



PSDians Rule Qatar Debate BP Open

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Philippine School Doha's debate teams represented the Filipino community in the **QatarDebate British Parliamentary (BP) Open** held last **October 3–4** at the Qatar University Student Affairs Building.

The two-day debate tournament brought together young debaters from schools and universities across Qatar, as well as international teams from Kenya, Uganda, Jordan, Kurdistan, and Iraq.

Further, notable achievements were also recognized:

Name	Average Speaker Score	Speaker Award
Elisha Miguel Q. Gimpayan	304 Speaker points	6th Best Top Speaker

Timothy Jeremiah J. Rivera	304 Speaker points	6th Best Top Speaker
Unica Raija A. De Vera	304 Speaker points	6th Best Top Speaker
Nathaniel Angelo B. Ruiz	303 Speaker points	

Moreover, Team EU, featuring **Elisha Gimpayan** and **Unica De Vera**, emerged as the **1st Breaking High School Team**, marking PSD's presence in the high school category. The achievement was made possible under the guidance of **Ms. Sherilyn Apruebo**, the coach for the PSD teams.

Gimpayan, one of the *6th Best Speakers* in the high school division, described the tournament as a motivating experience that pushed him to grow. He shared,

"Being in a room full of experienced speakers really made me nervous at first, but hearing them speak and argue filled my drive to improve after each round."

Below are the two teams representing PSD:

Team Name	Debaters
PSD EU	Elisha Miguel Q. Gimpayan Unica Raija A. De Vera
PSD TN	Timothy Jeremiah J. Rivera Nathaniel Angelo B. Ruiz

The **QatarDebate British Parliamentary Open** organized by QatarDebate under the Qatar Foundation, aims to promote a culture of open dialogue and intellectual exchange through the British Parliamentary debate format, which challenges teams of four, two on government and two on opposition to argue persuasively on complex global and social issues.