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Dear, Professor

Hubei University of Economics (HUE) in partnership with the University of Puget Sound, the International Debate Education Association (IDEA) and the China Debate Education Network (CDEN) is pleased to invite you to the HUE/CDEN—Central China Debate Competition to be held on the campus of Hubei University of Economics May 10-12, 2013. We invite you to come to Wuhan, Hubei, PRC for one day of British Parliamentary Debater and Adjudicator training in Mandarin and English followed by two days of competition.

Chinese debate experts, assisted by United States experts, will present the training sessions for both debaters and adjudicators. Students and adjudicators will learn about British Parliamentary debate with sessions from Debate Format to sessions on argument development, specific speeches of the debate, and judging. We hope this training will bring in many new students and adjudicators to this form of debate.

The tournament will consist of four rounds of preliminary debates followed by a semifinal and finals round if the size of the tournament dictates. Certificates will be given to all students and adjudicators that participate. Awards will be given to all teams competing in the final debate.

HUE along with University of Puget Sound will offer limited travel and lodging subsidies for expenses associated with travel to and lodging in Wuhan. Please see the following Tournament Information for more specific details regarding subsidies.

To make this training and tournament a success, we ask that you arrive at HUE no later than 9am on Friday May 10, 2013. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able and willing to attend because if you are not, we would like to be able to give your space to another deserving university.

Over the last decade, IDEA has organized and sponsored debate competitions and education development across China. Debate education and practice develops student communication skills, language proficiency, and critical thinking while improving student learning beyond the laboratory of debate. The University of Puget Sound and HUE are delighted to be partners with IDEA in developing the China Debate Education Network.

Hubei University of Economics (HBUE) is located in the city of Wuhan, the political, economic, financial, cultural, educational and transportation center of central China. It is a comprehensive institution of higher education under the administration of Hubei Provincial Government with economics and management as its core disciplines, which are coordinating with the development of such disciplines as science, engineering, literature, law, pedagogy, etc.

We sincerely hope you are able to do us the honor of being a part of this important training and tournament.

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
China Debate Education Network; Central China Branch
Hubei University of Economics
May 10-12, 2013

Debate Format and Rules

The tournament will offer English and Mandarin divisions of British-Parliamentary (BP) debate. BP debate consists of two-person teams with four teams competing in each debate. Both divisions will use the WUDC rules with a 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 format and thirty minutes to prepare (including time to walk to the round). If a division has fewer than 12 teams entered that division will not take place. The topics will be centrally announced and will vary per round. Students can use any printed materials during preparation time, but Internet access and electronic access to computer files is not allowed. During preparation time students may consult only with their partner. All competitors must be enrolled students at the institutions that they are representing. The tournament is open to secondary school students, undergraduate students, and graduate students.

Entry Policies and Deadline

Any universities may enter as many teams as they wish with one condition. For every three teams a school enters one of those teams must be entered in the Mandarin division. Please complete entries via web registration (<http://forensicstournament.net/HUECDEN/13>) no later than 9:00 p.m. Beijing Time on May 7, 2013. Please report entry changes as soon as possible. It will **not** be possible to **add** any entries after the 9:00 p.m. deadline on May 7, 2013. Contact Tournament Director Dan Jin (Daniel) via his mobile 13971673406 or email (danieljin513@163.com.) with any questions about registration.

Policies on and Application for Subsidy

Entry fees are covered for all participants. Universities from outside of Wuhan and from Jiangxi, Henan, Hunan, and Anhui will be provided a travel and lodging subsidy for teams and adjudicators based upon distance traveled. Subsidies will be awarded on the condition that teams and adjudicators attend the training sessions and complete the tournament including judging every round committed. Subsidies will be given at completion of Grand Final. Lunches will be provided for all participants and the tournament may offer dinners as well. Universities receiving a subsidy will be required to fill out a form during the tournament acknowledging receipt of the subsidy. For questions about reimbursement for expenses, please contact the tournament director. Schools requiring a greater subsidy to travel to the tournament should contact Derek Buescher regarding the availability of funds beyond the subsidy. Universities new to debate and for whom the HUE/CDEN tournament is their first tournament may receive a greater subsidy. Such institutions should alert Derek Buescher (dbuescher@pugetsound.edu) that this is their first tournament.

Fees and Adjudication

There are no entry fees for the tournament, but there will be fees to cover extra adjudication. The tournament is following an N-1 rule for adjudicators, which means that every school must provide adjudicators equal to the total number of teams minus one (e.g. a group with four debate teams must provide three adjudicators). For teams who are unable to provide enough adjudicators, a charge of 300 RMB will apply for each adjudicator (a group with four teams and one adjudicator would have to pay for two adjudicator for a total of 600 RMB). We genuinely

want to provide all schools the chance to participate. Please contact the tournament directors if you want to attend the tournament but are concerned about the adjudicator fees. We may be able to waive the adjudicator fee or negotiate a reduced adjudicator fee of some sort. The tournament will make every effort to have at least two adjudicators per debate.

Awards

Awards will be presented to all teams competing in the final debate in both divisions. Certificates will be presented to all participants including competitors, adjudicator, and trainers.

Hotel

The tournament hotel is Liangyuan Club Hotel of Hubei University of Economics. Register for the hotel by contacting 027-81977888, 81977999 (220 RMB per night). Deadline for hotel registration is April 28th. In the event the tournament hotel fills to capacity a secondary hotel is Jintai Hotel. Register for the hotel by contacting 027-81328999, 81328666 (200 RMB per night). Deadline for hotel registration is May 4th. The third choice is 7daysinn Hotel. Register for the hotel by contacting 027- 8796817, or by the website www.7daysinn.cn (137-167 RMB per night). Deadline for hotel registration is April 28th.

Tournament Location

The tournament will take place on the HBUE campus in the following buildings, Teaching Building 1, Teaching Building 2 and Lecture Hall. Registration will occur in the lobby of the three tournament hotels and prior to training in Teaching Building 1. Training will occur in Teaching Building 1/2. Campus maps will be made available on forensicstournament.net shortly.

Tournament Administration and Notes

The first round of debate will be pre-matched, so please report drops promptly. All teams will have the opportunity to debate each of four positions (opening government, opening opposition, closing government, closing opposition) through the first four rounds. Powermatching will be used for all rounds after Round 1, but rotation through the four positions will take priority in the pairing of debates. Teams will earn points in preliminary rounds based on the following formula:

- 1st place in a round = 4 points
- 2nd place in a round = 3 points
- 3rd place in a round = 2 point
- 4th place in a round = 1 points

Participants for elimination rounds will be determined on the basis of: (1) total team points; (2) total speaker points; (3) number of first place rankings; and (4) quality of competition (total number of team points of opposing teams). The tournament will break to a semi-final round if numbers warrant. In the event of smaller pool of teams the tournament will break to finals.

TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

8:30-9:30	Registration and sign-in—Teaching Building 1
10:00-10:15	Opening Introductions
10:30-12:30	English and Mandarin Debater and Adjudicator Training
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-5:00	Debater and Adjudicator Training

5:00-6:00	Dinner
6:00-6:30	Debate Round Zero Briefing
6:30-8:00	Debate Round Zero

SATURDAY

9:00-9:30	Registration continued—Teaching Building 1
9:30-9:50	Opening Ceremony
9:50-10:00	Roll Call of Teams and Adjudicators
10:00-10:30	Debate Round One Briefing
10:30-12:00	Debate Round One
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Debate Two Briefing
1:30-3:30	Debate Two
4:00-4:30	Debate Three Briefing
4:30-6:00	Debate Three

SUNDAY

8:45-9:00	Roll Call of Teams and Adjudicators
9:00-9:30	Debate Four Briefing
9:30-11:00	Debate Four
11:00-12:00	Lunch
12:15	Announcement of Breaking Teams
12:30-1:00	Semifinal Debate Briefing (if necessary)
1:00-2:30	Semifinal Debate
3-3:30	Final Debate Briefing
3:30-4:45	Final Debate
5:00-5:30	Awards and presentations