw Little Theater
10:00- 11:00	Test Debate	William Shaw Little Theater
11:00- 12:00	Adjudication Examination	William Shaw Little Theater
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Zaide Canteen
15:00-15:30	Snacks	Zaide Canteen
16:00-18:00	Round 1 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms
19:00-22:00	Opening Dinner Attire: National Costumes	Yuchengco Lobby

Day 3 – De La Salle University – Manila

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Time	Activity	Venue
7:00-8:00	Travel to DLSU	n/a
8:00-9:00	Breakfast (For Stay-in Delegates)	DLSU/Hotel
9:00-9:30	Convening	William Shaw Little Theater and 1 SJ room
9:30-11:30	Round 2 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms
11:30-12:30	Lunch	Zaide Canteen
12:30-14:30	Round 3 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms
14:30-15:00	Snacks	Zaide Canteen
15:00-17:00	Round 4 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms
18:00-19:00	Dinner: (For Stay-in Participants)	DLSU
19:00-20:00	Travel Back to Lodgings	n/a

Day 4 – De La Salle University – Manila

Friday, September 11, 2009

Time	Activity	Venue
7:00-8:00	Travel to Venue	n/a
8:15-9:00	Breakfast (For Stay-in Delegates)	DLSU/Hotel
9:00-9:30	Convening	William Shaw Little Theater and 1 SJ room
9:30-11:30	Round 5 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms
11:30-12:30	Lunch	Zaide Canteen
12:30-14:30	Round 6 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms

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14:30-15:00	Snacks	Zaide Canteen
15:00-17:00	Round 7 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	SJ and Miguel Rooms
18:00-21:00	Break Night Party	TBA

Day 5 – De La Salle University – Manila
Saturday, September 12, 2009

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
7:00-8:00	Travel to DLSU	n/a
8:00-9:00	Breakfast (For Stay-in Delegates)	DLSU/Hotel
9:00-9:30	Convening	Fajardo-Gonzales Auditorium
9:30-11:30	Octofinals (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Andrew Classrooms
11:30-12:30	Lunch	La Casita Canteen
12:30-14:30	EFL Semifinals	Andrew Seminar Rooms
12:30-14:30	Public Speaking Eliminations	Andrew Seminar Rooms
14:30-15:00	Snacks	La Casita Canteen
15:00-17:00	Quarterfinals (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Andrew Seminar Rooms
18:00-19:00	Dinner: (For Stay-in Participants)	DLSU
19:00-20:00	Travel Back to Lodgings	n/a

Day 6 – De La Salle University - Manila
Sunday, September 13, 2009

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
7:00-8:00	Travel to DLSU	n/a
8:00-9:00	Breakfast (For Stay-in Delegates only)	DLSU/Hotel
9:30-11:30	Semifinals (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Andrew Seminar Rooms
11:30-12:30	Lunch	La Casita Canteen
12:30-14:30	EFL Finals	Fajardo-Gonzales Auditorium
14:30-15:00	Snacks	La Casita Canteen
15:00-17:00	Grand Finals	Br. Andrew Gonzales Hall
17:00-18:00	Travel to Championship Dinner Venue	n/a
18:00-21:00	Championship Dinner Public Speaking Finals Awarding Ceremonies	Br. Andrew Gonzales Hall
21:00-22:00	Travel Back to Lodgings	n/a

Day 7 – TBA
Monday, September 14, 2009

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Whole Day	Excursion Tentative	To be announced
Whole Day	Hotel Check-out for Stay-in Participants	Lodgings

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ROUGH GUIDE TO ASIANS DEBATING

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Debating requires, in essence, two main skills. They are: 1) Thinking skills (example – quick, multidimensional, logical and critical), 2) Presentation skills (example – fluent, persuasive and structured). Of course, a debater's knowledge base, which underlies these two skills, is also of paramount importance – a polished speaker who knows little of the world's current affairs is unlikely to score many points. Therefore participating teams, particularly new ones, should spend a substantial part of their preparation time prior to the tournament keeping up to date with current issues and happenings of regional and international significance.

Government. The role of the Government team is to support the motion. This involves defining the motion, constructing a positive case in favor of the motion, providing substantive material and arguments in support of their case and responding to any challenges made to that case by the opposition.

Opposition. The role of the Opposition team is to negate the motion. This involves responding to the Government's definition, constructing a case in opposition to the motion, providing substantive material and arguments in support of their case and responding to the arguments delivered by the Government. The Opposition should also provide a "value-clash" in the debate. In other words, the argumentation they forward must constitute a clash or disagreement with the case presented by the Government.

DEFINING A MOTION: The Government team defines the motion. Please note that the debate motions could be either specific or open-ended, i.e. coined in such a way to allow for various acceptable definitions. A good definition explains the key words of the topic, irons out the issues/contentions of the debate and identifies the burden of proof following the rules stated above. Setting up a good definition generally takes 2-3 minutes.

CHALLENGING A DEFINITION: An Opposition team may challenge the definition only if the definition is 1) truistic or tautological, 2) employs time or place set, 3) or is wholly unreasonable (no link to the motion or better known as a squirrel). If an Opposition chooses to challenge the definition, it is their responsibility to justify the challenge and give an alternative definition. Naturally, the Government team will defend the definition from the second speech onward.

*** Please note that Definitional challenges are generally discouraged.

MATTER includes definition, arguments and rebuttals. These things have been discussed in earlier texts.

MANNER is the style in which a debater presents arguments. It includes persuasion, the ability to demonstrate a polished and confident speaking technique and to hold the attention of the audience and adjudicators. For example, the use of humor and wit in terms of appropriate sarcasm and amusing examples or anecdotes is appreciated but will score few marks if it does not advance the argument.

There is no one best way to debate; there is no difference between an aggressive and forceful debater and one who is calm and understated if both are able to demonstrate the ability to persuade and hold the attention of the adjudicators. Notwithstanding this, there is however a limit to the degree of acceptable "manner"- neither an overly aggressive nor a too understated debater will score many points.

METHOD: First, Team Method refers to how the members of the team work as a team. They are expected to reinforce each other's arguments and carry a coherent team philosophy throughout the round. Second, Individual Method means each debater should also be able to structure his/her speeches into separate categories or issues of concern with appropriate headings. In every speech, there should be clear distinction between points and the existence of a logical flow among them. Third, Responses to the Dynamics of the Debate distinguishes the very best teams from the good ones. Responding to the dynamics means at every point of the debate the team/speaker understood the demand at that particular point of the debate and responded accordingly. Best dynamics are in debates where each debater takes the debate further in every issue under contention and no debater leaves an important issue unanswered or undefended.

New Matter Rule: LATE DEVELOPMENT OF MATTER SPOILS THE DEBATE

In Asians context, the third speaker of the Opposition team is not allowed to bring any new matter in the debate. The third speaker of the Government team may introduce new matter, but is advised not to. Some teams do it as a strategy! It is a sneaky way of trying to win a debate.

THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING AN ARGUMENT: Establishing an argument is a systematic process. It starts with a basic statement followed by logical analysis of why the basic statement is true. Then the argument is substantiated with proofs and evidences. The argument is concluded by linking back to the issues under contention. An argument that is put forth without logical analysis and evidences remain an assertion or unfounded claim.

REBUTTALS: Rebuttals are very important in a debate. Teams should start rebutting from the very beginning of the debate and not leave the substantial rebuttals to the third speakers. It is not unusual for the debaters to allocate 50% or more of their speech duration to rebuttals because rebuttals are the ones that make a debate a debate. The third speakers on both sides will probably spend 80% of their time rebutting and further their case mostly by rebutting and settling the contentious issues. Good rebuttals should address the very core of the argument and disprove it. Rebuttals should, just like an argument, be developed systematically with basic statements, logical analysis and evidences. Teams should not only rebut the arguments of the other team, they should also rebut their rebuttals.

POINTS OF INFORMATION (POI): Each speaker should accept 2-3 POIs during his/her speech. As a matter of strategy, it is recommended that speakers should accept POIs when he/she is delivering his/her best argument and reject a POI when he/she is delivering arguments that he/she is not confident of. Giving POIs should not be in a disruptive manner though. As a good practice, once a speaker is denied for a POI he/she should wait 20-30 seconds before attempting to ask a POI again.

THE VALUE OF PREP TIME: For a team to do well in a debate it is very crucial that the team utilizes the 30 minutes preparation time effectively. It is generally useful to use the first 5 minutes to just think individually and then start the discussion on what each one of us had in mind. Then the first thing to do is to agree on what the topic means and how to approach the topic as a team. Having agreed on the overall approach of the team, the team must generate and analyze the arguments. Every team knows during the preparation whether they have a good case or otherwise. Most debates are won or lost in the preparation time.

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