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## Press Release

*Sano Sansar Initiative was founded in 2006 by 10 years and younger youths to promote sustainable development through awareness, actions and environmental initiatives. With your help, today we have grown to be a global youth movement. We have protested against global warming, advocated for sustainable development and taken part in national and international initiatives to plant trees, educate youths, persuade the governments and inspire the NGOs/INGOs, including the United Nations! Checkout [www.sanosansar.org](http://www.sanosansar.org) to see what we have accomplished so far!*

The Sano Sansar Initiative is currently organizing inter-high school debates program in which more than 18 colleges from Kathmandu valley have participated. The debates series "**Kathmandu Debates' 2013'**" was started on January 18, 2013 and is going to run through February 07. The debates have adopted Karl Popper Format and are being monitored and executed by notable Nepalese debaters and recognized debates professionals.

Kathmandu Debates Series is a youth leadership program to encourage high school students to participate in open dialogue culture to resolve issues and to provide a platform for high school students where they can come together and share ideas and opinions in various topics. And debate in this context is the best way to learn and teach on how each of us can come together and share what we have to say. 16 teams of age groups 15-20 representing individual groups and high schools from Kathmandu Valley participated the tournament. The debates was started on January 18 with a three-day long Educational Tracks in which participants were trained on various topics, including debating format, case construction, cross examinations, and ideal way of debating.

The Karl Popper Debate Format places students in two teams with three members each setting. Teams are presented with a 'resolution', i.e.; "Government should privatize Water Supply Corporation" or "People should conserve cultural heritage instead of government". The rules include the team affirming the resolution speaks first, and the opposing team then must refute the arguments offered by the affirming team and offer arguments against the resolution. Both sides are given equal opportunity to present their positions and to directly question their counterparts.

Teams from NASA International and St. Xaviers, Schools from Kathmandu Valley has been able to successfully reach for the Finals, which will hold on February 07 at 1:45 PM at the Conference Hall of The British College, Kathmandu.

The debate series was partnered by Nepal Debate Initiative, and Leo Club of Kathmandu Central Town and is being possible with support of The American Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal. We would like to thank all of the participants, hosts, and volunteers, contributing intellectuals, sponsors and the American Embassy for helping Sano Sansar to deliver social goods! Please join us for the final on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 At The British College, Kathmandu, Sharp 1:45 PM.

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Regards,  
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