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August 5, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam:

Greetings in St. La Salle!

The La Salle Debate Society (LSDS), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the National Youth Commission (NYC), welcomes you to the largest and most notable gathering of the nation's high school debaters and public speakers. **The 6th annual National Asians High School Debate Championship (NAsHDC)** will be from September 5-9, 2008. We are expecting **HUNDREDS** of participants coming from the best high school institutions, both public and private, to come to De La Salle University-Manila to participate in this remarkable exhibition of wit, intellect, and rhetoric.

The Debates will be contested in the **Asians format** with 7 elimination rounds that will determine the top 16 teams who will compete to the penultimate rounds which will eventually culminate to the Grand Finals. The event shall provide an avenue for **cultural exchange** as students from different schools from all over the archipelago shall engage each other in academic discourse under the spirit of a healthy competition. A **cash prize of ₱15,000.00** also awaits this year's Grand Champions

In line with this, we would like to **cordially invite** your institution to partake in this biggest gathering of the nation's most brilliant young minds by sending your debaters and public speakers to join the tournament.

There will be a **registration fee of ₱2,500**. The fee includes tournament kits/souvenir programs, opening dinner, lunch and snacks for the whole duration of the tournament, break night and championship dinner among others.

Herewith is a copy of the guidelines and some other pertinent information about the said event for your perusal and reference. Should you have **any inquiries**, feel free to contact Dino de Leon, NAsHDC Convenor at +639164264189 or e-mail us at **nashdc2008@gmail.com**. Furthermore, please keep posted on **www.nashdc.com**, the official website of the 6th NAsHDC, for future announcements. At the moment however, we would like to confirm your participation in this tournament as the organizers need to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. Please fill out the attached team confirmation form and submit this through fax at (02)536-0253 or through e-mail. Avoid the **RUSH**; please register on time if only to avoid delays and the corresponding monetary penalties.

We look forward to seeing your institution in this prominent competition for we are definitely certain that you are one with us in this goal of honing the potentials of our country's young leaders. Thank you very much and in this endeavor of advancing a debate culture amongst our youth, we remain.

ROBIN JASON A. SEBOLINO
Chief Adjudicator

DINO S. DE LEON
Convenor/LSDS President

Noted by:

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6th NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ASIANS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION DETAILS

1. Number of Teams Allowed

- There is **no limit to the number of teams** an institution can send. A **breaking cap of 4**, however, will be enforced.
- Every team should consist of 3 debaters, all enrolled in the same institution. Composite teams will be allowed to join the competition, but they will not be qualified to break. Only High School Students are eligible to debate.
- There is no limit as to the number of Public Speaking Contestants an institution can send.
 - * Debaters are automatically qualified to join the Public Speaking tournament at no extra charge.

2. Fees

- There is a registration fee of ₱2,500 per participant. Same rate applies per adjudicator and public speakers (judge). This is inclusive of mainly one debate kit per person, souvenir program, the opening dinner, the break night party, the championship dinner and food throughout the tournament among others.
- For participants who would require lodgings, there is an additional fee of ₱3,000 per person which shall cover your stay for 5 days in Atrium Hotel (3-star hotel) from September 5-9, 2008.
- For observers, there is a registration fee of ₱250.00 per person
 - a.) For schools that would send at least one team, privilege is granted to their institutional observers to attend the tournament at no additional cost. Names of institutional observers, however, must be submitted along with registration information on or before **August 29, 2008**. Food and kits are also not included.
 - b.) The registration fee for observers covers only the entry pass and does not include other benefits that debaters and registered participants would receive (i.e. food and kits). Entry pass will be valid for the entire duration of the competition – from registration to preliminary rounds up to the finals. Entry passes are strictly non-transferable.
- For institutions **requiring board and lodging**, please e-mail your institution registration form at **nashdc2008@gmail.com** on or before **August 12, 2006**. Indicate also the following information: number of participants requiring accommodations, name and gender.

3. Payment Procedure- payments should be made through UCPB-Vito Cruz. All payments for the tournament fee must be made on or before **August 29, 2008**

Bank Account Name: De La Salle University/Debate Society

Account number: 120114711-9

***Please keep a copy of your deposit slips as it will serve as our basis to verify your corresponding payments.**

- a. Cash or check payments may be made either personally or addressing it to De La Salle University/Debate Society. *NAsHDC, however, will not be held responsible for any lost payments sent via mail.*
- b. For payments made via cash/check bank transfers, please coordinate with Bianca Lagdameo, NAsHDC Finance Director at +639175380595, if your institution shall be coursing payments through. - *Participating institutions are responsible for subsequent fees for bank transfers*
- c. Payments may also be coursed through the NAsHDC Convenor, Dino de Leon (+639164264189).
- d. **An Official Receipt shall be sent to the institution once the payment is received by the NAsHDC Registration committee. Please make sure that you inform us if you've paid already. Otherwise, your registration will not be honored.**

4. Deadlines

- Teams should arrive and register on September 5, 2008.
- Deadline for the submission of the team confirmation and institution registration forms together with the list of participants and the corresponding payments, however, is until **August 29, 2008**. Late submissions of team confirmation and institution registration forms and payments will carry an additional **fine of P350 PER LATE PARTICIPANT**.

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5. MODERATOR/ADJUDICATOR—The representatives of each institution must be accompanied by a moderator, who will be responsible for the safety of his/her students during and outside official NAsHDC functions, as well as maintaining their respective school regulations. The moderator may also double as an adjudicator.

6. Other Reminders

- All interested institutions should go through the actual registration.
- Your participation will be confirmed once you send in the Team Confirmation form and Institution Registration form. It will be considered as good as your institution's guarantee that you will pay the amount of slots you reserved for.
- It is highly encouraged to pay per institution (for the total number of participants).
- Smoking and drinking of alcohol are prohibited throughout the tournament period.
- Debaters must be in **FORMAL** attire during the Championship Dinner on September 9, 2008 (Tuesday).
- Non-participants/ observers must make their own reservations if they wish to stay for the tournament.
- All debaters are highly encouraged to stay at the official lodging place (to be announced) for the duration of the tournament.
- Schools which are in need of DepEd endorsement (Advisory) can download it from www.DepEd.gov.ph.
- Should you have urgent questions and inquiries about the tournament, feel free to contact Dino de Leon, NAsHDC Convenor at +639164264189 or visit our official website at www.nashdc.com. You may also e-mail the organizing committee at nashdc2008@gmail.com. Thank you ☺

The 6th NAsHDC Adjudication Core

Chief Adjudicator:

Robin Jason Sebolino

Senior Varsity Member, De La Salle Debate Society
Chief Adjudicator, CMLI Debate Championship 2008
Quarterfinalist and 10th over-all best speaker, AUCD 2008
Semi-finalist, 7th National Debate Championship
Breaking Adjudicator, Philippine Intercollegiate Debate Championship (PIDC) 2007
Octofinalist, 2008 PIDC

Deputy Chief Adjudicators (Temporary)

Pauline Gairanod -Ateneo de Manila University

Champion, PIDC 2008
Grand finalist, NDC 2007

BJ Guerero –University of the Philippines Diliman

Deputy Chief Adjudicator, PIDC 2007, CMILI Interschool 2007, 2007 Vis-Min Debate Championship,
JPES Debate Championship 2007
Finals Adjudicator, PIDC 2008 & AUCD 2007

Lee Yarcia -University of the Philippines Manila

Prime Minister, UP-Manila Debate Circle
Chief Adjudicator, Manila Interschool 2008
Octofinalist, Philippine Interschool Debating Championship 2008
Octofinalist, Philippine Interschool Debating Championship 2007
Octofinalist, National Debating Championship 2006

*The Adjudication Core is still not yet final as we are still inviting a couple of people to be added in the list.

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6th NATIONAL ASIANS HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM CONFIRMATION FORM

Name of Institution: _____
 Number of Teams: _____ Number of Debaters: _____
 ➤ Each team should be composed of 3 debaters.
 Number of Adjudicators: _____ Number of Public Speakers: _____
 Total Number of Participants : _____

I, _____, AS _____
 (Name of moderator/institution representative) (Position)
 OF _____, HEREBY CONFIRM THE SLOTS OF MY
 (Name of debate organization)

INSTITUTION'S TEAMS AND DELEGATES AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE 6TH NATIONAL ASIANS HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP. I GUARANTEE THE ORGANIZERS OF NASHDC THAT MY INSTITUTION SHALL PAY THE AMOUNT CORRESPONDING TO THE NUMBER OF SLOTS WE HAVE CONFIRMED THROUGH THIS CONTRACT.

 SIGNATURE OF ORGANIZATION HEAD OVER PRINTED NAME

 Printed name and signature of Principal



6TH NATIONAL ASIANS HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS INSTITUTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Institution : _____
 Registration Submission Date : _____ Number of Teams: _____
 Number of Debaters : _____ Number of Adjudicators: _____
 Number of Observers : _____ Total Number of Participants: _____
 Room Accommodation : YES / NO (please encircle)
 ➤ If yes, please state the
 - Number of People: _____ Number of Nights: _____
 Total Payment : PHP _____ only
 Correspondence Address : _____
 Telephone No : _____ Mobile No.: _____
 Fax No : _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Additional Comments : _____

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Day 0 – TBA

Thursday, September 4, 2008

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
18:00 onwards	Hotel Check-in for Stay-in Participants (optional and not covered by registration fee)	Lodgings (TBA)

Day 1 – De La Salle University - Manila

Friday, September 5, 2008

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
7:00-8:30	Breakfast	Lodgings
8:30-9:00	Travel to DLSU	n/a
9:00-11:00	Debate Seminar/Registration	Fajardo-Gonzalez Auditorium
11:00-12:00	Campus Tour	DLSU-Manila
12:00-13:00	Lunch	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
13:00-15:00	Round 1 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Andrew Classrooms
15:00-15:30	Snacks	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
15:30-17:30	Public Speaking Eliminations	Andrew Classrooms
19:00-22:00	Opening Dinner Attire: Strictly Filipiniana	DLSU North Conservatory
19:00-20:00	Travel back to lodgings	n/a

Day 2 – De La Salle University – Manila

Saturday, September 6, 2008

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
7:00-8:30	Breakfast (For Stay-in Participants Only)	Lodgings
8:30-9:00	Travel to DLSU	n/a
9:00-9:30	Convening/roll call	Fajardo-Gonzalez Auditorium
9:30-11:30	Round 2 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Brother Andrew Building Rooms
11:30-12:30	Lunch	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
12:30-14:30	Round 3 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Brother Andrew Building Rooms
14:30-15:00	Snacks	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
15:00-17:00	Round 4 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Brother Andrew Building Rooms
18:00-19:00	Dinner (For Stay-in Participants Only)	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
19:00-20:00	Travel back to lodgings	n/a

Day 3 – TBA

Sunday, September 7, 2008

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
7:00-8:30	Breakfast (For Stay-in Participants Only)	Lodgings
8:30-9:00	Travel to Debate Venues	n/a
9:00-9:30	Convening/roll call	TBA
9:30-11:30	Round 5 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	TBA
11:30-12:30	Lunch	TBA
12:30-14:30	Round 6 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	TBA

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14:30-15:00	Snacks	TBA
15:00-17:00	Round 7 (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	TBA
17:00-18:00	Travel to Break Night Party Venue	n/a
18:00-21:00	Break Night Party	TBA
21:00-22:00	Travel Back to lodgings	n/a

Day 4 –De La Salle University - Manila **Monday, September 8, 2008**

Time	Activity	Venue
7:00-8:30	Breakfast (For Stay-in Participants Only)	Lodgings
8:30-9:00	Travel to DLSU	n/a
9:00-9:30	Convening/roll call	Fajardo-Gonzalez Auditorium
9:30-11:30	Octofinals (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Brother Andrew Gonzalez Building
11:30-12:30	Lunch	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
12:30-14:30	Novice Semifinals	Brother Andrew Gonzalez Building
14:30-15:00	Snacks	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
15:00-17:00	Quarterfinals (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Brother Andrew Gonzalez Building
17:00-18:00	Travel to Back Lodgings	n/a
18:00-19:00	Dinner (For Stay-in Participants Only)	Lodgings

Day 5 – De La Salle University - Manila **Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

Time	Activity	Venue
7:00-8:30	Breakfast (For Stay-in Participants Only)	Lodgings
8:30-9:00	Travel to Debate Venues	n/a
9:00-9:30	Convening/Roll Call	Fajardo-Gonzalez Auditorium
9:30-11:30	Semifinals (Match-ups, motions, prep and round proper)	Gonzalez Seminar Rooms
11:30-12:30	Lunch	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
12:30-14:30	Novice Grand Finals	Gonzales Seminar Room
14:30-15:00	Snacks	La Casita, Andrew Building 6 th floor
15:00-17:00	Grand Finals	Fajardo-Gonzalez Auditorium
17:00-18:00	Travel to Championship Dinner Venue	n/a
18:00-21:00	Championship Dinner Public Speaking Finals Awarding Ceremonies Attire: Strictly Formal	TBA
21:00-22:00	Travel Back to Lodgings	n/a

ROUGH GUIDE TO ASIANS DEBATING

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Debating requires, in essence, two main skills. They are: 1) Thinking skills (example – quick, multidimensional, logical and critical), 2) Presentation skills (example – fluent, persuasive and structured). Of course, a debater's knowledge base, which underlies these two skills, is also of paramount importance – a polished speaker who knows little of the world's current affairs is unlikely to score many points. Therefore participating teams, particularly new ones, should spend a substantial part of their preparation time prior to the tournament keeping up to date with current issues and happenings of regional and international significance.

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Government. The role of the Government team is to support the motion. This involves defining the motion, constructing a positive case in favor of the motion, providing substantive material and arguments in support of their case and responding to any challenges made to that case by the opposition.

Opposition. The role of the Opposition team is to negate the motion. This involves responding to the Government's definition, constructing a case in opposition to the motion, providing substantive material and arguments in support of their case and responding to the arguments delivered by the Government. The Opposition should also provide a "value-clash" in the debate. In other words, the argumentation they forward must constitute a clash or disagreement with the case presented by the Government.

DEFINING A MOTION: The Government team defines the motion. Please note that the debate motions could be either specific or open-ended, i.e. coined in such a way to allow for various acceptable definitions. A good definition explains the key words of the topic, irons out the issues/contentions of the debate and identifies the burden of proof following the rules stated above. Setting up a good definition generally takes 2-3 minutes.

CHALLENGING A DEFINITION: An Opposition team may challenge the definition only if the definition is 1) truistic or tautological, 2) employs time or place set, 3) or is wholly unreasonable (no link to the motion or better known as a squirrel). If an Opposition chooses to challenge the definition, it is their responsibility to justify the challenge and give an alternative definition. Naturally, the Government team will defend the definition from the second speech onward.

*** Please note that Definitional challenges are generally discouraged.

MATTER includes definition, arguments and rebuttals. These things have been discussed in earlier texts.

MANNER is the style in which a debater presents arguments. It includes persuasion, the ability to demonstrate a polished and confident speaking technique and to hold the attention of the audience and adjudicators. For example, the use of humor and wit in terms of appropriate sarcasm and amusing examples or anecdotes is appreciated but will score few marks if it does not advance the argument.

There is no one best way to debate; there is no difference between an aggressive and forceful debater and one who is calm and understated if both are able to demonstrate the ability to persuade and hold the attention of the adjudicators. Notwithstanding this, there is however a limit to the degree of acceptable "manner"- neither an overly aggressive nor a too understated debater will score many points.

METHOD: First, Team Method refers to how the members of the team work as a team. They are expected to reinforce each other's arguments and carry a coherent team philosophy throughout the round. Second, Individual Method means each debater should also be able to structure his/her speeches into separate categories or issues of concern with appropriate headings. In every speech, there should be clear distinction between points and the existence of a logical flow among them. Third, Responses to the Dynamics of the Debate distinguishes the very best teams from the good ones. Responding to the dynamics means at every point of the debate the team/speaker understood the demand at that particular point of the debate and responded accordingly. Best dynamics are in debates where each debater takes the debate further in every issue under contention and no debater leaves an important issue unanswered or undefended.

New Matter Rule: LATE DEVELOPMENT OF MATTER SPOILS THE DEBATE

In Asians context, the third speaker of the Opposition team is not allowed to bring any new matter in the debate. The third speaker of the Government team may introduce new matter, but is advised not to. Some teams do it as a strategy! It is a sneaky way of trying to win a debate.

THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING AN ARGUMENT: Establishing an argument is a systematic process. It starts with a basic statement followed by logical analysis of why the basic statement is true. Then the argument is substantiated with proofs and evidences. The argument is concluded by linking back to the issues under contention. An argument that is put forth without logical analysis and evidences remain an assertion or unfounded claim.

REBUTTALS: Rebuttals are very important in a debate. Teams should start rebutting from the very beginning of the debate and not leave the substantial rebuttals to the third speakers. It is not unusual for the debaters to allocate 50% or more of their speech duration to rebuttals because rebuttals are the ones that make a debate a debate. The third speakers on both sides will probably spend 80% of their time rebutting and further their case mostly by rebutting and settling the contentious issues. Good rebuttals should address the very core of the argument and disprove it. Rebuttals should, just like an argument, be developed systematically with basic statements, logical analysis and evidences. Teams should not only rebut the arguments of the other team, they should also rebut their rebuttals.

POINTS OF INFORMATION (POI): Each speaker should accept 2-3 POIs during his/her speech. As a matter of strategy, it is recommended that speakers should accept POIs when he/she is delivering his/her best argument and reject a POI when he/she is delivering arguments that he/she is not confident of. Giving POIs should not be in a disruptive manner though. As a good practice, once a speaker is denied for a POI he/she should wait 20-30 seconds before attempting to ask a POI again.

THE VALUE OF PREP TIME: For a team to do well in a debate it is very crucial that the team utilizes the 30 minutes preparation time effectively. It is generally useful to use the first 5 minutes to just think individually and then start the discussion on what each one of us had in mind. Then the first thing to do is to agree on what the topic means and how to approach the topic as a team. Having agreed on the overall approach of the team, the team must generate and analyze the arguments. Every team knows during the preparation whether they have a good case or otherwise. Most debates are won or lost in the preparation time.

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