

PDWC 2024

High School Parliamentary Debate World Conference & Competition

Saturday, February 3 ~ Saturday, February 10, 2024
Online (Zoom)



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Greetings from the Organizers

As we approach the year 2024, the ongoing presence of a virus that has massively reshaped our lives has become the 'new normal'; sadly, our ability to adapt to global crises has not yet taught us how to refrain from war. Conflicts around the world are a reminder that friendship and deep connections across borders are even more important in times like these. While bringing young minds together in person is still our deepest desire, our shared commitment to safety and wellbeing makes it necessary once again to offer our international experience virtually. We remain inspired by the very real connections that have been nurtured online since our shift to this format in 2020. The bonds forged by participants in the years since then have endured, proving that friendship knows no boundaries, whether virtual or physical. At PDWC 2024, we embrace the opportunities that these innovative ways of connecting have brought to our global community, and we celebrate our resilience in meeting the unique challenges of this unparalleled era in human history. We look forward to another year of thought-provoking discussions, spirited debates, and the enduring spirit of connections beyond borders that defines PDWC.

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Debate Mate

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.



Margaret McCabe

Barrister- at-law
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Purpose of PDWC



Aim of the Event

As part of the WakuPro Foundation's International Friendship Program, the purpose of PDWC is to:

1. Exchange diverse views through debate, and foster friendships that will serve as a foundation for building a peaceful world
2. Introduce to each other the history and culture of each of their regions of the world, foster mutual respect and understanding and embrace diversity while enjoying themselves
3. Learn more about Japan and enjoy Japanese culture and tradition

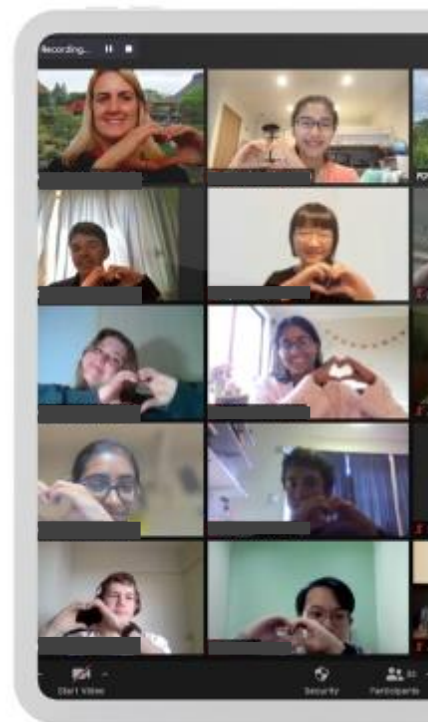
Students who participate in the conference can also apply to become Youth Ambassadors the next year; they can participate as conference staff and further develop their leadership skills.

About the Debates

WakuPro's goal through debate is to provide opportunities for students to learn communication skills, develop their ability to think globally by discussing various social issues, and acquire the listening and empathy skills necessary for next-generation leaders. By engaging in dialogue with other students, participants can make new connections from around the world and cultivate friendships that will last a lifetime. The debate portion of the event is facilitated by Debate Mate based in the United Kingdom.

About the Cultural Connect & Student Connect Activities

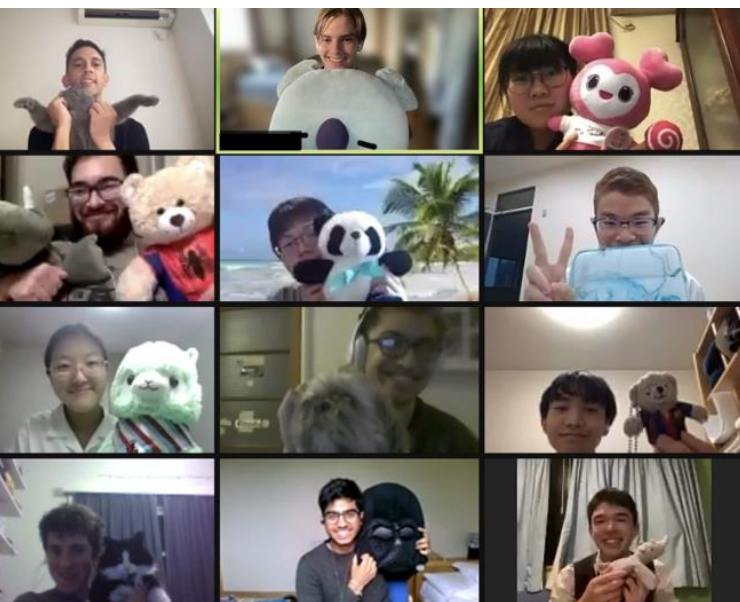
During the cultural and student connect activities, participants take the time to deepen their understanding of cultural backgrounds, deepening friendships with friends, and further utilizing the communication skills they have developed at the conference to make possible a peaceful and bright future for the next generation. They also experience fun, interactive events that will help spread the culture and charm of Japan to the world. At PDWC we place great value on creating opportunities for participants to form deep connections. To this end, **we strongly encourage students to attend all of the various social and cultural sessions throughout the event.**



Event Overview

1. Number of Participant Schools

6 schools from Japan and 6 schools from overseas will be accepted.



3. Teams consist of students who:

- Want to actively interact with high school students from all over the world
- Want to learn more about debate
- Are lively, proactive, curious and open
- Can commit to the schedule and be punctual



2. Team Composition

- Each team must consist of **3 students** and **1 teacher**, totalling **4 persons**.
- 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.**



4. Regarding the online event format

- The event will be held entirely online via **Zoom** and will not be open to the public.
- Although time differences will be taken into consideration, the program will be held from **9:00 to 21:00 Japan Standard Time (JST)** in principle.
- Due to time differences between participating countries, the schedule may be changed after the schools are selected.



Application Details

How to apply

Please apply from the [application form](#) found in your announcement email.

1. Complete 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/phone number)

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

Application Period & Team Selection

Application period: 1st November (Wed) – 15th November (Wed) 2023

Announcement of participating schools: 25th November (Sat) 2023

Method of announcement: email to accompanying teachers and PDWC website



Schedule (Tentative)

1/29	(Mon)	9:00 - 9:30	Zoom Connection Test 1
1/30	(Tue)	16:00 - 16:30	Zoom Connection Test 2
1/31	(Wed)	10:00 - 10:30	Zoom Connection Test 3
		19:00 - 19:30	Zoom Connection Test 4
2/1	(Thu)	22:00 - 22:30	Zoom Connection Test 5
		17:00 - 18:00	Opening Ceremony
2/3	(Sat)	18:30 - 20:30	Debate Training Group 1
		21:00 - 23:00	School Introductions 1
2/4	(Sun)	9:00 - 11:00	Cultural Connect Activity 1
		16:00 - 18:00	School Introductions 2
		21:00 - 23:00	Debate Training Group 2
2/5	(Mon)	16:00 - 18:00	Debate Event 1 (Mixed Debate)
		19:30 - 20:30	Student Connect Activity 1
		21:00 - 23:00	Debate Round 1 Group 1
2/6	(Tue)	17:00 - 19:00	Debate Round 1 Group 2
		21:00 - 23:00	Debate Event 2 (Mixed Debate)
2/7	(Wed)	18:00 - 20:00	Debate Round 2 Group 1
		20:30 - 22:30	Debate Round 2 Group 2
2/8	(Thu)	17:30 - 19:30	Debate Round 3 Group 1
		20:00 - 21:00	Student Connect Activity 2
		21:30 - 23:30	Debate Round 3 Group 2
2/9	(Fri)	17:00 - 19:00	Semi-Final Debate Round
		21:30 - 22:30	Student Connect Activity 3
2/10	(Sat)	10:00 - 12:00	Cultural Connect Activity 2
		16:00 - 17:00	Student Connect Activity 4
		17:00 - 19:00	Final Debate Round
		19:00 - 20:00	Closing Ceremony

Note: Schedule is subject to changes.

All times are in Japan Standard Time (JST)



Program Details

- **Zoom connection test (all participants must attend once) *Including supervising teachers**
 - We will hold multiple sessions to outline important points about Zoom and for students to test their connection.
- **Opening Ceremony (participation optional)**
 - This will be held via Zoom webinar.
- **Debate Training (participation compulsory)**
 - Debate training program provided by Debate Mate.
- **Debate Event (participation compulsory)**
 - Let's mix the teams up a little and meet new students from around the world. A Mixed Debate with all participating students!
- **Debate Rounds (participation compulsory)**
 - There will be three preliminary rounds for each school. The top 4 schools will advance to the Semi-Final Round.
- **Semi-Final Debate Round**
 - The top 2 schools in the Debate Round will advance to the Final Debate Round.



- **Final Debate Round (all participants may observe)**
 - We encourage all teams to observe and support the final debate, this will be a debate not to be missed!
- **School introductions (participation compulsory)**
 - Schools will present their country/region introduction videos and exchange questions
- **Cultural Connect Activities (participate in as many as possible)**
 - We will have a virtual experience of Japanese culture. The content of the activity will be announced on the day, so please look forward to it!
- **Student Connect Activities (participate in as many as possible)**
 - A core part of the PDWC experience – we strongly encourage students to participate and form international friendships.
- **Closing Ceremony (participation optional)**
 - This will be held via Zoom webinar. The announcement of the winning school and various awards will be presented.



Overview of Previous Event

Date	Saturday, February 4 th – Saturday, February 11 th , 2023
Location	Zoom (Online)
Purpose	School students around the world connected online to better understand and accept each other's cultural differences, to engage in deep dialogue, and forge bonds in order to realize a better future.
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debate Training 2. Debate Round 3. Student Connect Activities 4. Cultural Connect Activities
Host	WakuPro General Incorporated Foundation
Partner	Debate Mate
No. of teams	14 teams

Participant schools

From Japan

Fukiai High School (Kobe)
 Kobe University Secondary School (Kobe)
 Shibuya Junior and Senior High School (Tokyo)
 Clark Memorial International High School (Tokyo)
 Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Okayama)
 Aichi Prefectural Showa High School (Aichi)
 Kansai Soka High School (Osaka)

From Abroad

Robina State High School (Australia)
 Cedartown High School (U.S.A.)
 Gia Dinh High School (Vietnam)
 SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
 Southland Boys' High School (New Zealand)
 Future Complex High School (Mongolia)
 Janak Nath Memorial Secondary School (Nepal)



Tournament Chart

Debate Round 1					
27 (Tue) 17:00-19:00 (JST)					
Group 1	Country	School Name	VS	Country	School Name
1-1	New Zealand	Southland Boys' High School	VS	Japan (Okayama)	Okayama Gakugeikan High School
1-2	Nepal	Janak Nath Memorial Secondary School	VS	Japan (Tokyo)	Clark Memorial International High School
1-3	Australia	Robina State High School	VS	Indonesia	SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh
1-4	Japan (Kobe)	Fukiai High School	VS	Mongolia	Future Complex High School
27 (Tue) 21:00-23:00 (JST)					
2-1	Japan (Kobe)	Kobe University Secondary School	VS	Vietnam	Gia Dinh High School
2-2	USA	Cedartown High School	VS	Japan (Osaka)	Kansai Soka High School
2-3	Japan (Tokyo)	Shibuya Junior and Senior High School	VS	Japan (Nagoya)	Aichi Prefectural Showa High School
Debate Round 2					
28 (Wed) 18:00-20:00 (JST)					
1-1	Mongolia	Future Complex High School	VS	Nepal	Janak Nath Memorial Secondary School
1-2	New Zealand	Southland Boys' High School	VS	Japan (Kobe)	Fukiai High School
1-3	Indonesia	SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh	VS	Japan (Kobe)	Kobe University Secondary School
1-4	Japan (Tokyo)	Clark Memorial International High School	VS	Australia	Robina State High School
28 (Wed) 20:30-22:30 (JST)					
2-1	Vietnam	Gia Dinh High School	VS	Japan (Nagoya)	Aichi Prefectural Showa High School
2-2	Japan (Osaka)	Kansai Soka High School	VS	Japan (Okayama)	Okayama Gakugeikan High School
2-3	Japan (Tokyo)	Shibuya Junior and Senior High School	VS	USA	Cedartown High School
Debate Round 3					
29 (Thu) 17:30-19:30 (JST)					
1-1	Japan (Okayama)	Okayama Gakugeikan High School	VS	Nepal	Janak Nath Memorial Secondary School
1-2	Japan (Tokyo)	Clark Memorial International High School	VS	New Zealand	Southland Boys' High School
1-3	Australia	Robina State High School	VS	Japan (Kobe)	Fukiai High School
1-4	Mongolia	Future Complex High School	VS	Japan (Osaka)	Kansai Soka High School
29 (Thu) 21:30-23:30 (JST)					
2-1	Japan (Kobe)	Kobe University Secondary School	vs	USA	Cedartown High School
2-2	Vietnam	Gia Dinh High School	vs	Japan (Tokyo)	Shibuya Junior and Senior High School
2-3	Japan (Nagoya)	Aichi Prefectural Showa High School	vs	Indonesia	SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh

Semi-final Debate Round

Date Friday, February 10th 17:00 – 19:00
Motion "THBT AI technologies, such as ChatGPT, are a threat to human creativity"

Country	School Name	VS	Country	School Name
New Zealand	Southland Boys' High School	VS	USA	Cedartown High School
Vietnam	Gia Dinh High School	VS	Japan (Tokyo)	Shibuya Junior and Senior High School

Final Debate Round

Date Saturday, February 11th 17:00 – 19:00
Motion "THBT removing hate speech from social media is more important than protecting freedom of speech"

Country	School Name	vs	Country	School Name
USA	Cedartown High School	vs	Japan (Tokyo)	Shibuya Junior and Senior High School

Result:

1st place Shibuya Junior and Senior High School (Tokyo, Japan)
Runner up Cedartown High School (USA)



Time Zone Difference Table

Japan	Australia	NZ	Mongolia	Indonesia	Vietnam	Nepal	USA
Region	Brisbane	Auckland	Ulaanbaatar	Jakarta	Hanoi	Kathmandu	Atlanta
Time Diff	1	4	-1	-2	-2	-3.25	-14
0:00	1:00	4:00	23:00 (-1Day)	22:00 (-1Day)	22:00 (-1Day)	20:45 (-1Day)	10:00 (-1Day)
1:00	2:00	5:00	0:00	23:00 (-1Day)	23:00 (-1Day)	21:45 (-1Day)	11:00 (-1Day)
2:00	3:00	6:00	1:00	0:00	0:00	22:45 (-1Day)	12:00 (-1Day)
3:00	4:00	7:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	23:45 (-1Day)	13:00 (-1Day)
4:00	5:00	8:00	3:00	2:00	2:00	0:45	14:00 (-1Day)
5:00	6:00	9:00	4:00	3:00	3:00	1:45	15:00 (-1Day)
6:00	7:00	10:00	5:00	4:00	4:00	2:45	16:00 (-1Day)
7:00	8:00	11:00	6:00	5:00	5:00	3:45	17:00 (-1Day)
8:00	9:00	12:00	7:00	6:00	6:00	4:45	18:00 (-1Day)
9:00	10:00	13:00	8:00	7:00	7:00	5:45	19:00 (-1Day)
10:00	11:00	14:00	9:00	8:00	8:00	6:45	20:00 (-1Day)
11:00	12:00	15:00	10:00	9:00	9:00	7:45	21:00 (-1Day)
12:00	13:00	16:00	11:00	10:00	10:00	8:45	22:00 (-1Day)
13:00	14:00	17:00	12:00	11:00	11:00	9:45	23:00 (-1Day)
14:00	15:00	18:00	13:00	12:00	12:00	10:45	0:00
15:00	16:00	19:00	14:00	13:00	13:00	11:45	1:00
16:00	17:00	20:00	15:00	14:00	14:00	12:45	2:00
17:00	18:00	21:00	16:00	15:00	15:00	13:45	3:00
18:00	19:00	22:00	17:00	16:00	16:00	14:45	4:00
19:00	20:00	23:00	18:00	17:00	17:00	15:45	5:00
20:00	21:00	0:00	19:00	18:00	18:00	16:45	6:00
21:00	22:00	1:00 (+1DAY)	20:00	19:00	19:00	17:45	7:00
22:00	23:00	2:00 (+1DAY)	21:00	20:00	20:00	18:45	8:00
23:00	0:00 (+1DAY)	3:00 (+1DAY)	22:00	21:00	21:00	19:45	9:00



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