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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – COVID-19

Dear IHBB Asia Participants,

The International History Bee and Bowl (IHBB) regret to announce that effective immediately, all of our upcoming events through July 2020 are cancelled. This includes all regional tournaments, the Asian Championships, the International History Olympiad, and International Geography Bee World Championships. This was not a decision we made lightly, but given the current state of the outbreak, its continuing spread, and the very small chance that it will be effectively contained within the next month or two, we feel that making this decision now is in the best interest of public health and gives everyone the maximum amount of time needed to make alternate plans.

We are of course keenly disappointed in this but realize that the health and safety of our community must be the utmost priorities. We will evaluate the situation again this summer to see if rescheduling the Asian Championships for the fall or winter of the following academic year makes sense. If the outbreak is successfully contained by then, we will do everything in our power to make this happen, but that remains a big if for now. Do note that in the event we were to reschedule these, current high school seniors would still be eligible to compete in the Asian Championships.

Finally, we will continue to spend the coming months actively working to develop our programs. We will be looking to upgrade our technical capabilities, expand our question writer program, write questions and exams for coming years, continue and perhaps expand our online quiz offerings among other initiatives. IHBB thanks you for your continued support at this difficult time and urges you all to be proactive in protecting yourselves, your students, and your children.

We look forward to seeing you in the 2020-2021 academic year, and wish you all the best for the coming months ahead.

Sincerely,



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