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Regarding Nepali national participation in World Debating Championship

Four national debaters are gearing up preparations for representing Nepal in the 36th World Universities Debating Championship WUDC 2016 in Thessaloniki, Greece later this December.

Debate Network Nepal, as the national body for debating in Nepal, has facilitated Nepal's participation from TU and KU teams comprising of Manish Kadel, Prabin Basyal, Raj Kharel and Pradeep Ghimire as debaters. These four debaters are some of the most senior Nepali debate trainers and coaches as well.

Every English new year, WUDC, the largest debating tournament in the world, is organized in Parliamentary format in separate nations. Around 1300 people from around 75 countries representing 300 plus universities are gathering this year in Greece.

However, team Nepal is currently having some financial problems for participation as it couldn't receive scholarship from the organizers due to the economic crisis of Greece. The fundraising campaigns run by DNN aren't helping much either so the team is expecting sponsorships.

Last Sunday, the representatives of the team met Youth and Sports Minister Satya Narayan Mandal at the ministry where he extended his best wishes to the team.

Upon the participation, team Nepal shall gather the world class debating experience which shall turn as an asset for a country like ours where debating culture has hardly flourished in academia whereby other nations are already way forward in this intellectual sporting. The students, upon returning, shall engage actively in training and empowering the newer generation.

This is not Nepal's first occasion of participating in WUDC however, starting this year, Debate Network Nepal has tried to institutionalize the national participation. DNN has already won scholarship for 2017 WUDC happening at the Netherlands next year. Interested university level students can get in touch with DNN to understand the process of selection.

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