

## Robles is Philippine Representative to ESU Public Speaking Competition



The 2013 ESU Philippines champion John Lenard Robles (sixth from left) with 3rd place winner Arman Ghodsinia (fifth from left) and 2nd place winner Vincent Yu (fourth from right). With them are (L-R) UP Debate Society President Candice Chung, UP Asst. VP for Public Affairs Wendell Capili, 2008 ESU IPSC winner Gian Karlo Dapul, 2012 Phl representative Germaine Chuabio, ESU Philippines President Maria Luz Vilches, former Philippine Ambassador to the Court of St. James Cesar Bautista and national debate champion Claire Jiao. **(Jose Wendell Capili)**

John Lenard M. Robles, a fourth year business administration and accountancy student of the UPCBA bested around 30 contestants to win the Philippine edition of the English Speaking Union's International Public Speaking Competition (ESU IPSC). Robles will represent the Philippines in London, England in May.

Robles delivered a speech with the theme "A house divided against itself cannot stand." He talked about the importance of balancing intelligence with empathy, and how people should be in tune with their logical and creative sides in order to make the most out of their lives.

The Philippines has already won twice in the International Public Speaking Competition, with Patricia Evangelista (2004) and Gian Karlo Dapul (2008) beating other speakers from all over the world.

The national search for the Philippine Representative to the ESU IPSC was organized by the UP Debate Society and ESU Philippines.

\*Adapted from the article by [Jovan Cerda](http://www.philstar.com) (philstar.com), 11 February 2013. Retrieved from: <http://www.philstar.com/news-feature/2013/02/11/907569/diliman-student-phl-rep-intl-public-speaking-tilt>