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## NOVICE TEAM BEATS DEFENDING CHAMPION AND WINS CHINESE DEBATE COMPETITION

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Over the March holidays, our very own Chinese debate team participated in the 2018 NUS “Lion Cup” Chinese debate competition. We competed against Maris Stella High School and Raffles Girls School in the preliminary round, Hwa Chong Institution in the semi-finals, and Nanyang Girls’ High School in the finals, before eventually emerging as champions. Shiyi was also named Best Speaker of the Finals as well as Overall Best Speaker of the competition. This honour did not come easy, and our team fought hard with tenacity and perseverance, despite the challenges faced throughout the preparation process.



Our proud debate team which comprises of Tan Wan Gee 4C, Long Yu 4D, Zhang Shiyi 4D, Wan Yanbin 4D, Conan Tan 4E and Ang Zan Jae 4F



The exciting final round against Nanyang Girls High School.

Our team members have had no experience in debate, and we did not have an instructor who could coach us. As such, we learnt and trained largely on our own. Thankfully, our Chinese tutor Mdm Wang Jianping gave us valuable tips and guidance in the preparation process as well. Before our first match against Maris Stella High School, we were extremely nervous, but reminded ourselves to remain composed and perform to the best of our abilities. Ultimately, it did not matter if we lost, as long as we have tried our best. In the end, to our surprise, we

won our 1st match against Maris Stella and with that same mind set, we continued to fight our way through and made it into the finals.

For our finals against Nanyang Girls, we had only one day to prepare in advance and while we were not fully ready to compete, we persevered and encouraged ourselves not to give up until the end. Both teams performed well and it came as a pleasant surprise when we emerged champions of the competition.

Through this experience, all of us learnt values like determination and teamwork. It did not matter that it was the first time our college took part in a competition like this, or that we had zero experience, we were willing to try and work hard for the win. The competition may have come to an end, but we are glad to have been part of this team and this experience has truly been an unforgettable one for us.

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## 淡初华语辩论队初次参赛 勇夺冠军

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我校的六名参赛学生

在三月假期期间，我校华语辩论队参加了由新加坡国立大学（NUS）举办的第五届“狮城杯”华语辩论邀请赛。在为期一周的比赛中，全队六名成员在两场小组赛、一场半决赛和一场决赛中分别对阵海星中学、莱佛士女中、华侨中学和南洋女中，最终夺得冠军。秉持着恒心与毅力认真备赛，最终收获了这份来之不易的荣誉。

在比赛的准备过程中，我们就遇到了许多挑战。因为没有任何参赛经历、没有专业的辩论老师指导，我们只能自己准备辩题。在我们的第一场比赛中，我们的对手是海星中学，我们都非常紧张。但是，我们始终提醒自己，要沉着冷静、全力以赴。因为只要能发挥出我们最好的水平，输赢都不那么重要了。抱持着这样的心态，我们取得了首胜，并且愈战愈勇，在接下来与莱佛士女中和华侨中学的两场比赛中获胜，成功晋级决赛。

决赛中，我们对阵的是上届辩论赛冠军南洋女中。由于我们只有一天的时间来准备最后一道辩题，又是面对如此强大的对手，在没有完全准备好的情况下上场，这对我们而言无疑是巨大的挑战。尽管如此，我们一遍遍告诉自己应该坚持到比赛的最后一分钟，而这份勇气让我们在比赛中表现得沉着而自信。比赛很精彩，两支队伍都表现得很出色，而我们队最终以 10:5 的成绩取胜，获得了此届比赛初中组的冠军。



紧张、刺激的决赛现场

这次经历让我们明白了团队合作的重要性，也让我们切身体会到了坚定的信念所能创造出的奇迹。这是我们学校第一次参加的、也是我们每个人的第一场华语辩论赛，但即使是这样，我们仍然认真对待每一场比赛并拼尽全力夺取荣耀。我们很享受从准备比赛到参加比赛的整个过程，也相信虽然比赛已落下帷幕，但这次难忘的经历定将让我们终身受益。