

Student council Public speaking society participated in Bishop Anthony Lobo Debating Cup.



From January 17th till 18th 2020, the JSMU Parliamentary Debate Team attended the Bishop Anthony Lobo Debating Cup. One team comprising a total of 5 students participated in the event:

JSMU-A

Imad Aleem (Final year) Shahzaib Shakeel (4th year) Aimen Nasir (2nd year)

Syeda Eisha Tir Radia (3rd year)

Trainees:

Laiba Hissan (1st year)

Leading up to this tournament the Public Speaking Society organized a training sessions in university to allow those who were participating to get acquainted with the format (i.e. World Schools Debating) and brush up on their speaking skills. The training sessions prioritized teaching the basics of debating to new comers and were very well attended.

The tournament saw 10 teams from all over Karachi including Nixor college, Generations college, Haque Academy, Karachi Grammar school and st Patrick's college participating in the event. The tournament was structured in power ranked 4 preliminary rounds after which the top 4 teams qualified for the knockout rounds.

At the end of the day Team A came very close to qualifying for the knockout rounds of the event. Team A finished with an outstanding 2 wins after 4 debates and ranked 6th overall.

Overall although the team was not able to qualify for the knockout rounds there was a massive improvement in their performance compared to last year's event, with judges at the event commenting that they were impressed by JSMU's efforts. We are very thankful to the university management for providing transport and funding for the event. InshaAllah the JSMU Public Speaking Society shall keep working to promote such healthy activities that encourage students to speak confidently and learn effective communication.