



15<sup>th</sup> April 2023

To: Principals and Head of English Language Dept -  
All Asian Secondary Schools

Dear Sir/Madam

**HELP University Malaysia**  
**ASIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL ON/OFF-LINE ENGLISH DEBATE CHALLENGE 2023**

**INVITATION TO COMPETE**  
(v1.0)

Greetings from HELP University Malaysia!

HELP's engagement in organising debate events for secondary school students can be dated back to 2003. The competition was then open to all secondary schools in Malaysia. Subsequently in 2012, another tourney was initiated exclusively for the Malaysian Chinese Independent Secondary Schools (MCISS).

With the onset of Covid-19 pandemic and the Movement Control Order (MCO) in 2020, HELP's debate event was hampered and only workshops and friendly matches were run for that year. However, the viral catastrophe did not permanently halt this challenging yet rewarding learning process conducted by HELP. Instead, it entered into a new era in the following year in 2021 by putting all debates ONLINE. And we reaped the unprecedented spin-off of opening it up to beyond Malaysia to include all secondary schools in Asia. The responses were very encouraging. Hence, come 2022, we have the competition 2.0.

We are proud to inform that the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Secondary School Online English Debate Challenge, held respectively in 2021 and 2022 were landmark success for the organizer and the co-organiser. It was a totally new experience to all the stakeholders as compared to the previous tourneys being held since 2003. In spite of all odds caused by Covid-19 pandemic and MCO, we were able to attract participation from local schools and those from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore.

Now, we are here again to continue this endeavor by holding the competition 3.0 in July and August this year (2023). All types of secondary schools, English or non-English medium schools, international or home schools, are welcome to participate.

Following are the coming debate events scheduled for this year:

### **A. Debate Competition**

1. **Name:** Asian Secondary School On/Off-line English Debate Challenge 2023

2. **Date, Time, Type & Mode of Competition:**

Date	Time	Type	Mode
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2023 (Sat)	9:00am ~ 4:00pm	Preliminary Rounds I, II & III	ONLINE
16 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2023 (Sun)	10:00am ~ 3:00pm	Preliminary Rounds IV & V	ONLINE
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 (Sat)	10:00am ~ 4:00pm	Octo- & Quarto-Finals	PHYSICAL
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 (Sun)	10:00am ~ 4:00pm	Semi- & Grand-Finals	PHYSICAL

3. **Participation:** This Competition is open to ALL secondary schools in Asia - international schools, SMKs, SMJKs, home schools, local and foreign inclusive.

4. **Competition Guide:**

4.1 The competition follows the Asian Parliamentary-style Debate protocol.

4.2 The 16 best teams will break into the Final Rounds through 5 Preliminary rounds and selected through power matching process. However, the 16 contesting teams entering the Finals SHALL NOT consist of more than two teams from a single school.

5. **Registration** (for Preliminary Competition):

Each participating school can send in any number of teams comprising three (3) debaters per team to take part in the Preliminary Competitions. Registration can be done using the entry form attached. Completed entry form should reach the organiser not later than **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**. Payment procedure could be found in the Entry form. Kindly note that separate registration and payment will be required for the 16 teams breaking into the Final Competition.

6. **Payment:**

A participation fee of Malaysian Ringgit RM150 (Ringgit One Hundred & Fifty Only) per team will be payable by the participating school upon acceptance of registration for the Preliminary Competition by the Organiser.

### **B. Debate Workshops**

This time around, debate workshops will only be conducted upon sizable request from the schools as many of the regular participating schools have already engaged their own coaches.

We attached here with the following documents for your reference and action:

1. Invitation letter
2. Entry form
3. Event calendar
4. Debate Rules & Regulations

We hereby cordially invite your school to participate in this competitions. The Registration guide, Rules & Regulation etc. can be found in the attached files.

Meanwhile, we are honoured to have continued support from WoLCE (Way of Life Consolidated Education), a professional cultural entity, as our Co-Organizer, assisting us in running all the matches.

For inquiries, kindly call or whatsapp the undersigned at 019-6080 958, or email [ss.lai@help.edu.my](mailto:ss.lai@help.edu.my)

Thank you and good luck. Do keep safe!

Yours Sincerely,  
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