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## Press Release

### National Debate Championship Mahakumbha concludes

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Mahakumbha 2016 - Second Annual National World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC) for high school students, ends on February 13 with Team Chelsea International Academy, Team Dhristanta and Team United School winning the first prizes for English, Nepali and Novice categories respectively. They beat Team Zero, Team Southwestern College and Team Bridgewater International Academy respectively to lift the champions' trophies.

Fifteen English best speakers selected from this championship have been shortlisted for WSDC World Championship 2016 to be held in Germany this July.

A total of 20 teams comprising of three to five debaters each participated this year. This year a new category - 'Novice' was also introduced in which those debaters who were relatively new to debating competed and were judged amongst themselves.

Tournament co-convener Prabin Basyal who has also competed at the Thessaloniki World Championships 2016 said, "It's good to see the enthusiasm towards debating among the youth of today. Debating helps acquire many necessary skills, an important one would be the art of listening which does not come quite easily to many but is very essential nonetheless. Thankfully youth today are realizing the importance of debating and we felt that during Mahakumbha this year."

One of the participants, Dilisha Bhusal expresses that Mahakumbha has helped polish her skill to a great extent. "If I am to remember the person I was when I entered this hall, I wouldn't find myself this confident and bold. Mahakumbha has sharpened my public speaking ability and provided me a platform to network with intellectual and like-minded people. I am so glad that I joined this championship."

The five day long debate tournament was organized by Debate Network Nepal - an organization that works to institutionalize debating experience in Nepal, in partnership with Artha Foundation, Student Oriented Project and Network (SOPAN) and King's College.