

GPA Newsletter

STUDENT LIFE



Congratulations!

2018-2019 CUHK The Department of Government & Public Administration Debate Team

The 42nd Intervarsity Political Debate was held on the 24th November 2018. This annual debate competition took place in CUHK this year. The motion was “Does Chinese dollar diplomacy bring more good than harm to the third world?” The HKU Chinese Debate Team was the affirmative side, whilst the CUHK Department of Government & Public Administration Debate Team played the opposition role.

The honourable judges of the match included: Legislative Councillor, Hon Alvin YEUNG; Associate Professor of the Department of Government & International Studies, HKBU, Dr, Kenneth Chan; HK Policy Research Institute Researcher, Mr. Jacky Fung; Path of Democracy Co-Convenor, Mr. Gary Wong; alongside the 16th Basic Law Debating Competition organizing committee member, Mr. Lai Chor Yin.

The GPAD debate team was the winner of this tight match. Isaac Lam from GPAD was also awarded the award as the best debater. We would like to take this opportunity to show our heartfelt thanks to Prof. Ma Ngok, who provided excellent advice and guidance to the GPAD debate team. We would also like to thank Prof. Seanon Wong, Dr. Nelson Lee and Dr. Li Hak Yin for their advice in this competition.

The Intervarsity Political Debate is always the toughest match of the year. This is also a precious chance for us to learn and improve. With this experience, we believe that there is nothing to stop us reaching the next important milestones in the future!



Sharing by CHAN, Suet Ling Celine

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Studying in Japan is definitely a dream come true. Waseda University offers not only an excellent learning environment, but also wonderful and unique after-school activities for exchange students. For instance, coffee breaks are held from time to time for us to meet Japanese students and learn the language. You can also have a taste of the stunning school cultural festival (學園祭) in Waseda University. Furthermore, you will be amazed by all the fascinating costumes and programmes prepared by the students.

Apart from the fascinating side of Japan, you may also encounter certain cultural shocks here. Bear in mind that Japanese people tend to be extremely punctual and detail-oriented. So if you are used to being late (like me), be prepared to get rid of that habit. Moreover, they bombarded students with regulations and precautions in different orientations. Annoying as it sounds, those rules are actually helpful and important.

All in all, it has been great to study in Waseda University and I am sure it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you cannot miss!



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