INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

EUROPEAN UNION IN COLLABORATION WITH THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY

Date: January 16, 2015

Subject: Participation at the 10th European Union Thailand National Intervarsity Debate Championship 2014

To whom it may concern:

The European Union-Thailand National Intra-varsity Debate Championship, or what becomes known as the EU-Thailand, was founded in 2004 with a collaboration between the European Commission in Thailand and Thammasat Speakers' Union on behalf of Thammasat University in order to promote greater understanding on issues related to the European Union and cultivate critical thinking amongst youths in Thailand. From the theme “Debating Europe” to “Make Sense, Not War”, the EU-Thailand has brought much needed attention to critical and current affairs issues related to the European Union and Thailand’s development to the attention of Thailand’s youths. Unequivocally, the decade long process of educational debating and critical thinking serves as a humble space to nurture Thai students to become responsible citizens for sustainable and democratic development. After a decade of stellar success, it is indeed the honored of the Thammasat University to welcome the 10th EU-Thailand home in 2015.

As such, we would like to extend an invitation to your university / high school students to take part in the 10th EU Thailand National Intervarsity Debate Championship 2014. This year’s tournament will take place from 3 to 7 April 2015, at Thammasat University.
Online registration will commence on 16 January 2015, and it will end on 1 March 2015. Should you have any inquiries or need for clarifications, please feel free to contact Mr. Naim Laeni, the convener, naimlaeni@gmail.com or +66 836520736.

The Championship details are as follows:

Activity Name: “10th European Union Thailand National Inter-Varsity Debate Championship 2014 (10thEU-TH)”

Dates:
Registration: Beginning on January, 16
Championship 3 - 7 April 2015

Venue:
Thammasat University
2 Prachan Road, Pranakorn,
Bangkok 10200

Organizations involved:
Thammasat University
Thammasat Speakers’ Union (TSU)
Thammasat Student’s Union
Delegation of European Union to Thailand (EU)
1. **History**

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2. **Objectives**

2.1 To continue providing debate activities for students to enhance their essential academic skills and knowledge in English public speaking, critical and analytical thinking and researching

2.2 To promote peaceful discussing in democratic society with principles of tolerance, nonviolence and respect for different points of view
2.3 To increase awareness in understanding on European Union core policies and stimulate discussion on current issues in national, regional and global context

2.4 To expand debate society for students in Thailand as space for interaction to develop network and connection

2.5 To develop management skills and teamwork of organizing team

2.6 To celebrate 10 years legacies of EU-TH debate society

3. The Championship:

3.1. Format:

3.1.1. The Championship will be held in ‘Asian Parliamentary Debate’ format (three on three)

3.1.2. For more information on the ‘Asian Parliamentary Debate’ format, you may contact tsu.debate@gmail.com

3.2. Structure:

3.2.1 There will be six preliminary rounds of debate, after which the teams will break into three different championships

3.2.1.1 There shall be an Octo-Finals Main Break where the top 16 teams of the championship compete in knockout rounds to see who will become the Grand Champion of the tournament.

3.2.1.2 There shall be a Quarter-Finals High-School Break where the top eight high school teams of the championship compete in knockout rounds to see who will become the high school Champion of the tournament.

3.2.1.3 There shall be a Semi-Finals Rookie Break where the top four Rookie teams of the championship compete in knock out rounds to see who will become the EFL.
3.2.1.4 You can find more details about this on our Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/EUTH.intervarsity.debate or send an email to tsu.debate@gmail.com

4. Registration:

4.1 The registration for the championship will be free of charge

4.2 The Registration will be phased as follows

4.2.1 **Phase 1 (16 January - 1 February, 2015)**

4.2.1.1 This will limit institutions to one team per University and one team per High School; this is to ensure equal access to the tournament for newer institutions.

4.2.2 **Phase 2 (2 February – 15 February, 2015)**

4.2.2.1 This will allow remaining vacancies to be filled by Institutions who have submitted their fully completed registration forms for participants in a first come first serve basis, up to three teams per University and three teams per High School. This is to ensure that the registration process is completed and will eliminate the trouble of incomplete registration.

4.2.3 **Phase 3 (16 February - 1 March, 2015)**

4.2.3.1 This will allow all remaining vacancies to be filled by any Institution who has submitted their fully completed registrations forms for participants in a first come first serve basis up to five teams per Institution. Until the tournament capacity is full.

4.2.4 An N=1 Adjudication rule will be strictly enforced. “N” is the number of teams an institution is sending, which then has to equal the number of adjudicators they send. Example: if an institution sends two teams they must provide two adjudicators. Teams without adjudicator will be disqualified from that round and will be fined 1000 per round.
4.2.4.1 A standard rule in the Asian and Australian-Asian Debating Circuit for decades, this means that teams who refuse to provide adjudicators and adjudicators who leave prematurely will disqualify and invalidate their team’s participation.

4.2.4.2 This rule ensures an ample pool of adjudicators to draw from during the tournament.

4.2.4.3 Responsibility falls on the participants to bring experienced adjudicators, because the overall quality of the adjudication pool now becomes a collective responsibility.

4.2.4.4 All adjudicators must participate the adjudication workshop which will be held on the first day of the tournament. Adjudicators who don't participate in the workshop will be punished. The team that the adjudicator represents will be qualified in this tournament.

We look forward to seeing your students at this year’s tournament.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signatures]

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