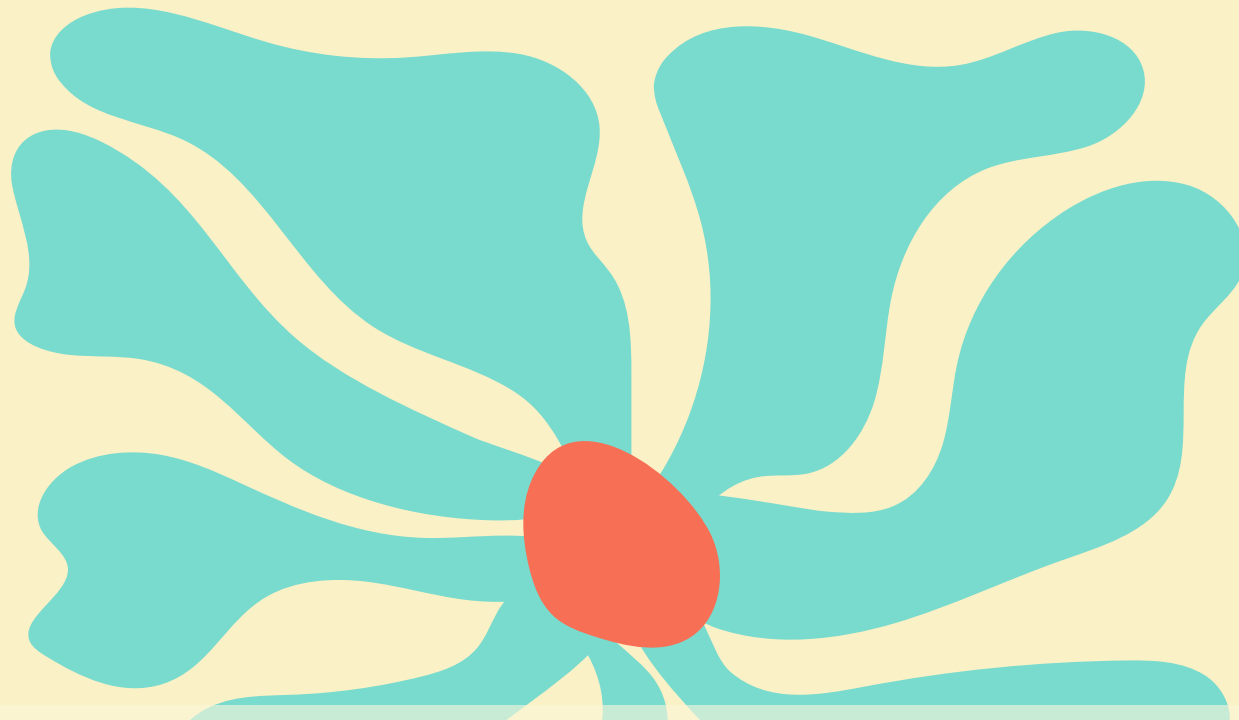
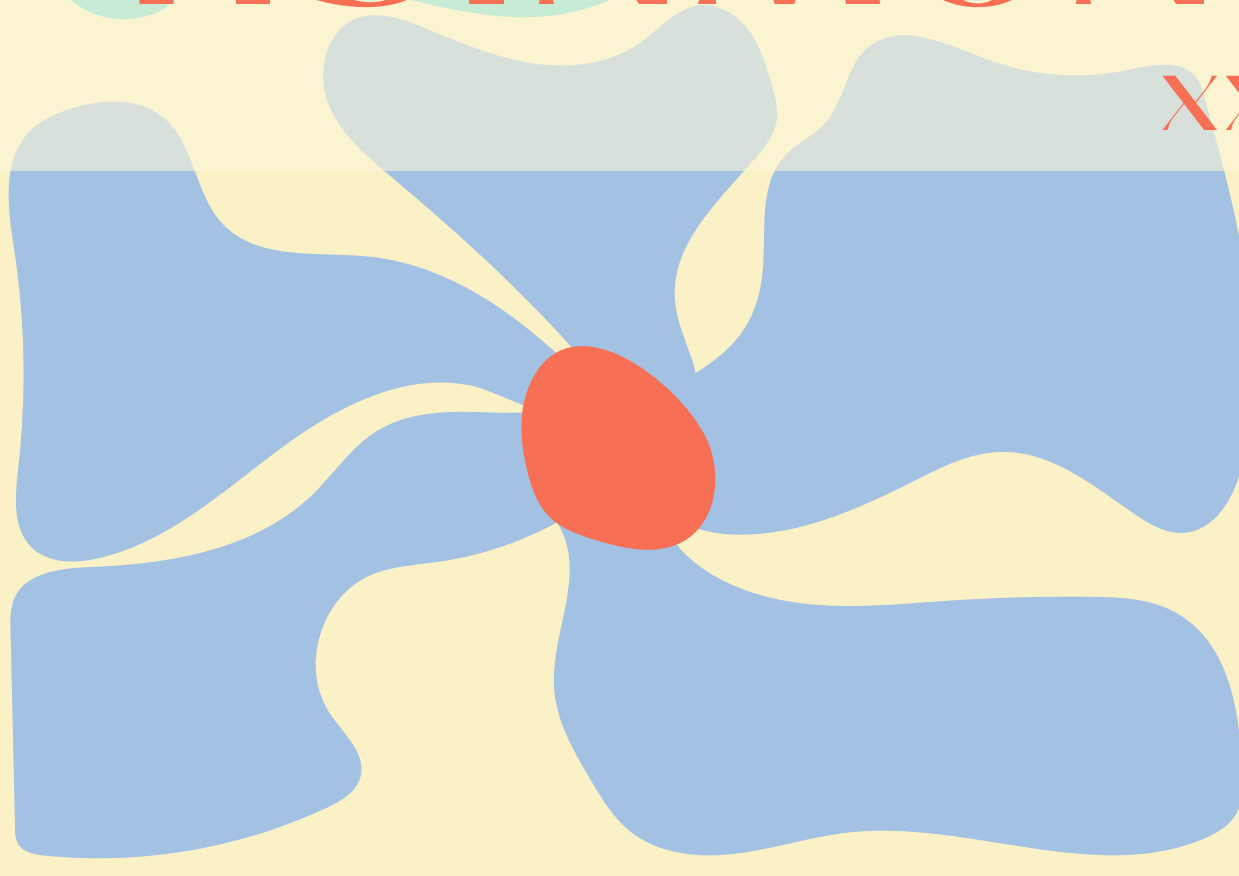


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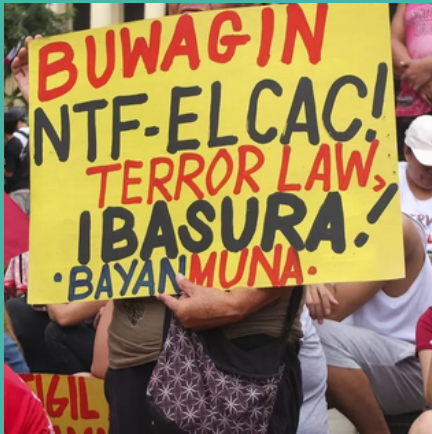
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Between Justice and Control: Finding Humanity in the War on Drugs



The global fight against illicit drugs has long fueled debate over security versus human rights, with the war on drugs in countries such as the Philippines, Mexico, and Colombia bringing these tensions sharply into focus. In recent years, reports by Amnesty International and the UN Human Rights Council have documented “extrajudicial killings, mass incarcerations, and civilian suffering” as unintended consequences of overly aggressive anti-drug operations.

In 2025, international scrutiny only deepened. The Philippines, under its continuing anti-drug policy, has faced criticism for police-led operations that caused civilian casualties. Mexico still wrestles with cartel violence and controversial military interventions, while Colombia seeks to balance anti-narcotics efforts with the protection of vulnerable rural communities. Human rights groups have repeatedly emphasized the need for “accountability, transparency, and community-driven approaches” to avoid further abuses.

For delegates in the Human Rights Council, this issue embodies the complex balance between sovereignty, public safety, and the protection of human rights. Debates may center on “judicial oversight, international monitoring, and social programs” that address the roots of drug dependency while preventing state abuse. This issue aligns closely with the conference theme of “Building Fortresses of Resilience: Constructing Towers of Justice and Stability.” Effective anti-drug strategies must protect societies without eroding justice. As the global community confronts a rising tide of narcotics, one question remains: Should our focus be on eradicating drugs at all costs, or on preventing the human harm caused by over-enforcement, and how can nations strike the balance between the two?



The Gulf Paradox: Redefining Women's Rights Amid Controlled Reform

Across the Gulf Region, a quiet transformation is underway — one that is both celebrated and scrutinized. Nations such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar have rolled out “headline-making reforms” granting women greater mobility, access to the workforce, and roles in public life. Yet beneath these advancements lies a deeper paradox: “Can empowerment truly flourish in systems where freedom is still conditional?”

In 2025, governments in the Gulf continued to announce “economic initiatives that encourage female entrepreneurship” and “laws tackling workplace discrimination”. But activists point out that these reforms often operate within strict limits — framed by political control and social conservatism. Women may be driving, working, and voting more than ever, yet issues like “male guardianship laws, restricted speech, and limited political participation” remain embedded in daily life. Critics argue that progress in the Gulf risks becoming more “symbolic than structural”, designed to project global modernity while preserving domestic authority.

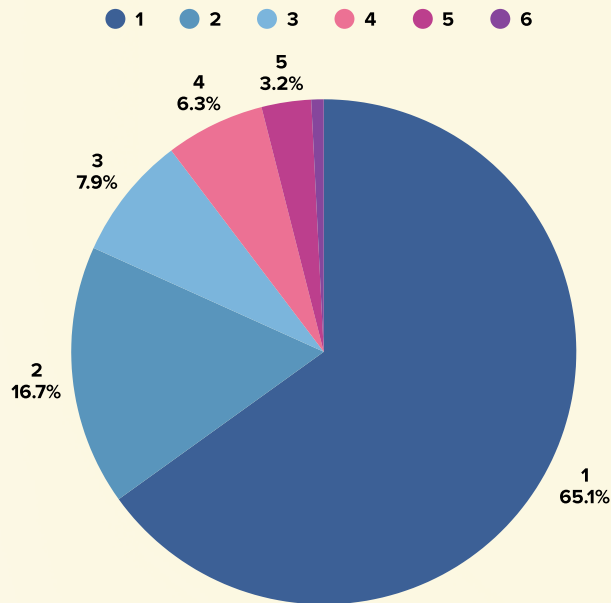
For delegates in the Advisory Panel, this issue raises critical questions about the “nature of reform, sovereignty, and accountability”. Should the international community applaud incremental progress or demand deeper change? How can global advocacy empower local women without imposing external values?

In alignment with the conference theme of “Building Fortresses of Resilience: Constructing Towers of Justice and Stability,” the Gulf debate exemplifies a key challenge of modern governance: how to reconcile cultural identity with universal human rights. Real resilience, after all, is not just economic or political, it lies in the “freedom to choose, speak, and lead.”

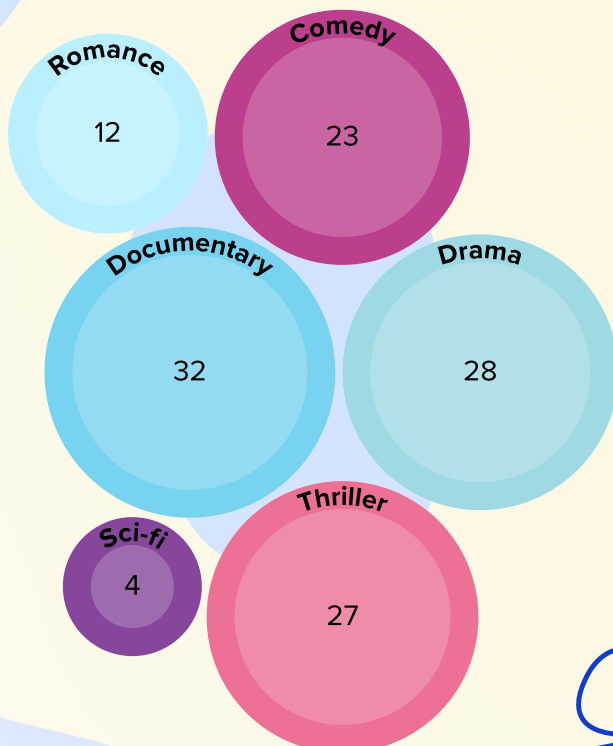


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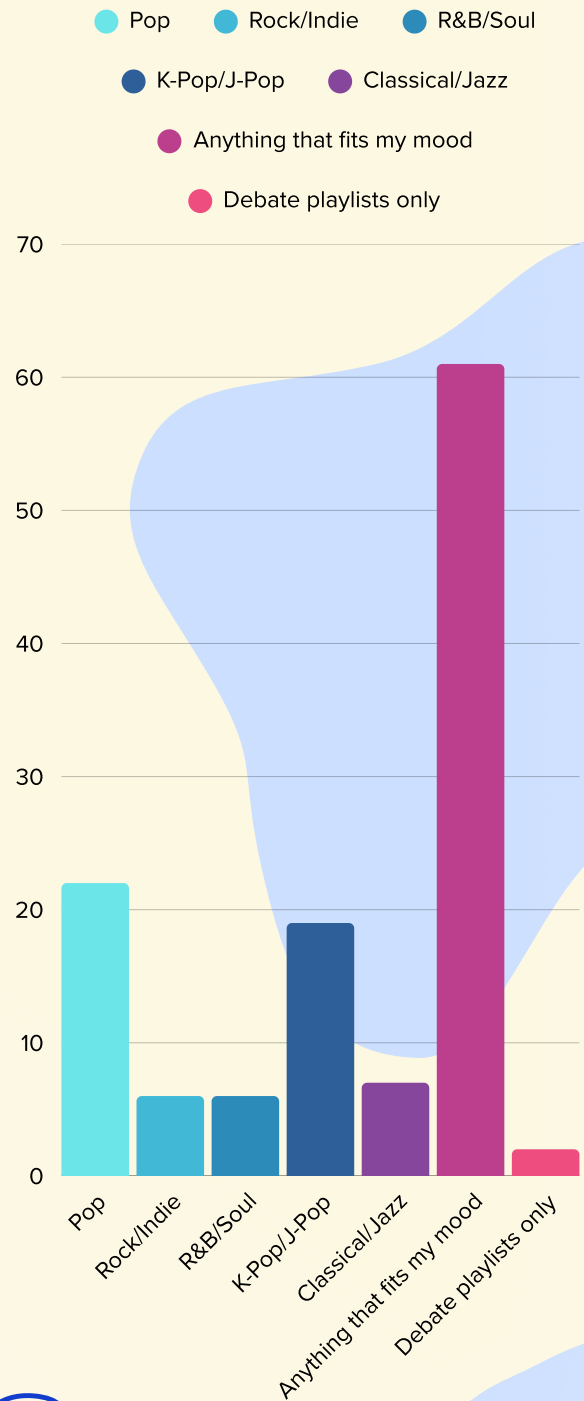


HSINMUN as a film genre?



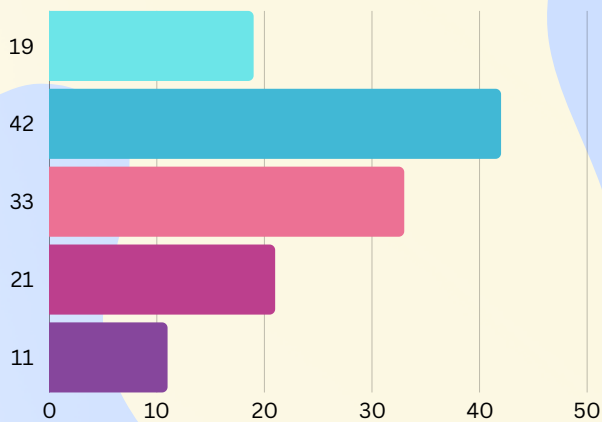
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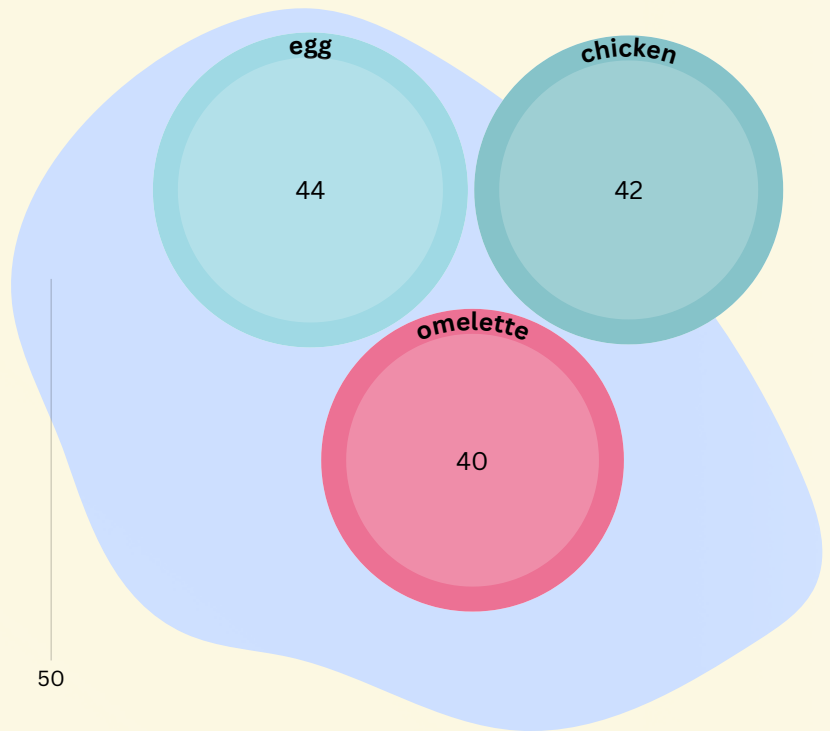


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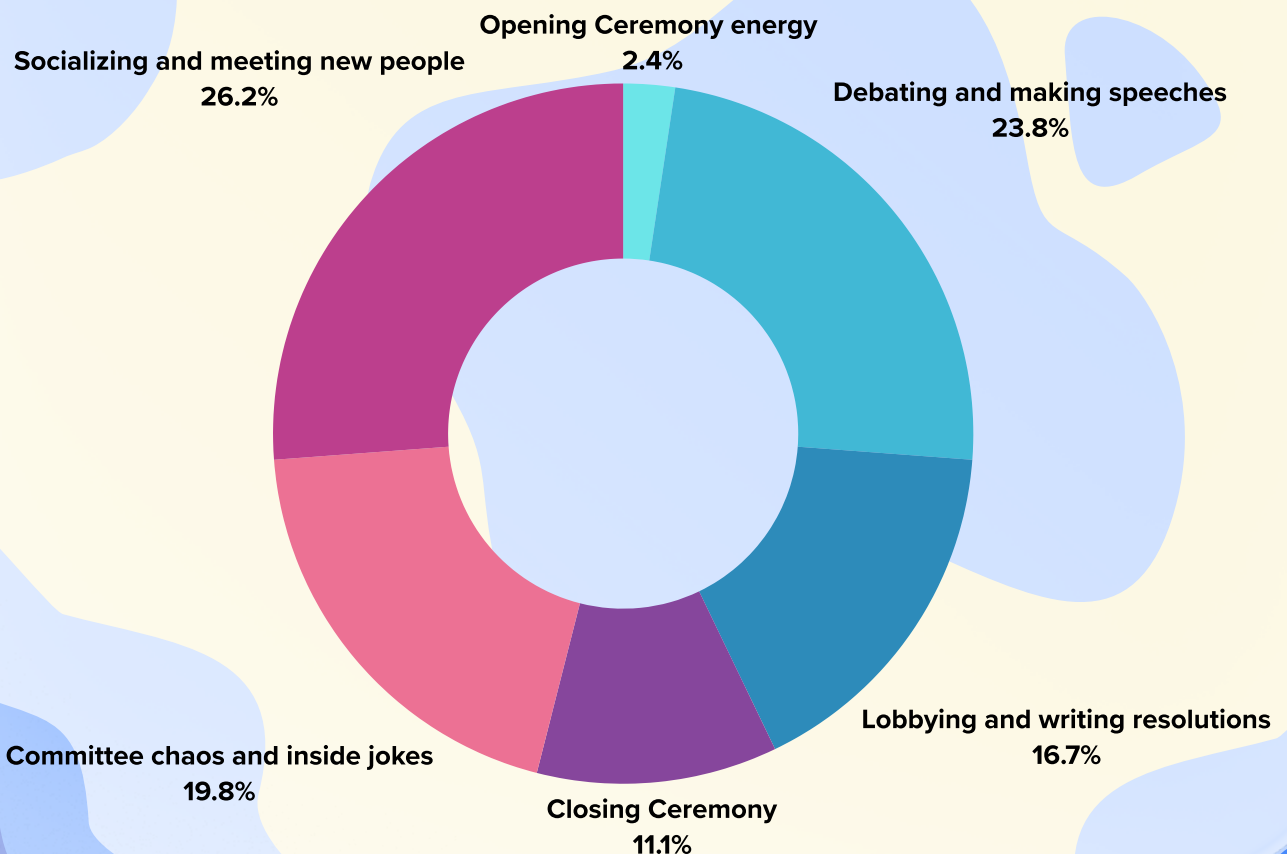
- Confident and ready to dominate
- Nervous but pretending to be chill
- Heart rate = 200 bpm
- Depends on who's in the room
- Adrenaline + Caffeine = Power



Which came first, the chicken the egg, or the omelette?



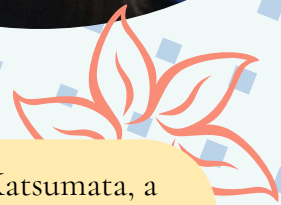
Favorite part of HSINMUN?



ANECDOTES



Kelly Hu, a senior from Hsinchu International School (HIS) and co-chair of GA6, has attended six conferences throughout her MUN journey. Introduced to the world of Model UN by her friend Cheryl back in grade 10, Kelly initially joined out of curiosity but soon discovered her passion for connecting with people from different schools and backgrounds. MUN has given her the opportunity to strengthen her communication skills and step outside her comfort zone. Kelly described herself as someone who used to be “pretty quiet,” but chairing twice has helped her grow more confident and expressive. One of her funniest memories comes from a moment when delegates convinced her to dance “Whiplash” by Aespa on stage. Through MUN, Kelly has learned the importance of socializing and collaboration, lessons she says she’ll carry into her future.



From St. Dominic Catholic High School, Osuke Katsumata, a 12th grader and delegate in GA4, has attended three conferences to date. Encouraged by his school’s MUN club, he joined HSINMUN to further develop his speaking and debating abilities. Despite only beginning to learn English in year 10, Osuke has shown remarkable progress and determination to improve. He shared that one of his goals for this conference is to make more POIs and speeches to gain confidence in public speaking. Reflecting on his past experiences, he recalled a memorable “chair dare” at TASMUN where a chair sang and danced on stage. It was a moment that reminded him how MUN can “balance formality with fun.” For Osuke, MUN isn’t just about debate; it’s about building communication and leadership skills essential for future global collaboration. He believes that these experiences will help him engage in international discussions and express his ideas clearly and confidently.



Carrie Fung, a 9th grader from Taipei American School (TAS) and delegate in the Human Rights Council (HRC), has already attended two conferences and is eager to continue exploring the world of MUN. She was introduced to HSINMUN through her school's MUN program and chose to represent in the United Council because she wanted to tackle issues that feel more urgent and globally relevant. "I'm grateful that my MUN experience has been really smooth and really fun, and I made a lot of friends," Carrie shared. She recalled a hilarious moment from a past conference where delegates ended up discussing "attacking Chile with aliens and missiles" while the real topic was about environmental resource extraction. She described this moment as "completely out of pocket but extremely funny." Beyond the laughs, Carrie emphasized that what MUN has taught her is that diplomacy is about finding common ground. "We can always reach a consensus," she said, "and if someone doesn't want to collaborate, we just find the middle ground."



A freshman from the American School in Taichung (AST), John Weng brings both enthusiasm and experience to the APQ committee, having attended nine conferences so far. John first joined MUN because of the encouragement of supportive chairs and the vibrant community he met at past conferences. He shared that what he loves most about HSINMUN is not just the engaging debates but also "the delicious lunch and the fun atmosphere." He described his MUN experiences as positive and cooperative, noting how attentive delegates and encouraging chairs made each session meaningful. One of his most memorable moments happened at STIMUN, not during a meeting but outside of it, when he accidentally spilled his friend's Coke all over his luggage, a story he now looks back on and laughs about. For John, MUN represents more than formal diplomacy. "MUN is not just about debating," he reflected. "It's about cooperating with other countries to find solutions and joint understandings with each other."



Darren Lee, a sophomore from Kang Chiao International School (KCIS), represents the United States in GA2 and has attended six conferences. He describes his MUN experience as "extremely good," though not without its challenges. "I've been rage-baited by so many people in my committee," he laughs, recalling the heated yet entertaining moments. One memorable highlight came at TAIMUN, when his chair "wore a tank top and did a dance during the session," leaving everyone amused. Beyond the fun, Darren values the skills MUN helps him build, noting, "Critical thinking is important, and a lot of people lack that." His experiences show both the lively energy of MUN and the growth it fosters in delegates.



Saturday Committee INTERVIEWS

Which delegation are you most excited to hear from?

My friend Lucas Huang is the delegate of Russia... I believe that having a conversation with him is always interesting and inspires me to think about what he says. I also admire how he directs other delegates and heavily supports his own country's stance even though it may be controversial. Calix Lee (HIS), HRC, Delegate of Brazil

I was actually initially excited to hear Russia's because the topic is about the Russo-Ukrainian war, and I feel like Russia would have a different opinion from everyone else.
Katherine Yu (PAS), GA3, Delegate of Sweden

I'm most interested in hearing from the U.S. and China. They both played major roles in a recent conference, and although I'm not sure whether they have any specific stance on the issues we're discussing, I'm curious to see how they'll respond — especially since both are among the P5 nations.
Harvey Hsieh (PAS), SC, Delegate of Pakistan

Advocates and witnesses. As a judge, we get to hear from both perspectives, which allows us to actively intervene. It also feels unbiased, since we understand the context fully rather than questioning blindly.
Alex Lin (IIS), ICJ, Judge

What would you say to a delegate who is nervous about their very first conference?

Sharing as a first-timer myself, I would say: take a deep breath, breathe, and just calm down; you'll be fine.
Aiden Huang (HAS), ECOSOC, Delegate of Kenya

Don't be afraid to speak and ask for help from your chairs.
Audrey Huang (KCISLK) GA1, Delegate of Morocco

Do a lot of research and put it onto a document first, so during the conference, when you have something to add or need to refer to something, you're already fully prepared.
Jamie Cheng (HIA), GA2, Delegate of Algeria



Aiden Huang (HAS)

Use three words to describe the first day of the conference.



Jamie Cheng (HIA)

Excited, nervous, happy to be here.
Danny Hsu (IBSH), GA1, Delegate of Haiti

New, cool, formal.
Chloe Teh (IBSH), GA4, Delegate of Turkey

It's very organized. The community is really welcoming, and overall, it feels pretty relaxed.
Gary Liu (TAS), SC, Delegate of Russia

How has the committee dynamic been so far?

Since APQ is not a typical committee like the committee I was in last year, Environment, my experience has been quite different. The difference between APQ and normal committees is that in APQ, you don't refer to yourself as a delegate. There are also various differences in the format. Overall, I think the topic for this conference is an improvement from last year and there are more debatable nations that have different stances.

Luisa Ho (PAS), APQ, Delegate of USA

Even though people say that ENV is a committee for middle school and more beginner-friendly, I feel like it's still important on a global scale as ENV is basically the foundation of everything. Therefore, being part of this committee is truly a great experience.

Hannah Liao (AAIA), ENV, Delegate of Peru

If you could switch committees for one day, which committee would you join?

I would choose the ICJ because I want to try something different. I'm not completely sure about their procedures, but I think it's more intense, which makes it really exciting. Being part of that seems like a unique experience, especially since you need to apply in advance and might not always get the chance to attend.

Nichole Lin (KCISLK), UNDP, Delegate of USA

I would probably stick with GA2, because I'm really interested in the issue. It's about post-conflict recovery and tariffs.

Jamie Cheng (HIA), GA2, Delegate of Algeria

Recently, I've been pretty interested in the ICJ format in general. From what I've heard, it's more similar to a mock trial, which involves more debating, and I'm more of a debate person.

Katherine Yu (PAS), GA3, Delegate of Sweden

SUNDAY COMMITTEE

Interviews

What's the most interesting or absurd resolution that was proposed in your committee this weekend?

We haven't really gotten to the controversial part yet. But there's been a lot of collaboration between China and the USA (I'm China). I have to thread this line of opposing the USA while supporting the right of nations to tariffs and that has led to some really great debate and many new clauses.

Rithwick Sambasivan (HIS), GA2, Delegate of China

I think there was one clause yesterday from Syria that was based on Labubus. The delegate of Syria said to use Labubus to decrease the rate of terrorism in Syria and Latin America.

Austin Lin (IBSH), GA1, Delegate of USA

The delegate of Russia proposed many clauses that allowed many countries to have their own priorities and to be able to determine their own human rights violations, which was quite absurd, in my opinion.

Briana Lin (HIS), HRC, Delegate of Kuwait



What moment from this weekend will you remember throughout the rest of your MUN career?

There was this moment when two delegates were asking me questions at the same time. It's quite memorable because I used to underestimate myself. I realized that I could do many things that I didn't think I could do before, and it really boosted my confidence.

Chloe Chuang, APQ, DMHSCIP, Delegate of Bahrain

I think I will remember my opening speech throughout the rest of my MUN career, because it was my first time.

Shubham Mago (AST), ECOSOC, Delegate of China.

I woke up at 7:30 today and I was very late for the conference, so I'll probably remember this.

Aiden Ting (DIS), ENV, Delegate of Brazil

The debate part, because it was really funny and everyone seemed to enjoy it. It made the whole conference more memorable and lively.

Sophia Lin (KCISLK), SC, Delegate of Guyana.



Did any unexpected alliances or arguments change the direction of your committee's discussion?

Yes, it was interesting to see France, the US, China, and Russia form one block to challenge water management proposals. Even now, they're still debating fiercely within that alliance.

Ethan Chang (AAIA), UNDP, Delegate of Denmark



When the witness was unsure of the facts and many extra questions came up, more people in the judges' panel got to speak. I think it really added depth to the discussion.

Jamie Cheng (DIS), ICJ, Judge

Not really. They mainly group up like communist countries and LEDCs.

Chloe Chen (IBST), GA3, Delegate of Russia

If you could give advice to your past self before HSINMUN started, what would you say?

I would say before coming with resolutions to solve the issue, also come up with extra resolutions to solve the issues of countries I'm allied with so that when they get targeted, I can also defend them.

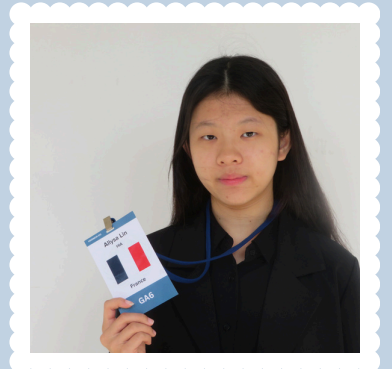
Austin Lin (IBSH), GA1, Delegate of USA

I would say to do more research, find points other countries may propose, and stand with other countries' stances.

Allysa Lin (HIA), GA6, Delegate of France

Don't be so nervous, come with an open mind, and you'll learn a lot of things throughout the process!

Chloe Chuang, APQ, DMHSCIP, Bahrain



Which delegate or chair left the strongest impression on you, and why?

The delegate of the United States has been great and active. The delegate of Saudi Arabia is one of the few delegates that doesn't treat this like a debate club and is actually trying to find a solution. And I really appreciate that.

Rithwick Sambasivan (HIS), GA2, Delegate of China

The delegate of Mexico has improved a lot throughout these few days, and her progress is impressive.

Chloe Chen (IBST), GA3, Delegate of Russia

I'd say Sophia, our deputy chair. She left a strong impression because she seems really serious and always attentive, almost like she has a pair of eyes on everyone at all times

Ethan Chang (AAIA), UNDP, Delegate of Denmark.



Would you attend HSINMUN again?

Yeah, I would definitely attend HSINMUN again.

Briana Lin (HIS), HRC, Delegate of Kuwait

I would love to, but I'm going to be graduating next year!

Chloe Chuang (DMHSCIP), APQ, Delegate of Bahrain

Yes. It was good. But if there was sushi next time, I would like it even more.

Zoe Zou (HIS), GA4, Delegate of Myanmar

Yeah. Of course. It's the biggest conference in Taiwan as far as I know. And it's a crime not to attend this, right? It's the biggest conference. You're going to meet people from all over Taiwan and other delegates. You're going to get a lot of new experience, even if you're new or a veteran delegate. The people who organized this are very experienced, so the organization is as perfect as it can be. So far, no hitches.

Rithwick Sambasivan (HIS), GA2, Delegate of China

Probably, yeah. I like the approval panel because it was pretty efficient. It's my first time in Hsinchu and I don't know if this is common, but I liked how the chairs helped us with clauses they thought were too long or too inefficient.

Chloe Chen (IBST), GA3, Delegate of Russia

Yes, definitely, even though it's just my first time.

Ethan Chang (AAIA), UNDP, Delegate of Denmark



SUPERLATIVE WINNERS

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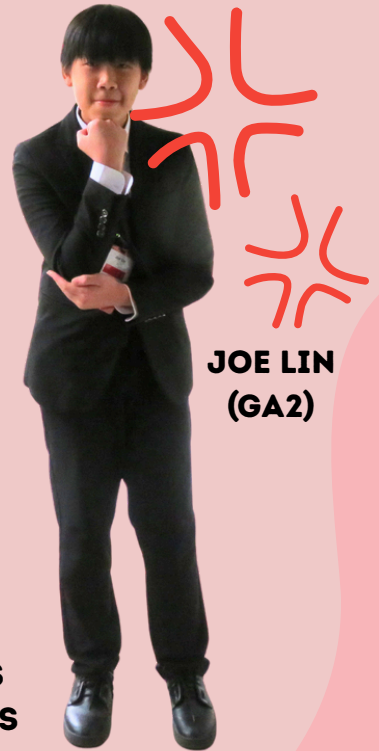
**JOSEPH LEE
(APQ)**



**BIGGEST
RAGEBAITERS**



**RICARDS
PETREVICS
(GA1)**



**JOE LIN
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**DARREN LEE
(GA2)**



**HANNAH
LIAO (ENV)**



**ANNABELLE
PETKOVICH
(GA1)**

**MOST
CHARISMATIC**

BIGGEST SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES



CALIX LEE
(HRC)



NICOLE LIN
(UNDP)



AVERY LIN
(SC)

ZARA ANNE COWIE
(HRC)



KATHERINE YU
(GA3)



MOST ELOQUENT



SAMMUEL HSU
(UNDP)



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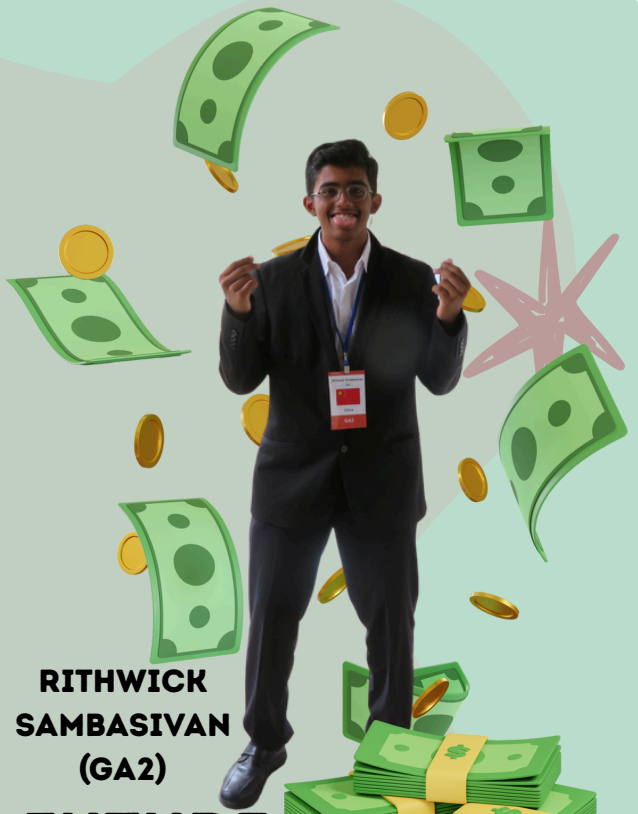
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(GA3)



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(GA2)

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PERU X USA
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(ENV) (ENV)

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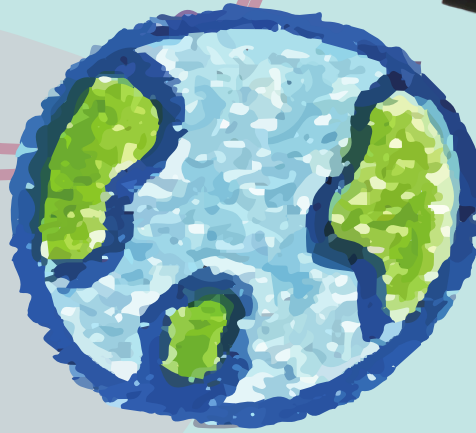


MOST LIKELY TO SAVE THE WORLD

SHUBHAM
MAGO
(ECOSOC)



ZOE ROSE
COWIE
(GA4)



SHERIAN
LAI (GA4)



CLYDE
WANG
(SC)



MOST LIKELY TO ASSASSINATE SOMEONE

ETHAN
CHANG
(UNDP)



MOST INFLUENTIAL BLOG LEADERS

JASON
CHOU (GA1)



JAMES
GRENHAM
(GA6)



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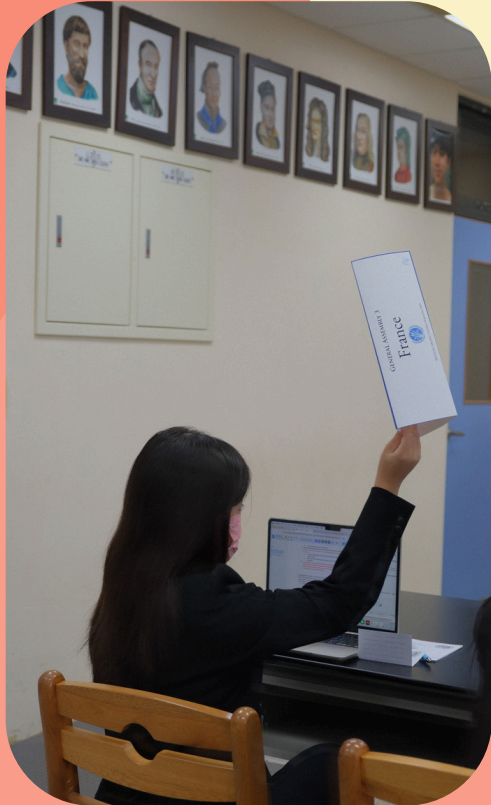
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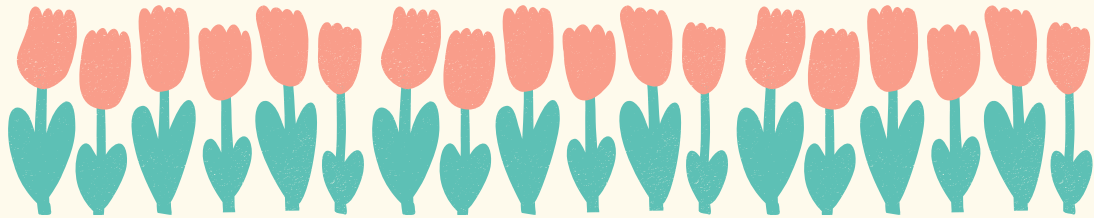
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