

PDWC 2021

Online Debate Conference

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High School Parliamentary Debate
World Conference and Competition



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Information Guide

Saturday, August 14 ~ Saturday, August 21, 2021

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The purpose of the High School Parliamentary Debate World Conference and Competition (PDWC) is to foster friendships between young leaders all over the world and to connect them to the next generation. Until 2020, we hosted this annual event in person in Japan and accomplished this aim by bringing young people together in one place.

However, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we are holding the event online this year. It is precisely because the whole world is still facing the impact of the coronavirus that it is crucial that you, the future leaders of the world, experience our connectedness.

While it is my hope that by next time, the global pandemic will be a thing of the past, and we will be able to hug and smile in person, this year I look forward to meeting you all online.

We sincerely look forward to your participation.

Organizing Team



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Debate Mate: Partner Organization



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Debate Mate Schools is an educational charity that uses the brightest university students to run after-school debate clubs in areas of high child poverty across the world. Over the last nine years, DM has successfully taught over 25,000 young people to debate in the UK, USA, Jamaica, Nepal, Dubai, Doha, Mexico, Rwanda, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, China, Japan, Korea and Israel.





PDWC 2021 Online Debate Conference

Overview

As part of the WakuPro Foundation's International Friendship Program, the purpose of the PDWC 2021 Online Debate Conference is to support young people in becoming successful on a global stage. Through providing opportunities for the serious exchange of opinions in a spirit of friendly competition with other high school students from abroad, students will develop their ability to realize this future global society while fostering lifelong friendships.

The debate portion of the event will be facilitated by Debate Mate based in the United Kingdom.

During this event, students and participants should understand that they are representatives of their country and school, and that they are expected to actively connect with participants from other schools and countries, as well as to understand and accept cultural differences so that they can grow their capacity to make a peaceful world a reality.

Dates

Saturday, August 14 – Saturday, August 21, 2021
(For details, please refer to the Event Schedule)

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Training Debate
3. Debates (3 rounds for all schools)
4. Semi Final Debate (4 schools)
5. Final Debate
6. Closing Ceremony

Online Event Forum

All PDWC 2021 events will be held on Zoom.

PDWC 2021 Online Debate Application Guidelines

Application Requirements

1. Number of Participant Schools

8 schools from Japan and 8 schools from overseas will be accepted.

2. Team Structure

- a) Each team will consist of 3 students and 1 teacher, totaling 4 persons.
- b) Teams can be mixed gender and mixed grade (any combination is possible as long as they are enrolled students)

Note: **Participants cannot be changed after applying**

3. In principle, be a participant school in a previous PDWC

4. Students who want to actively interact with high school students from all over the world

5. Students who want to learn more about debate

6. Students who are lively, proactive, curious and open

How to apply

Please apply from the [application page on the PDWC website](#).

1. Create a brief introduction video with the names of the 3 participants and accompanying teacher (1 minute per participant.) Please make sure to include text with your country, school name, and team member names at the beginning of the video.

2. Please enter the necessary information into the application form

- 1) School name (Country name)
- 2) First and last name (of all 3 participants)
- 3) Age (of all 3 participants)
- 4) Grade (of all 3 participants)
- 5) Name of accompanying teacher
- 6) Contact of accompanying teacher (email)
- 7) Emergency contact of accompanying teacher (phone number)
- 8) School principal participation application consent form



*Please ensure that the accompanying teacher sends the application. We will not accept applications from students.

Application Period & Decision

Application period: 20 May (Thu) – 20 June 2021 (Sun)

Announcement of participating schools: 30 June 2021 (Wed)

Method of announcement: mail to accompanying teachers and PDWC website

PDWC 2021 Online Debate Schedule

Day	Week	Time	Event
8/9	(Mon)	11:00 - 12:00	Zoom Connection Test 1
		20:00 - 21:00	Zoom Connection Test 2
8/10	(Tue)	17:00 - 18:00	Zoom Connection Test 3
8/12	(Thu)	9:00 - 10:00	Zoom Connection Test 4
8/14	(Sat)	17:00 - 18:00	Opening Ceremony
		18:30 - 20:30	Debate Training Group 1
8/15	(Sun)	16:00 - 18:00	Activity 1
		17:00 - 19:00	Debate Training Group 2
		19:30 - 21:30	Debate Event 1
8/16	(Mon)	15:00 - 17:00	Activity 2
		18:00 - 20:00	Debate 1 Group 1,2,3,4
		20:30 - 22:30	Debate 1 Group 5,6,7,8
8/17	(Tue)	15:00 - 17:00	Activity 3
		17:00 - 19:00	Debate 2 Group 1,2,3,4
		19:00 - 21:00	Debate Event 2
8/18	(Wed)	16:00 - 18:00	Debate 2 Group 5,6,7,8
		18:30 - 20:30	Debate 3 Group 1,2,3,4
8/19	(Thu)	16:00 - 18:00	Debate 3 Group 5,6,7,8
		18:30 - 20:30	Activity
8/20	(Fri)	16:00 - 18:00	Semi-Final Debate 1, 2
		18:00 - 20:00	Activity 5
8/21	(Sat)	17:00 - 19:00	Final Debate
		19:00 - 20:00	Closing Ceremony

*The schedule is subject to change.



PDWC 2020 Online Event Outline (Previous event)

PDWC 2020 Online Debate ~Connecting to the Future~



Date: Sunday, November 8 – Sunday, November 15, 2020

Location: Zoom (Online)

Purpose: Aim to promote exchange for both students and teachers in a new online format in light of the cancelled in-person PDWC 2020 event

Content: 1) Training from Debate Mate
2) Debate
3) Tag Game (Friendly Activity)

Host: WakuPro General Incorporated Foundation

Partner Organization: Debate Mate

Participating Schools: 6 schools from Japan + 4 schools from overseas (10 schools total)

【From Japan】 Shibuya Junior & Senior High School (Tokyo), Sakaehigashi Junior & Senior High School (Saitama), Seiko Gakuin Junior & Senior High School (Kanagawa), Tokai Junior & Senior High School (Aichi), Kobe University Secondary School (Hyogo), Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Okayama)

【From Abroad】 Indonesia, Australia, USA, Thailand

Tournament chart:

Group	Day	Time	proposition	opposition	Winner	Debate Motion
			Country (Prefecture)	Country (Prefecture)		
1	11/9	17:00-19:00	Australia	Kanagawa	Kanagawa	A
2		20:00-22:00	Hyogo	Thailand	Thailand	A
3a	11/10	18:00-20:00	Saitama	Australia	Australia	B
3b			Indonesia	Hyogo	Indonesia	B
4	11/10	18:30-20:30	Tokyo	Kanagawa	Tokyo	B
5		22:00-24:00	Indonesia	USA	USA	A
6	11/12	17:00-19:00	Okayama	Saitama	Okayama	A
7		18:30-20:30	Tokyo	Aichi	Tokyo	A
8		21:00-23:00	*Cancelled			
9	11/13	17:00-19:00	Okayama	Thailand	Okayama	B
10		22:00-24:00	Aichi	USA	USA	B

Debate Motions: 【A】 This house believes that artificial intelligence is a good thing
【B】 This house would introduce a 3-day weekend

Result: Winner — Shibuya Junior & Senior High School (Tokyo)
Runner-up — Seiko Gakuin Junior & Senior High School (Kanagawa)
3rd Place — Tokai Junior & Senior High School (Aichi), Indonesia

* A summary video of the event can be viewed at the following link:

【PDWC 2020 Online Event Highlight Video】 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7UBLTj7ie8>





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