

The 22nd Exchange Debate Contest, 2025

Saturday, July 12th, 2025. Kyushu University, Ito Campus

High school, university, and other teams are invited to participate in the exchange debate contest cosponsored by Kyushu University Faculty of Languages & Cultures, and the JDA (Japan Debate Association) Kyushu Chapter. **This year's contest fully adopts the resolution and the format of the HEnDA Nationals (<https://henda.global/>).** If you are interested in exchanging your ideas and competing in the debate, please sign up here: Google Form (TBA).

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1. Date, Venue & Timetable

July 12th (Sat.) Kyushu University Ito Campus

09:30~10:00. Registration

10:00~10:30. Opening

10:30~12:00. Round 1

12:00~13:00. Lunch

13:00~14:30. Round 2

14:30~16:00. Round 3

16:10~16:30. Closing

16:30~17:00. Additional Feedback

1. Topic

Resolved: That the Japanese Government should ban children under 16 years old from using social media.
(https://henda.global/seminar/?article_id=3264&category_id=46)

2. Teams

Each team consists of four members who are learners of English. Two- or three-member teams are also allowed. One or several teams may participate from the same institution, but they may be asked to limit the number of teams if the total entry exceeds twenty. Each team debates three times (at least once on the affirmative and once on the negative). The two top teams shall be awarded the prizes based on the number of votes and the team points in the three rounds.

3. Format of Debate

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| (1) Affirmative Constructive Speech. | 4min. |
| (Prep. Time. 1 min.) | |
| (2) Questions from the Negative. | 2 min. |
| (3) Negative Constructive Speech. | 4 min. |
| (Prep. Time. 1 min.) | |
| (4) Questions from the Affirmative. | 2 min. |
| (Prep. Time. 2 min.) | |
| (5) Negative Attack Speech. | 3 min. |
| (6) Questions from the Affirmative. | 2 min. |
| (7) Affirmative Attack Speech. | 3 min. |
| (8) Questions from the Negative. | 2 min. |
| (Prep. Time. 2 min.) | |
| (9) Affirmative Defense Speech. | 3 min. |
| (10) Negative Defense Speech. | 3 min. |
| (Prep. Time. 2 min.) | |
| (11) Affirmative Summary Speech. | 3 min. |
| (12) Negative Summary Speech. | 3 min. |

4. Rules & Guidelines for Speakers

Below are major rules and guidelines for speakers based on the HEnDA Tournament Rules (<https://henda.global/english/>) shall be observed. If the

Contest adopts special rules, they will be announced in advance.

- (1) Each "speech" must be given by a single different speaker of the 4-member team. In case of two- or three-member team, the same speaker may give maximum of two speeches.
- (2) The affirmative constructive speaker shall present the affirmative's case, i.e., reasons why the resolution should be adopted, typically in the form of "Advantages" of the plan. The speaker may present a specific plan whose planks are defined in the HEnDA Topic Definitions.
- (3) The negative constructive speaker shall show the negative's case, typically "Disadvantages" that would result from the affirmative plan. The negative must defend the present system as of April 1st, 2025. It may not propose a "counterplan."
- (4) The "Attack" and "Defense" speakers shall refute and rebuild the arguments presented in the constructive speeches. All major arguments must be presented in the "Constructive" speeches.
- (5) The summary speakers shall summarize the debate and show that their own side's arguments are stronger than those of the other side.
- (6) In the "Questions," i.e., cross-examination, the designated speakers ask and answer questions (See the HEnDA Rules).
- (7) Speakers are allowed to read prepared manuscripts and quotations on paper or **a digital screen**, but they are strongly encouraged to maintain "public speaking" delivery such as eye contact.
- (8) Once a manuscript or quotation is read by a speaker, it must be available to the other team and the judges upon request.
- (9) Quotations (Evidence) must be recorded and cited conforming to the HEnDA Tournament "**Rule 3. Evidence.**"
- (10) The source of the evidence must be fully recorded in the printed or **electronically stored files**. In the speech, the author and publication date may be orally read. The quotation marks must be used for the direct quotations, not paraphrases. They must be orally read as "Quote" and "Unquote" in the speech.
- (11) Any unethical uses of quotation (e.g., fabrication, distortion, and inaccurate source information) shall be penalized.

5. For further information:

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