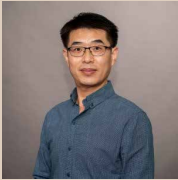


The Optimist Oratorical

World Championship USA

June - July 2021

Our Judges



Dr. Clarence Wang

Clarence is a faculty member of The University of Hong Kong, teaching academic and professional English. He is also a Program Coordinator of English studies at various HKU schools.



Dr. Jacob Hagelberg

Jacob teaches public speaking, cultural studies, media and academic English at UC Davis in the U.S. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and UC Davis, with a Ph.D. in Cultural Studies.



Sumie Chan

On the faculty of UST, Sumie specializes in English literature and drama, and in particular Shakespearean plays. She has University of Hong Kong degrees in English, Literary and Cultural Studies and over 10 years of university teaching experience.

The Optimist Club

This competition is sponsored by The Optimist Club, an international service organization headquartered in St Louis, Missouri, U.S. with 80,000 members across 20 countries. The Optimist Club is focused on the support and development of youths. Its speech competition is one of its showcase annual events.



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Optimist International Hong Kong
www.optimist.org
www.golearnworld.com



What is the Optimist International Oratorical Contest?

- ◆ International speech competition founded by The Optimist Club in 1928
- ◆ Promotes students' ability to write and deliver thoughtful, original speeches
- ◆ Champion of the Hong Kong Competition will compete in the World Championship taking place 21-23 July 2021 together with U.S. and other international students



Why should you compete?

See how you stand globally. The top winner will have the opportunity to represent Hong Kong and compete with students from the U.S. and 10 other countries

Very easy to do so this year. The World Championship will be held in the U.S. but as an online event using Zoom

Large, cash prizes! Top 3 winners in the World Championship will receive US\$5,000, US\$10,000 and US\$15,000 in cash scholarships, respectively

The Hong Kong Competition

Organizer	Optimist International Hong Kong
Student Ages	Age 13 to 18
Topic	Original 4-5 minute speech entitled "Healing the World with Optimism"
Contest Date	20 June 2021
Contest Format	Zoom
Contest Fee	HK\$680
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ All participants receive certificates and judges' commentary◆ Trophies for the top 3 places◆ Top winner will compete in the World Championship
Application Deadline	31 May 2021

Memorization of one's speech is not required for the Hong Kong Competition. However, contestants need to memorize their speeches for the World Championship.