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26th Intervarsity Debating Contest

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The annual Intervarsity Debating Contest, now in its 26th year, will be held on Saturday, March 22 this year at 2:30pm at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The Intervarsity Debating Contest between students of The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong was first instituted in 1972. Its main objectives are to promote interaction, communication and cooperation between students of the two universities, and to enhance interest in debating activities among tertiary students.

The subject of the debate will be disclosed to contestants 60 minutes before the debate starts. The purpose is to maintain the impromptu nature of the contest and to encourage quick responses and creative thinking.

The language used in the Intervarsity Debating Contest alternates between Cantonese and English each year. This year, the contest will be conducted in English.

The panel of adjudicators consists of the Honourable Dennis Chang Khen-lee, Q.C., J.P., Executive Council member; Mr. A L S Chu, Assistant Director/Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption; Mr. Andy Ho, Columnist and the Honourable Mrs. Elizabeth Wong, Legislative Council member.