



This House believes that RIS Debate Teams are Awesome

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The 4th Thailand National High School Debating Championship saw 200 hundred debaters, made up of 60 teams from all over Thailand to compete for an honorable trophy and a stand in the Thai national high school debate team. Ruamrudee International School sent 5 teams, including students from both high school and middle school. The RIS debaters were considered amongst the best teams, with 4 of the 5 teams breaking into the octo-final. "It was a great experience, we've met new people and expanded our perspectives," says Nicky, Team 3

RIS 5, led by 7th-grader Tyler Lin, performed exceptionally well as the youngest team in the entire tournament. RIS 4, competing for the first time, was run-

"At first I joined out of curiosity, then it became a passion. At first I was just in the debate team, but now I have a debate family."

ner-up for the rookie final. RIS 3 was the first to break into the octo-final with a 5-0 winning streak and made it to the quarterfinals but unfortunately losing to the champions of the tournament, Pratumwan Demonstration School Team 1. In addition to this Nilay Rego ranked 4th amongst the top 10 best speakers. RIS 2 did an excellent job breaking into the top sixteen teams however was not able to break into the octo-final due to the 2 teams per institution cap. Lastly, RIS 1 successfully brought home a trophy that marks their semi-finalist posi-

tion, reassuring that we would be back to claim the win next time.

Over the past year, our RIS debate community continues to grow. Debating is not just an opportunity to open up the door to the world, but also a chance for the world to witness your ability as a team player, a speaker, and a logical thinker. It starts with a little awareness of ongoing current events and it concludes with a life-long commitment to becoming a constructive citizen of the global community.

