Star Campus Drishty Debate for Generation Next

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OUR next generation deserves to breathe in fresh air and have equal rights to live in a peaceful environment as we as well as our ancestors did. To provide them with a beautiful lifetime, we have to overcome pollution and natural calamities. Thus, we should prevent unplanned deforestation, manage traffic pollution, and make way for a pollution free atmosphere. With an oath to provide the future generation with a world free of natural disasters, The Daily Star and Drishty, Chittagong, together organised the Debate for Generation *Next* at Cider International School on the 30th of January, 2008.

This inter-class debate competition was based on the theme 'disaster and pollution management' and took place from the 21st to the 30th of the month, concluding with a grand ceremony. On the 21st of this month, the ceremony was inaugurated by Ms. Madhumita Das Gupta [Acting Principal, CIDER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL]. Also present in the event were the judges throughout the 1st and 2nd rounds of the competition Ms. Sadia Afroz Chowdhury, Mr. Ibrahim Chowdhury, Ms. Shamim Ara Begum [teachers, CIDER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL], and Mr. Alexious Serrao [Co-ordinator of extra-curricular activities, CIDER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL]. The competition started with four debates in the first round, comprising 24 debaters in 8 teams of 3 members each. The debaters were all from classes six to nine. The winners of the first round were IX A, IX B, VI A and VI B. These four teams competed against each other on the 27th of January for the semi-final round. The winning glory was then received by the teams IX A and IX B, winning over the other two.

The final debate took place at the school's own auditorium on the 30th of January, 2008. The winners in the semi-final round took part in a tough debate on the topic 'The Scientists are Mainly Responsible for Natural Disaster.'



