Invitation to participate in the GREAT Debate 2015

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that the British High Commission will be hosting the GREAT Debate 2015, in partnership with British Council. The Rajasthan leg of the GREAT Debate is being organised with Poornima University as our partner at the Poornima University, Sitapura, Jaipur on Thursday, October 15th.

The GREAT Debate Competition, in its third year now, is a unique opportunity to celebrate the UK and India’s shared culture of vibrant discussion and debate.

Organised by the British High Commission and the British Council the competition is going to be bigger and better this year. It will be organised in ten cities – Bhubaneswar, Bengaluru, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chandigarh and Jaipur.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to a team of two students from your esteemed institution to participate in the Rajasthan heats. Kindly note that only students below 23 years of age can participate. The winning team at this heat will then go on to compete for the grand prize in Delhi in November. We are happy to inform you that the winning team will be awarded a week-long, all-expenses-paid trip to the UK.

The rules of the competition are straightforward. The topic of the debate will be revealed closer to the event. One student per team will speak for the motion and one against. Each speaker will be asked two questions; one from the panel of speakers and one from the distinguished panel of judges.

While we have arranged for accommodation for the team at the venue campus, they shall have to bear their own travel costs.

May please be informed, the earlier edition of this event created a great buzz and both the participants and the winners had a memorable experience. Do visit www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/the-great-debate-2014 for the experiences of previous winners.

The GREAT Debate is a unique opportunity to celebrate and promote the UK and India’s shared culture of vibrant discussion and intellectual debate. I hope your institution will be interested to participate. We request you to confirm your participation over email to the undersigned not later than September 25th.

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