

The 14th All-Japan High School English Debate Tournament in Gunma

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6. Annual sponsors:

Tokyo Metropolitan University
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7. Date: December 25th and 26th, 2019

8. Venue: Kyoai Gakuen University Kyoai Gakuen Junior & Senior High School
1154-4 Koyaharamachi, Maebashi-shi, Gunma, 379-2192

9. Managing committee:

Gunma High School English Education and Research Association
Chairperson: Takayuki Kurahayashi (Teacher, Maebashi Girls' Senior High School)

10. Judging committee:

All-Japan High School English Debate Association (HEnDA)
Chief Judge: Yoshiro Yano (HEnDA Board Member,
Professor, Chuo University)

11. Requirements for participants:

Participants must be high school students in Japan and should also adhere rigidly to the HEnDA “Make Friends Pledge.”

*Native speakers of English are not allowed to participate.

* Each team is not allowed to have more than two members with experience of staying abroad to whom the following conditions apply:

(1) A student with more than 12 months’ experience of staying in a country where the first language is English. (If the stay was before entering elementary school, this restriction will not be applied.)

(2) A student from a country where English is not the mother language but is one of the official languages. (If the student left the country before entering elementary school, this restriction is lifted.)

(3) A student who mainly uses English at home.

If two of these students are on a team, only one of the two is allowed to take part in each round. (Debaters can differ each round.)

12. Teams:

Only one team can apply from a school. In each team, four to six members may register. Four members participate in each round. (Debaters can differ each round.)

* The chairpersons of each preliminary round should basically be provided from the school on the Affirmative side; one of the substitute members (not necessarily a registered member) will chair. If the team has only 4 registered members and it is not possible to chair, the tournament organizer will supplement students in Saitama as the chairperson.

13. Obligation to Accompany a Judge: Each team must be accompanied by one qualified debate judge.

Any fees for the accompanying judge should be provided by the school.

Details of the judging qualifications are on the HEnDA website (URL: henda.global).

Attending teachers are allowed to register also as judges.

All judges should attend the judges’ briefing that starts at 9 a.m. on December 15th.

14. Tournament procedure:

Six preliminary rounds will be held. The top four teams will proceed to the Finals (Elimination rounds). Preliminary rounds will be judged by two judges. Finals will be judged by three or five judges.

15. Debate topic:

Resolved: That the Japanese government should limit the weekly maximum

For definitions and details of the topic, visit the HEnDA website.

16. Schedule:

Dec. 25 th (Wed.)	8:30~	Reception	Dec. 26 th (Thu)	8:00~	Reception
	10:00~	Opening Ceremony		8:30~	Fifth Round
	11:20~	First Round		10:30~	Sixth Round
	13:00~	Second Round		12:15	Announcement of Results (Prelims)
	15:00~	Third Round		12:30~	Semifinal Round
	17:00~	Fourth Round		13:50~	Final Round
	18:00~	Banquet		15:00~	Closing Ceremony
	19:30	Dismissal		16:00	Dismissal

17. Tournament rules and judging standards:

The tournament is run by the Tournament Rules and the Judging Standards, both of which are available on the HEnDA website.

18. How to apply:

Access the HEnDA website.

Fill out the form following the instructions given on the website.

HEnDA will only accept applications between October 1st and November 13th.

19. How schools are selected (summary):

The maximum number of schools is 64. Basically, the top schools in each prefectural tournament will be selected. The number of schools selected from a prefecture will be determined by the number of schools that attended that prefecture's tournament.

Thus, each school must participate in a prefectural tournament in order to be selected for the national tournament. However, there is an exception, namely that some schools that won one of the inter-prefectural tournaments authorized by HEnDA will be selected for the national tournament.

The selection criteria in detail can be found on the HEnDA website.

20. Entry fee:

25,000 yen per team (To cover tournament expenses)

1,000 yen per each player (Participation fee)

21. Awards:

Prizes will be awarded to the top eight debating teams. Best Debater awards will be given to several individuals. Best speaker in each role awards will be given to several individuals.

The Winner will be awarded the right to attend an international debate tournament or similar debate events. (Part of the admission and travel fees will be provided by HEnDA.)

22. Request for timekeepers:

Students from schools that were not selected for the national tournament or students from selected schools who are not registered as participants can apply to work as tournament timekeepers. The students must be accompanied by leading teachers, and also adhere rigidly to the HEnDA "Make Friends Pledge." If too many students apply, a selection will take place, based on the results of the prefectural tournaments.

Please forward any inquiries to:

General Incorporated Association All Japan High School English Debate Association (HEnDA)

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■ Debate Format

Parts & Roles		Time
Debaters		
A1	(1) Affirmative constructive speech (up to 2 advantages)	4 min.
	Preparation time	1 min.
N4→A1	(2) Questions from negative (N4 questions, A1 answers.)	2 min.
N1	(3) Negative constructive speech (up to 2 disadvantages)	4 min.
	Preparation time	1 min.
A4→N1	(4) Questions from affirmative (A4 questions, N1 answers)	2 min.
	Preparation time	2 min.
N2	(5) Negative attack (Only against affirmative constructive speech)	3 min.
A3→N2	(6) Affirmative questions, negative attack (A3 questions, N2 answers.)	2 min.
A2	(7) Affirmative attack (Only against negative constructive speech)	3 min.
N3→A2	(8) Negative questions, affirmative attack (N3 questions, A2 answers.)	2 min.
	Preparation time	2 min.
A3	(9) Affirmative defense (Reconstruct the attacked const. speech)	3 min.
N3	(10) Negative defense (Reconstruct the attacked const. speech)	3 min.
	Preparation time	2 min.
A4	(11) Affirmative summary (Summarize, comparing both arguments)	3 min.
N4	(12) Negative summary (Summarize, comparing both arguments)	3 min.

Total: 42 min.

■ Results of the Past Tournaments

The number of prefectures that participated in the past national tournaments:

Tournament	Year	Prefectures	Schools	Prefectural tournaments	Students	Venue
Pre	2005	11	26		160	Gifu University (Gifu)
1 st	2006	17	38		208	Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University (Gifu)
2 nd	2007	22	50		257	Nagoya Gakuin University (Aichi)
3 rd	2008	24	62		276	Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University (Gifu)
4 th	2009	29	64		295	Tokyo International University (Saitama)
5 th	2010	29	64		321	Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University (Gifu)
6 th	2011	28	64	181	357	Kanazawa Gakuin University (Ishikawa)
7 th	2012	33	64	226	345	Makuhari Sogo High School (Chiba)
8 th	2013	34	64	242	369	Matsumoto University (Nagano)
9 th	2014	38	64	283	361	Shizuoka University of Art and Culture (Shizuoka)
10 th	2015	36	66	280	380	Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University (Gifu)
11 th	2016	37	64	309	367	Tokiwa University High School (Ibaraki)
12 th	2017	37	64	312	369	Tokyo International University (Saitama)
13 th	2018	40	64	374	374	Fukui University of Technology

■ Prefectural Tournaments (Number of years held, Dec. 2018) Shaded prefectures did not participate last year.

Hokkaido	10	Saitama	13	Gifu	17	Tottori		Saga	13
Aomori		Chiba	10	Shizuoka	13	Shimane	6	Nagasaki	
Iwate	6	Tokyo	22	Aichi	10	Okayama	7	Oita	14
Miyagi		Kanagawa	10	Mie	4	Hiroshima	8	Kumamoto	13
Akita		Niigata	6	Shiga	11	Yamaguchi	7	Miyazaki	16
Yamagata	5	Toyama	8	Kyoto	6	Tokushima		Kagoshima	21
Fukushima	3	Ishikawa	13	Osaka	10	Kagawa		Okinawa	19
Ibaraki	8	Fukui	11	Hyogo	12	Ehime	7		
Tochigi	10	Yamanashi	3	Nara	1	Kochi	18		
Gunma	6	Nagano	26	Wakayama	7	Fukuoka	17		

Kanto Block 5, Kansai Block 4, Koshinetsu Block 4, Tokai Block 4, Hokuriku Block 1