



THE HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY

Summer Workshop 2006

Invitation Package

24th February 2006

Dear Sir/ Madam,

On behalf of the **Hong Kong Parliamentary Debating Society (HKPDS)**, I formally invite you to participate in our Summer Workshop 2006. We encourage all students continuing on to Form 6, Form 7, or University (Year 1) with adequate debating experience to attend the Workshop. Form 4 and 5 students will also be considered. We have included the relevant forms and summaries for your reference.

Our objectives are (1) to foster the passion for reasoned debate and critical thinking embodied by the internationally recognised British Parliamentary style of debating and (2) to encourage participants to be constantly aware of international, political, social, ethical and economic issues.

We have experienced great success with our Summer Workshop 2005 (a number of students went on to represent Hong Kong in the Worlds Schools Debate Competition) and due to our success, we have opened up our workshop to a wider variety and number of students, along with a newly introduced two-tier system. The workshops will be conducted by leading international debating trainers. In addition to the workshops, participants will have the opportunity to hold dialogues with eminent persons, take part in public speaking contests, and debate competitively for the championship title.

Should you have any queries or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Katherine Ho at 94608765 or katherineho@hkpds.org or Ms Pulcheria Chung at 63407918 or pulcheriachung@hkpds.org. We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours Sincerely,



(Ms) Shannie Lee
Chairperson
The Hong Kong Parliamentary Debating Society

British Parliamentary Debating Style

Advantages	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes an international perspective and understanding of global issues. • Improves critical analysis and communication skills • Develops spontaneity and fluency in speaking • Used in international competitions, such as the Worlds Universities Debating Championship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four teams: two teams on both the Government (affirmative) and Opposition (negative) • Teams on the same side (Government or Opposition) are separate, competing against each other, and must have different arguments • Two persons on each team, each with a specific role in the debate • Speeches are 7 minutes long • Speakers should accept and respond immediately to “Points of Information” (impromptu questions raised by opposing teams)
Scoring	The Motion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% matter (content) and 50% manner (style) • Marks are deducted for personal attacks, truisms, unnecessary definitional challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Released 15 minutes before the debate • Can be on any international issue • Case-building cannot be wholly confined to a particular region, country or time if not stated in the motion

PAYMENT SCHEME

Workshop Fee: HKD 1000*

Deadline: 12th April 2006

- **Payment Procedures**

Details on payment procedures will be released on 31st March 2006.

- **Withdrawals**

If students seek to withdraw from the camp before the starting date on an emergency basis, full refund will be given if a replacement can be found. If a replacement cannot be found in time, the Society will assess the case individually. The Society's decision will be final.

***Potential Refunds**

The Hong Kong Parliamentary Debating Society seeks to provide its participants the best experience possible at the most affordable cost. The Society hopes to lower the workshop fee with the prospects of sponsorships and donations and provide refunds.

TIMELINE

24th March	Application Deadline (Postmarked)
31st March	Release of Application Results (Successful participants will be contacted)
12th April	Payment and Confirmation Deadline (Postmarked)
24th-29th July	WORKSHOP (Venue: CUHK)
29th July	FINAL COMPETITION (Venue: HKU)

Itinerary of the Workshop

Day 1: 24th July 2006 (Monday)	
AM	Registration
	Opening Ceremony
PM	Lunch
	Demonstration Debate #1
	<i><u>Beginner:</u> Workshop 1: Introduction to the rules and format of British Parliamentary Debate + Practice Debate</i>
	<i><u>Advanced:</u> Workshop 1: Review of the rules and format of British Parliamentary Debate + Practice Debate</i>
	Dinner
	Ice-breaking Group Activities

Day 2: 25th July 2006 (Tuesday)	
AM	Breakfast
	Daily Announcements
	Demonstration Debate #2
	Question & Answer Session
	<i><u>Beginner:</u> Workshop 2: Brainstorming and Case-Building</i>
	<i><u>Advanced:</u> Workshop 2: Perfecting your Case</i>
PM	Lunch
	<i><u>Beginner:</u> Practice Debate + Feedback</i>
	<i><u>Advanced:</u> Practice Debate + Feedback</i>
	<i><u>Beginner:</u> Workshop 3: Points of Information and Extensions</i>
	<i><u>Advanced:</u> Practice Debate + Feedback</i>
	Dinner
	Free Time: Come up with your winning strategy!

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Day 3: 26 th July 2006 (Wednesday)	
AM	Breakfast
	Daily Announcements
	Debate Round 0
	Group Reflection: Discuss the previous debate with your trainers!
PM	Lunch
	<u>Beginner</u> : <i>Workshop 4: Understanding Adjudication</i> <u>Advanced</u> : <i>Workshop 3: Becoming an Adjudicator</i>
	Debate Round 1
	Dinner
	Guest Speaker Session

Day 4: 27 th July 2006 (Thursday)	
AM	Breakfast
	<u>Beginner</u> : <i>Workshop 5: Basic Research Methods</i> <u>Advanced</u> : <i>Workshop 4: Make better use of your Research</i>
	Debate Round 2
PM	Lunch
	<u>Beginner</u> : <i>Workshop 6: Public Speaking</i> <u>Advanced</u> : <i>Workshop 5: Advanced Speaking Skills</i>
	Debate Round 3
	Dinner
	Fun Activities

Day 5: 28th July 2006 (Friday)	
AM	Breakfast
	Debate Round 4
	Public Speaking
PM	Lunch
	Debate Round 5
	Public Speaking
	Dinner
	Guest Speaker Session

Day 6: 29th July 2006 (Saturday)	
AM	Breakfast
	Travel to The University of Hong Kong
	Semi-Finals
PM	Lunch
	Public Speaking Finals
	Debate Round: Grand Finals
	Closing Ceremony