

## **CHANCE TO REPRESENT MALAYSIA AT PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION IN LONDON**

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THE ESU-MIDP Malaysia Public Speaking Competition will be crowning a champion and its national representative to the English Speaking Union (ESU) International Public Speaking Competition 2016 in London from May 9 to 13.

The finalists of the competition will be competing for the title of National Public Speaking champion on April 2 at the National Round, taking place at International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL), where the champion will represent the nation in a fully-paid trip to London.

The national champion will compete with the best public speakers from around the world in London.

The venue for this year's International Round is Stamford Bridge, home of the Chelsea Football Club, to be held from May 9 to 13.

The national champion will be trained in public speaking by experts, visit some of the most beautiful places in London including Dartmouth House, home of the English Speaking Union (ESU), and become an alumnus of one of the oldest and most prestigious organisations in the world.

The competition, which tests the verbal prowess of students and their ability to answer questions critically, aims to promote the use of English among secondary and tertiary level students aged 16 to 20, and nurture their confidence in public speaking.

In preparation for the National Grand Finals, nationwide workshops and Regional Rounds will be conducted in Selangor, Penang and Sarawak to search for the finalists.

During the rounds, participants will start off with delivering a five-minute prepared speech on the theme "Integrity Has No Need for Rules", followed by a three-minute impromptu speech, on topics given 15 minutes in advance.

Participants who qualify for the semi-finals will then deliver a five-minute prepared speech on a given theme.

The Grand Finals will see the finalists reprising their first delivered speech in the preliminary rounds on the theme "Integrity Has No Need for Rules".

The Regional Rounds will take place in Selangor at the Sri Emas International School; and in Penang at KDU College Penang, on March 26 and 27.

The Sarawak Regional Round will commence on March 19 and 20 at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.

Participants will be judged on the substance of their speech, style and technique, general effectiveness and the ability to answer questions from the panel of judges.

The judges will also take into consideration the speaker's body language, facial expressions and self-confidence, all of which are essential elements of a good public speaker.

The Malaysian segment of the Public Speaking Competition this year is jointly organised by the English Speaking Union of Malaysia and the Malaysian Institute for Debate and Public Speaking as co-organiser.