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PDWC 2025

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE WORLD
CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION



Theme

~ **Connecting for Peace** ~

Schedule

**Thursday, February 6 -
Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

Venue

Debate Tournament

February 6 (Thursday) -
February 10 (Monday), 2025

Hotel Heritage

Excursion

February 10 (Monday) -
February 11 (Tuesday), 2025

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Greetings from the Organizers



WakuPro
PDWC 2025
Parliamentary Debate World
Conference and Competition
President of
WakuPro Foundation
Kazuko Nakadai

Since 2020, we've adapted to a new way of living with the novel coronavirus, and we're finally able to reconnect with countries around the world. This year, we're excited to hold the event in person for the first time in five years. Let's gather with friends from all over the world to discuss what "peace" truly means. We sincerely look forward to your participation.

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Debate Mate
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The Debate Mate program is offered in partnership with Debate Mate Schools, a charitable organization in the education sector. Debate Mate Schools runs after-school debate clubs in high-poverty areas around the world, led by talented university students. Over the past nine years, we have mentored over 25,000 young people in the UK, USA, Jamaica, Nepal, UAE, Qatar, Mexico, Rwanda, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, China, Japan, South Korea, and Israel.



Tournament Overview

Theme ~ Connecting for Peace ~

Dates February 6 (Thursday) - February 12 (Wednesday), 2025

Venue

Debate Competition

Feb 6 (Thu) – Feb 10 (Mon)

Hotel Heritage

228 Oegawa, Kumagaya,
Saitama 360-0103
TEL 048-536-1212
<http://www.hotel-heritage.co.jp/>

Excursion

Feb 10 (Mon) – Feb 11 (Tues)

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Host WakuPro Foundation

Partner Debate Mate



Purpose of the Tournament

PDWC (High School Parliamentary Debate World Conference and Competition) is part of the International Friendship Program organized by the WakuPro Foundation. Our aims are to:

1. Foster friendships that serve as a foundation for world peace by allowing Japanese and international high school students to exchange diverse opinions through debate.
2. Introduce and share the history and culture of different regions, promoting mutual respect, understanding, and the enjoyment of diversity.
3. Provide an opportunity for high school students from around the world to learn about Japan and to share Japanese culture and traditions globally.

Participating students can also develop leadership skills by serving as youth ambassadors in the following years.

WakuPro's goal for debate is to provide a platform for discussing various social issues, helping participants develop global communication skills while nurturing the next generation of leaders. By debating with peers, students can connect with friends worldwide and build lifelong friendships. The mentors for the program are from the UK-based Debate Mate organization.

Application Guidelines

Participation Requirements

1. Schools that can participate for the entire duration of the event
2. Students who are eager to actively engage with peers from around the world
3. Students who want to further their debate skills
4. International participants must possess a valid passport by September 2024.

Application Period **September 10, 2024 (Tuesday)**
September 25, 2024 (Wednesday)

Number of Schools **5 Domestic and**
5 International Schools (10 total)

Team Composition **1 team consists of 3 students**
and 1 accompanying teacher,
totaling 4 members.

Participating students can be of mixed genders and mixed grades (limited to currently enrolled students). Exchange students are not eligible to participate.

Application Method

Apply via the dedicated application page on the PDWC website.

1. School Name
2. Participating Students:
Full Names of the 3 participants
3. Accompanying Teacher:
Full Name
Contact Information (Email and Phone)
4. Short self-introduction video

Important Notes

Changes to participants after the selection is finalized are generally prohibited. Applications must be submitted by the accompanying teacher only. All inquiries must be made by the accompanying teacher.



Schedule

- 2/6 Thu** International participating schools arrive at Narita and Haneda, then transfer to Hotel Heritage.
Domestic participating schools gather at Hotel Heritage
- 2/7 Fri** Orientation
Opening Ceremony
Debate Training
Welcome Dinner
- 2/8 Sat** Debate Rounds
Cultural Exchange Activities
Dinner
- 2/9 Sun** Semi-Final Debate Round
Final Debate Round
Closing Ceremony
Cultural Exchange Activities
Onsen Dinner
- 2/10 Mon** Hotel Heritage Checkout
Bus to Angel Grandia
Snow Activities
Dinner
- 2/11 Tue** Checkout from Angel Grandia and
Shinkansen to Tokyo (free time)
Bus to Hotel Heritage
Final Party
- 2/12 wed** Return Home

A detailed schedule will be announced later. The schedule is subject to change.



Overview of Previous Event (PDWC 2024)

Theme ~ Planting Seeds of Peace ~
Period Sat. Feb 3 – Sat. Feb 10, 2024
Venue ZOOM (Online)
Host WakuPro Foundation
Partner Debate Mate
Shools 6 (within) 6 (outside Japan) Total 12 Schools



Inside Japan

1. Shibuya Junior & Senior High School (Tokyo)
2. Clark Memorial International High School (Tokyo)
3. Aichi Prefectural Showa High School (Aichi)
4. Kobe University Secondary School (Hyogo)
5. Kobe Municipal Fukiai High School (Hyogo)
6. Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Okayama)

Outside Japan

1. Robina State High School (Australia)
2. SMAN Negeri 3 Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
3. Janak Nath Memorial Higher Secondary School (Nepal)
4. Southland Boys' High School (New Zealand)
5. Cedartown High School (U.S.A.)
6. EFI Casablanca (Morocco)

Debate Pairings Debate Round 1 Group1: 2/6 17:00 - 19:00

Clark Memorial International High School (Tokyo) **VS** Janak Nath Memorial Higher Secondary School (Nepal)
 Shibuya Junior & Senior High School (Tokyo) **VS** Southland Boys' High School (New Zealand)
 Kobe Municipal Fukiai High School (Hyogo) **VS** Robina State High School (Australia)

Debate Round 1 Group2: 2/6 21:00 - 23:00

Aichi Prefectural Showa High School (Aichi) **VS** Cedartown High School (U.S.A.)
 Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Okayama) **VS** SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
 Kobe University Secondary School (Hyogo) **VS** EFI Casablanca (Morocco)

Debate Round 2 Group1: 2/7 18:00 - 20:00

Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Okayama) **VS** Southland Boys' High School (New Zealand)
 Kobe Municipal Fukiai High School (Hyogo) **VS** Janak Nath Memorial Higher Secondary School (Nepal)
 EFI Casablanca (Morocco) **VS** Robina State High School (Australia)

Debate Round 2 Group2: 2/7 20:30 - 22:30

Clark Memorial International High School (Tokyo) **VS** Cedartown High School (U.S.A.)
 Aichi Prefectural Showa High School (Aichi) **VS** SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
 Shibuya Junior & Senior High School (Tokyo) **VS** Kobe University Secondary School (Hyogo)

Debate Round 3 Group 1: 2/8 17:30 - 19:30

Shibuya Junior & Senior High School (Tokyo) **VS** EFI Casablanca (Morocco)
 Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Okayama) **VS** Robina State High School (Australia)
 Kobe Municipal Fukiai High School (Hyogo) **VS** Southland Boys' High School (New Zealand)

Debate Round 3 Group 2: 2/8 21:30 - 23:30

Clark Memorial International High School (Tokyo) **VS** SMA Negeri 3 Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
 Aichi Prefectural Showa High School (Aichi) **VS** Janak Nath Memorial Higher Secondary School (Nepal)
 Kobe University Secondary School (Hyogo) **VS** Cedartown High School (U.S.A.)

Result
Winner Clark Memorial International High School (Tokyo)
Runner Up Southland Boys' High School (New Zealand)
3rd place Aichi Prefectural Showa High School (Aichi)



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