

2015 Korea Human Rights and Peace Debate

“Human Rights Debate - the First Step to be a Global Citizen”

The Korea Human Rights Foundation (KHRF) would like to invite young people between the ages of 16 and 24 to participate in the human rights debate program to be held at Seoul National University on 14 Nov. 2015.

The 2015 Korea Human Rights and Peace Debate is an educational program for youth to learn how to address social, political and economic issues from the human rights perspective through the experience of human rights debate.

1. Overview

- **Date & Time** : Saturday 14 November 09:00 ~ 20:00 (Dinner Provided)
- **Venue** : Seoul National University (Gwanak Campus)
- **Participants** : High School or Undergraduate students who are residents or attend school in Seoul or youth who are between the ages of 16 and 24 years.
- **Language** : Choice of competing in English or Korean
- **Topic** : High School Student Rights (High School Students), North Korea Human Rights (Undergraduate Students)
- **Co-host** : Seoul National University Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University Center for Constitution Unification Law, Korea Human Rights Foundation
- **Co-Organizers** : Seoul National University Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Korea Human Rights Foundation
- **Sponsors** : Seoul Metropolitan Government, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education, Korean Bar Association Human Rights Foundation, The United States Embassy to Korea

2. Purpose

- To obtain democratic communication skills and understanding through debate on Human Rights issues.
- To develop the ability to find solutions to social issues through a human rights perspective.
- To develop social leadership based human rights sensitivity and promote networking and solidarity of youth who are interested in human rights.
- To contribute to fostering a human rights debate culture and serve to build a society based on respect and peaceful coexistence without discrimination.

3. Topic and Debate method

Session	Topic
High school student	Does it constitute discrimination on socioeconomic status to determine a school meal fee based on the level of parental income?
Undergraduate student	Does the current North-South Korean economic cooperation at the Kaesong Industrial Complex contribute to the improvement promotion of human rights of the people in of North Korea?

※ **Debate Method : Human Rights Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA)**

The 2015 Human Rights and Peace Debate will apply the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) method in the debate. The CEDA format implies that two teams, respectively represents pro and con side of the debate theme. Then students are expected to argue supporting their side and refute arguments of the other team.

4. Schedule

- Announcement of Application and Debate Theme : Tue 15 September 2015
- Online Application Opens : Mon 21 October 2015 ~
- Deadline for Application and Written Argument : 22:00 Sun 18 October 2015
- Announcement of Human Rights Essay Contest : 10:00 Mon 19 October 2015
- Announcement of Finalists (Main Round on 14 Nov. 2015) : Mon 26 October 2015
- Orientation for Finalists : 14:00-18:00 Sat 31 October 2015 14-18 at Seoul National University (SNU)
- Deadline for Submission of Human Rights Essay : 22:00 Sun Fri 1 November
- Announcement of Human Rights Essay Winners : Fri 6 November 2015
- Main Round of Debate Competition for Finalists : 09:00-20:00 Sat 14 November 2015 / Seoul National University (SNU)

※ The schedule is subject to change.

※ The lecture will be available on Human Rights and the topic will be provided for the finalists.

5. Format

- **Competition Tracks** : The competition will be conducted in 4 tracks. 4High school student (Korean) / High school student (English)
Undergraduate student (Korean) / Undergraduate student (English)
- **Finalists** : 8 teams (16 persons) each session. Total 32 teams (64 persons)
High School student (Korean) 8 teams / High School student (English) 8 teams
Undergraduate student (Korean) 8 teams / Undergraduate student (English) 8 teams

• **Composition :** The whole competition consists of the debate (written and oral) and the thematic human rights essay. The Debate competition is made up of two rounds, the written argument (preliminary) and then the face to face oral argument (main rounds). The human rights essay contest will be simultaneously carried out individually (NOT as a team) regardless of the selection for the main round.

6. How to Apply

• **Composition of Team :** Participants form a team composed of 2 persons regardless of gender, race, nationality, school, major, grade.

• **Participation in Human Rights Essay :** All participants are available to write the human rights essay individually.

- Choice of language to English / Korean
- Fill out the Application Form at link (<http://goo.gl/forms/cUKyLBMX1j>)
- Participation application will be opened Monday, 21, September

* Participants can access information on the contest in detail after applying online and joining the café(<http://cafe.naver.com/hrdebate>).

8. Awards

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Debate	First Place – Seoul Metropolitan City Mayor Award Second Place – Korean Bar Association Human Rights Foundation Chairperson Award Third Place – Seoul National University Institute for Peace and Unification Studies Chairperson Award Seoul National University Center for Constitution and Unification Law Chairperson Award
Human Rights Essay	First Place – Embassy of the United States of America to Republic of Korea Award Second Place – Korea Human Rights Foundation Chairperson Award

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