

## The 16<sup>th</sup> All Japan High School English Debate Tournament “Online”

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4. Annual sponsors Sano Gakuen Kanda Gaigo Group  
(pending) (Kanda University of International Studies)
5. Date December 18th and 19th, 2021
6. Venue ZOOM online venue (details in HEnDA website)
7. Managing committee HEnDA English Debate Online Tournament Executive Committee  
Chairperson: Hiroyuki Maruhashi  
(Teacher, Shiraume Gakuen Seishu Junior High School)
8. Judging committee All-Japan High School English Debate Association (HEnDA)  
Chief Judge: Yoshiro Yano  
(HEnDA Board Member, Professor, Chuo University)
9. 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.  
\*\*From this year, there is no limit to the number of participants in each match. Therefore, even if the conditions are met, up to two players can participate in each match.
10. 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.)
11. 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.  
School judges will also participate in the pre-tournament (online) on Sunday, December 5th (tentative).
12. Tournament procedure Six preliminary rounds will be held. The top four teams will proceed to the Finals (Elimination rounds). (However, the number of qualifying matches may be reduced in the event of unexpected internet problems.) Preliminary rounds will be judged by two judges. Finals will be judged by three or five judges.

13. Debate topic

**Resolved: That the Japanese Government should relocate the capital functions out of Tokyo.**

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

14. Schedule

Saturday 18th December		Sunday 19th December	
8:30~	Reception	8:30~	Reception
9:00~	Opening Ceremony	9:00~	Fifth Round
10:00~	First Round	11:00~	Sixth Round
	(Lunch)		(Lunch)
12:30~	Second Round	13:00~	Announcement of Results (Prelims)
		13:30~	Semi-Final Round
14:45~	Third Round	15:00~	Final Round
		16:00~	Closing Ceremony
17:00~	Fourth Round	17:00	Dismissal
18:00~	Banquet (planned)		

15. Tournament rules and judging standards

Competitions will be held according to the "Online Tournament Rules" and "Judging Standards". Please access the HEnDA website.

16. How to apply

Please fill in the application form on the HEnDA website. The application period is from October 1st to November 10th (must be received).

\* Schools that win prizes in the inter-prefectural or regional competitions also need to fill in the application form for the national competition.

17. 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. (Therefore, participation in the prefectural tournament is a prerequisite for selection.) However, in those prefectures where prefectural tournament cannot be held due to various reasons, HEnDA will hold a joint qualifying tournament to allow participation. Also, the winner of the inter-prefectural or regional tournament approved by HEnDA will be eligible to participate in the national tournament. The selection criteria in detail can be found on the HEnDA website.

18. Participation fee

¥20,000 / per school

19. 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.) All participants will receive a certificate of participation and a souvenir. (all planned)

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