



The Debater

Registration Deadline !!!

The Championships are getting closer. Please register as soon as possible so we know how many rooms and meals you will need. It is not so important that we know everyone's names, but we want to know if your team is coming!

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Registration Deadline: May 1

Details and registration available at wsdc-seoul.com

Registration Fees

Double Room Occupancy \$ 460.00 (US) per person Includes:

- 10 nights of accommodation (Double Occupancy)
- 10 Breakfasts 4 Lunches
- 9 Dinners
- All entrance fees to the attractions indicated in the Program.

Single Hotel Occupancy \$ 920 (US) per person Includes:

- 10 nights of accommodation (Single Occupancy)
- 10 Breakfasts 4 Lunches
- 9 Dinners
- All entrance fees to the attractions indicated in the Program.

Those who apply as a judge must be approved by the chief adjudicator and the World Convener in advance before these fees will be honoured.

Observers For further information and fees please contact us at mmeneses@normanleach.com

We have a new website! Please visit www.wsdc-seoul.com for additional details and updates about the tournament!

2007 World Schools Debating Championships July 2nd to July 12th 2007 Tentative Program

Monday 2nd Arrival day Dinner and Orientation meeting	Lotte World (dinner)	Free time and Lunch
Tuesday 3rd Breakfast Tour of Korea Folk Village Visit to Deoksugung Palace Seminar for Adjudicators Participants Dinner	Saturday 7th Breakfast Debating round Zero (as needed)	World Council Meeting Grand Final Round Final Dinner Awards Ceremony Dance
Wednesday 4th Breakfast Debating round 1 and 2 Gala Opening Dinner	Sunday 8th Breakfast Debating rounds 7 and 8 Nanta Show	Thursday 12th Departure Day
Thursday 5th Breakfast Debating round 3 and 4	Monday 9th Breakfast Debating Octo-Finals Free Afternoon	
Friday 6th Breakfast Debating round 5 and 6	Tuesday 10th Breakfast Visits and Debates at Korea's Villages Debating Quarter Finals Semi Finals	
	Wednesday 11th Breakfast	

Promoting Debating in Korea ...

Joshua Park, World Convenor for the WSDC 2007, has been very active promoting both the tournament and debating across Korea.

He recently completed a nationwide tour, talking about the value of debate, featuring the WSDC. Approximately 450 participants showed up at each site, a total of 1800 viewed the seminar. One of his talks was placed on the Internet at the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education site for Nowon District, which is a major supporter for WSDC 2007.

Joshua was appointed to sit as an Advisor on the 9-member Policy Advisory Committee for the newly-formed Division of International Affairs of the National Youth Commission, a Ministry that deals with youth issues where he has raised awareness of the WSDC. The National Youth Commission is already an official supporter of the All-Asian University Debating Championship, another tournament that the Korea Debate Association is supporting. We look forward to the National Youth Commission taking on an increased role for both the All-Asian and the WSDC.

Since November, 2006, Joshua has been writing a bi-weekly debate feature on JoongAng Ilbo, one of the big-three national newspapers in Korea. He visits a middle school and provides a debate workshop, then features arguments from the proposition and opposition and provides feedback as a part of the article. Through this connection, JoongAng Ilbo has expressed strong interest in being a sponsor for the event. JoongAng Daily, its English paper, has been a sponsor at each of Korea's previous national competitions.

Education Broadcasting System (the Korean version of PBS in USA) has asked the Korea Debate Association to help produce a weekly English debate program. The show is set to air every Saturday, beginning in the first week of April. It will feature high school students within Korea, but they also wish to have international involvement, either with teams from abroad debating with teams in Korea via video-conferencing, or with an adjudicator hooked in from abroad. We ask for support and involvement from the WSDC community in this regard. Please contact Joshua Park if interested. The network will also be a sponsor for the WSDC.

New WSDC Venues Confirmed:

Korea International School has been confirmed as a venue. They will also be helping us with their school buses for days we need them.

Seoul English Village has been confirmed as a venue for Sunday, July 8. They are an English Immersion facility funded by the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

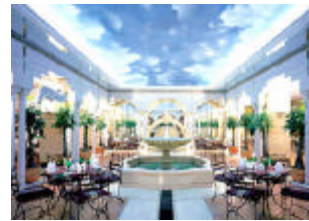
Hankuk Academy of Foreign Studies (a Korean school that specializes in foreign language instruction and is very involved within the debating community) has been confirmed as a venue.

Imperial Palace Hotel

The Imperial Palace is the official host venue of WSDC 2007. The Imperial was rated as the best business hotel in Asia according to a *Time Asia* survey.

The Imperial is very experienced with holding international conventions and is offering its full support to WSDC 2007.

Teams needing extra nights will be given the special tournament rate. For full details contact mmeneses@normanleach.com.



Welcome to the Organizing Committee



Justin Reznick, our newest organizer

Support continues to grow for WSDC 2007

The Canadian Ambassador to Korea has offered to lend his support to WSDC 2007. This support has included offering facilities and assistance and introductions to the tournament the Mayor of Seoul, the National Youth Commission, and the Ministry of Education.

Korea was honoured by the visit of WSDC Chair Chris Erskine. Chris stayed at our host hotel, and the local organizing committee briefed Chris on the progress of WSDC 2007. Unfortunately, Chris visited during the Lunar New Year, a major holiday here in Korea, which meant he did not have the chance to meet as many sponsors and supports as we would have liked. However, we were very happy to have him visit Korea.
