5. About Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, or KL (as residents fondly call it) is one of the friendliest, cheapest, and cleanest city in Asia. The multi-racial, multi-religious blend of people makes it a food, shopping and tourist heaven. Visit http://www.tourism.gov.my for more info on Malaysia.

6. About IIUM

The International Islamic University Malaysia, incepted in 1983, is an English speaking Islamic University. It is a public Malaysian University open to both Malaysians and International students.

The IIUM presently shares knowledge with more than 20,000 students from about 100 countries, awarding bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees in various disciplines. Visit http://www.iium.edu.my for more information.

7. Debates at IIUM

The IIUM Debate team, formed in 1985 has broken at Worlds and Australis multiple times, winning their ESL trophies along the way. The IIUM has won the Asians twice and made to the Grand Final several times. In addition, the IIUM is among the founder of the All-Asians, and subsequently, the AUOC and UADC.

The IIUM also has an outstanding Arabic Debate Club, and the award winning Malay Debate Club. As debating as a sport brings about multitude of skills, competencies and wide knowledge, the IIUM recognizes debating as an important co-curriculum. The IIUM, with the assistance of the OIC intends to spread the art of debating among the educational institutions of the OIC member countries.
1. Background of the OIC Debate

Debating is one of the most effective ways to enhance critical thinking and reading, and to develop human capital of a nation, particularly among the youth.

Although some universities from the OIC member countries participate in major international debating events, many others are not involved in such a rewarding activity. The 2nd OIC Intervarsity Debating Championship will thus encourage their participation and bring about the sharing of skills among the students, lecturers and debate trainers in this area.

The OIC Intervarsity Debating Championship is endorsed by the then Organisation of Islamic Conference in its 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), 2009. The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) has hosted the inaugural episode of this championship in the year 2010. The 2nd edition of the championship will be held during 2nd – 7th July 2012.

2. Objectives of the OIC Debate

To promote debating as an activity for students and to enhance the ummatic brotherhood among the Muslim youth.

To improve intellectual skills among the youth and to impress upon them the significance of the OIC.

To raise awareness about the socioeconomic issues affecting the Muslims.

To strengthen the human capital of the OIC nations by enhancing the skills of the youth and encouraging participation in international debates.

3. Inaugural OIC Debate 2010

The first OIC Intervarsity Debating Championship was held in Malaysia and hosted 28 teams from 12 countries. It was a very enjoyable and educative event in which students were able to discover different viewpoints and debate issues that affect the Muslims all over the world. The finalists were the International Islamic University Malaysia and the Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University, Bangladesh. Dhaka University won the tournament opposing the motion, "This House believes that the OIC should have its own elected parliament".

4. Team Eligibility and Important Details


Where? International Islamic University Malaysia, Main Campus (Gombak), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

How to register? Please fill in the Registration form available on the website and send to the designated address/fax/e-mail provided in this brochure.

How much will it cost? The registration fee is set at USD 30 per person. Within this fee the IIUM will provide debate materials, tournament t-shirt, meals and transport during the event and a one-day trip around Kuala Lumpur for participants. Participants will have to bear their flight expenses and accommodation for the tournament. Details about the accommodation is available on the website.

Who qualifies to debate? Any student of tertiary institution.

What is the cap per country? We will accept a maximum of 6 teams per country. Each team must consist of 3-4 students who will represent a university. Team 1 and 2 of any country will be automatically accepted since it is chosen by the respective government, while team 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Countries are encouraged to send adjudicators and an accompanying officer from the Ministry of Education/Higher Education or relevant government agencies.

Website: http://www.iium.edu.my/oicdebate/