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Harvard College Debating Union, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138 USA

To the International Debating Community

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Invitation to the Harvard World Schools Invitational 2016

Dear debaters and adjudicators of the world:

The Harvard College Debating Union cordially invites you to the inaugural Harvard World Schools Invitational to be held from Friday, March 25th to Sunday, March 27th 2016 on Harvard's campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Invitational, which we intend to run annually at Harvard in and around the same time period, promises world class judging. This year our confirmed Chief Adjudicators include former World Champions and top speakers at WSDC Teoh-Ren Jie from Singapore and Bo Seo from Australia. (We are working on adding a number of other world champions to their ranks.) Furthermore at least three quarters of the chairs in our judging pool would have broken at WSDC (a fair few of the outstanding quarter would have broken at WUDC).

The initial registration process opens up December 20th 2015 and ends January 14th 2016. Given our commitment to running an exceptional preparatory tournament for WSDC we will only admit 40 teams (including both national teams and highly competitive school teams) of three to five speakers each. All teams will be required to register an adult team manager. All participants will be requested to pay a \$75 registration fee. Teams are expected to cover their cost of travel to, and accommodation in, Cambridge.

During the initial phase of registration we ask that you respond in writing to worldschoolsinvitational@gmail.com expressing interest. At which point, provided we have not hit our team cap, we will respond confirming your team's place at the tournament and request that you pay a deposit of \$100 on your registration, all subsequent registration fees will be taken upon arrival.

To find out more please do not hesitate to write back to worldschoolsinvitational@gmail.com. We will write again on the 14th with further information for all confirmed participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cambridge!

Yours,

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