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**KPUM & UKEC Annual Debate 2011**

**Debate Proposal**

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## Mission Statement

The KPUM & UKEC Debate 2010 aims to develop the research, oratory, and quick-thinking skills required of successful lawyers, and to recognize those students who excel at them. We are committed to encouraging balanced dialogue on issues relevant and important to young Malaysians.

## Date

- The debate will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## Format

The structure of the debate will be as follows:

- The participants will be divided into teams of 3 debaters;
- There will be 5 rounds of debate, from which one team emerges as the winner;
- The first 3 rounds will be done round-robin style;
- The teams will be divided into 3-4 groups, each group consisting of 4 teams;
- All teams in each group will take turns debating against one another, making a total of 3 rounds;
- During the first 3 round-robin debates 2-1-0 points will be allocated for winning, drawing, and losing respectively;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> round (semi-finals) will be between the teams with the highest number of points in each group;
- The 5<sup>th</sup> round (finals) will be between the 2 winning teams in the 4<sup>th</sup> round;
- There will be a maximum of 16 teams, hence 48 debaters. Participants will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis;
- This is an impromptu-style debate, hence motions will be released 15 minutes before each round. This is done for 2 reasons: firstly to ensure that debaters with only the highest quality of skill and depth of argument progress and secondly the inability to prepare for this debate will ensure that students need not neglect their academic and outside activities by participating. Each side is randomly allocated before each debate;
- 5 minutes will be given per speech for all 3 speakers in each team for the first 3 round-robin debates;
- 7 minutes will be given per speech for all 3 speakers in each team for Rounds 4 and 5;

## Motions

Motions have been carefully selected to allow for balanced debates, with convincing arguments on both sides. They address important issues that young Malaysians face and will make for a thought-provoking and intellectually stimulating exchange. Debaters will be encouraged to draw upon their experiences both in Malaysia and in the UK, their knowledge of world affairs, as well as any special knowledge they might possess.

Round 1:

Round 2:  
Round 3:  
Round 4:  
Round 5:

### Prizes

- Grand Prize consisting of a cash prize and a certificate for the winning team of the debate.
- Runner-up prize for the team in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place consisting of a smaller cash prize and certificate.
- An award will be allocated for the Best Speaker consisting a case prize and certificate.

### Participation

- Any Malaysian law student studying in the UK will be allowed to take part in the debate. We hope to have teams not only from London but also from other parts of the country, such as Oxford, Bristol, Warwick, and Cardiff.

### Judges

- Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be judged by experienced student debaters.
- Special judges will judge Round 4 and 5. They will consist of 3 tutors and/or barristers from the premier BVC providers and/or Representatives from Malaysia Law Firms (yet to be confirmed).

### Sponsors

- We hope your firm will be willing to sponsor our event. Below is the proposed amount of sponsorship we are seeking.

Platinum sponsorship: £600

Gold sponsorship: £450

Silver sponsorship: £300

Bronze sponsorship: £250

Or any other amount you deem more appropriate.

- All sponsors will be promoted to both debaters and audience members throughout the day of the debate. KPUM members will be happy to distribute any of the sponsors' promotional materials, and to encourage the best debaters to apply;
- All sponsors will also be extensively promoted when we publicize the debate, and the sponsor firm's logo will appear on any promotional item (e.g. flyers, e-mails, posters, etc) that we distribute for the purposes of the debate;
- Exclusive right will be given to firm sponsoring under the Platinum sponsorship to the winning team of the Grand Prize and the Award for the Best Speaker.
- Exclusive right will be given to firm sponsoring under the Gold sponsorship to the winning team of the Runner-up Prize.

## Venue

- The debate will be held at City Law School, Grays Inn campus.

## Proposed Itinerary

9.00 – 9.30: Arrival of debaters  
9.30 – 9.55: Announcement of sponsors and room allocation  
10.00 – 10.15: Preparation time for Round 1  
10.15 – 10.55: Round 1  
11.15 – 11.30: Preparation time for Round 2  
11.30 – 12.10: Round 2  
12.10 – 13.10: Break for lunch  
13.20 – 13.35: Preparation time for Round 3  
13.35 – 14.15: Round 3  
14.25 – 14.40: Preparation time for Round 4  
14.40 – 15.30: Round 4  
15.40 – 15.55: Preparation for Round 5  
15.55 – 16.45: Round 5  
16.45 – 17.30: Award ceremony

## Further information required from the UKEC

- Confirmation of attendance from the three law firms; Zaid Ibrahim and Co, Skrine, Lee Hishamuddin, so that we may approach them on the matter of sponsorship (again yet to be confirmed).
- Confirmation on Date and venue.
- More detail information on Macfis event. For example, to what degree will it clash with the debate? Rough estimation of the number of students participating in the event. Will all UKEC officers be participating?
- Confirmation on £300 from the MSD fund for the purposes of refreshments and/or any miscellaneous items.
- Logo of the UKEC.
- Tokens of appreciation for judges and certificates will be provided by the UKEC.
- Man power, e.g. 10 assistance.

## Additional Information

Should you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact any of us:

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