Conference Issue

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Anecdotes



Sophie Miao (KCIS)

Sophie Miao shares how she prepares for conferences as the delegate of Ethiopia in UNDP, emphasizing the time and care she puts in through the whole process. Sophie takes about a total of two weeks to research her country, draft a result and prepare her opening speech.

Through this practice, Sophie states that MUN has been able to help improve her observation and creativity skills. However, Sophie also emphasizes the vital qualities that she must possess when serving as a delegate, stating that “when we’re forming resolutions, communication is a really important thing.” Sophie reflects upon her past MUN experiences, reminiscing the most on KCMUN, the MUN that her school hosts, because it has given her immense confidence through her MUN journey. Sophie’s advice for first-timers is to “don’t be too shy because everyone’s opinion matters and it’s good to hear everyone’s voices.”

Victor Hsieh (KAS)



Victor Hsieh, attending HSINMUN as the delegate of India in General Assembly 4, expresses his love for MUN through debating. Victor states that he especially loves debating amendments because he is capable of putting his research into use and integrating his country's voice into the resolution. Prior to MUN, Victor practiced his public speaking skills through debate, yet he was still new to it.

After attending MUN conferences, Victor expresses that his "skills in public speaking and being able to cooperate while still debating ideas has improved significantly." Victor, expressing the hardships required in order to perform well in MUN, believes that the hardest part in MUN stems from lobbying when many conflicting ideas and requirements, like respecting every state, occur. However, after reflecting on his experiences in MUN, Victor learned that the most important lesson in MUN was cooperating with everyone. As he says, "even if you have different ideas, and the debate can be very fierce, in the end, you can always have this resolution that both parties can agree upon."



Alex Klust (HCAS)

Alex Klust, a junior and the delegate of the UK in the security council, has already attended three conferences prior to HSINMUN. He was first introduced to MUN by his school's MUN program director, Mr. Vaughan, who encouraged Alex to explore world issues. He shared that "the debate structure seemed very attractive" and that he has always been interested in subjects relevant to international relations.

"It was life-changing; it motivated me to leave my house at one point, and I got to do something that I actually enjoy doing, something social studies-related," Alex described when asked about his experience with MUN. A memorable moment for Alex was when a delegate proposed an absurd clause regarding Benjamin Netanyahu involving 40 cruise missiles and the language of Tanzania, a clause whose purpose still eludes him. For Alex, MUN is not merely a debate on world issues, but a perfect opportunity to balance his passion with knowledge that he gets to put into use.

Interviews



GA6, South Africa, Nora Bee (KAS)

What was your first impression of MUN?

My first impression of MUN was that it was really complicated, and I thought it was exclusive to smart people. My friend was in MUN at the time, and it seemed really, really hard. I watched her at the conference and read her whole resolution, which is how I began to think to myself, “Oh wait, I kinda wanna do that.” At the time, I wasn’t in middle school yet, but when I joined in 6th grade, it was the most fascinating thing ever. I get to meet new people, study issues worldwide, and just experience new things in general.

How do you prepare before a conference?

I do a lot of research on the topic, and I also read a ton of articles on the issues from the UN website. But mostly, I just try to plan out what I’m going to write ahead of time, scan through the chair report, and delve deeper into the sources that they used.

GA6, Yemen, Jasper Chou (DIS)

What is the biggest lesson MUN has taught you that applies outside the conference room?

It taught me to not be scared of taking the first step and to meet new people. Before the conference, I wasn’t exactly a very social person. However, the more new people I met through MUN, the more comfortable I got with the idea of conferences in general. So, just try to meet new people, start conversations, and don’t be afraid of trying.

SC, Algeria, Tara (IBSH)

What is the biggest misconception people have about your committee?

I think the biggest misconception about our committee is that it's really hard and advanced, but actually it's not as scary and intimidating as most people think it is.

Enviornment, Australia, Ian (AST)

Which delegations do you want to form alliances with, and why?

Probably South Korea and Bangladesh. They’ve both shown amazing levels of confidence and are generally well prepared in terms of research. I can envision developing fruitful conversations and thought-out resolutions if we were to be thrown into the same bloc.



Jasper Chou (DIS), GA6, Yemen



Sophie Cardenas (DIS), ICJ, Judge

How has the committee dynamic been so far?

ICJ, Judge, Sophie Cardenas (DIS)
So far, you can tell that people have gotten more confident with how they're performing in ICJ because it's a committee that isn't really offered in a lot of the conferences. People have mentioned that it was either their first or second time in ICJ, which led them to being more shy. However, over time, you can see how they start to engage more speak more, and find confidence in themselves. So, pretty good!

GA2, Delegate of China, Caitlin Tsuchida (DIS)
In the beginning, it was going okay, and everyone seemed to be working and cooperating with each other in general, but now, it's a little messed up as everyone's trying to present their own opinions in an uncoordinated order, while others have stopped communicating in total.

APQ, delegate of UAE, Daniel Basha (TYAS)
The committee has been talking nonsense, but overall, I wouldn't say the current situation is too bad, as I still got to learn a few more useful skills in MUN from this committee.

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

ECOSOC, Delegate of Turkiye, Chloe Neely (KCIS)
I would probably choose to join ICJ. All the other committees involve basic debate procedures like writing resolutions and all that. But for ICJ, even though it seems like it's going to be 10 times more intimidating, but it's also 10 times more fun because there's so much more to do.

GA 3, Delegate of Colombia, Ensu Chol (AAIA)
I would pick HRC because of my interest in the issues they're debating. I find the committee super intriguing and productive, and the environment seems nicer, which is another reason that makes me want to join them!



Chloe Neely (KCIS), ECOSOC, Delegate of Turkiye

Interview

Q: What made you pick ICJ over a more traditional committee?



Jonathan Shih (PAS), Judge of ICJ

ICJ, Judge, Jonathan Shih, PAS,
Issue: (1201) Application of the Genocide Convention (Sudan vs United Arab Emirates)

Jonathan: Well, it's my last year at MUN, so I want something maybe new and different from delegation or chairing. And I felt like ICJ is something that I've never tried before, so it would be a good chance for me to give it a try.

Q: Q: How is preparing for the ICJ different from preparing for a General Assembly?

Jonathan: Normally for the General Assembly, you have to write a resolution. Compared to the ICJ, there's not that much preparation that you need. But at the same time, you really have to get to know the case in detail so you can make a fair judgment.

Committee Photos














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Committee


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