

# The 11th PDA High School Parliamentary Debate World Congress 2026

PDA High School Parliamentary Debate World Congress (PDAWC) is an event for high school students held in Japan. It is a unique occasion for high schoolers from all around the world to debate in English and have cultural exchanges with each other. The first World Congress was held in January 2016. The upcoming 2026 World Congress will be the 11th.

Participants come from many countries. The countries represented in the past ten events were Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Uganda, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

## **LOCATION:**

**Online: Zoom**

Address: 1-1 Gakuen, Naka, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan  
Parliamentary Debate Personnel Development Association (PDA)  
located at Osaka Metropolitan University

## **DATES:**

The 2026 event will be held on Thursday and Friday, 22–23 January 2026.

### **SCHEDULE (temporary\*):**

- **DAY 1 (January 22, Thursday):**
  - Opening and Welcome Ceremony
  - Preliminary Rounds (Round1~Round3)
  - Welcome party (Culture Night)
- **DAY 2 (January 23, Friday):**
  - Preliminary Round (Round4), Semi-Final and Final
  - Keynote Speech
  - Awards Ceremony

\* The detailed schedule will be sent to the participants afterwards.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

- PDAWC is open to high school students (at the time of the competition).
- One team per country composed of 3 high school students accompanied by 1 faculty member.
- This year, the registration fee for oversea teams is **Free**.

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- Only one team per country will be eligible and chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. If there's a room, another team can be accepted.
- The information in this form will be used for the following purposes: to make contact, printed materials such as PDAWC's program and website contents, etc.
- Pictures and videos taken during the world congress and also the results of the tournament can be used for research, published or commercially used in journals, magazines, on the Internet and other media. Private information will not be used under any other circumstances.

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

- Register one team, per country, composed of 3 high school students accompanied by 1 faculty member.
- Please submit your application using the form below.

<b><u>Registration Form</u></b>

<a href="https://forms.gle/YVwCHH1zdxM3YQWB8">https://forms.gle/YVwCHH1zdxM3YQWB8</a>

- After submitting the form, you will receive an automatic confirmation, which means your application is complete.
- If you would like to register a second team, please first complete the registration for the first team, and then notify us by email.
- Even if you are only able to participate in part of the preliminary rounds due to time differences, you are still welcome to join the tournament. The preliminary rounds are not a knockout tournament. Each team will participate in 4 preliminary rounds, and the overall results will determine which teams advance to the semifinals. If you wish to participate in only some of the rounds, please submit the registration form first and then inform us by email.

### **ORGANIZER:**

**General Incorporated Association  
Parliamentary Debate Personnel Development Association (PDA)**  
<http://www.pdpda.org/>

For more information, please feel free to contact us at [pdawc@pdpda.org](mailto:pdawc@pdpda.org)