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# SAIMUN 2017: OFFICIALLY IN SESSION

By Justin Kim (SSIS) March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017



SAIMUN 2017 General Assembly in session. A delegate is sending a note paper. Inhae Hong/Deputy Secretary-General

**SAIGON - SAIMUN 2017 has officially opened its annual conference at the Sheraton Hotel on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This year's conference involved thirteen schools from Ho Chi Minh City and abroad in Phnom Penh, inviting a diverse group of delegates to debate on the issues. Due to the large number of delegates attending this year's conference, the issues to be debated have increased to four, demanding productivity among the delegates and chairs. With two days of conference duration and four topics in each assembly (council), delegates from various nations have begun to amplify their nations' voices for suitable resolutions. This year's conference was lead by Secretary-General Seong-Jun Lim along with Deputy Secretary-General Inhae Hong.**



# Voices of the General Assembly One

By Justin KIM,  
DaJeong LEE



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## Issues of General Assembly One

1. Establishment of legal framework for regulations and rules of private military companies
2. Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations
3. International cooperation to stop the proceeds of drug trafficking being used to finance illegal organisations
4. Measures to prevent the recruitment of young people from Central Asia by terrorist groups



Deputy Chair of General Assembly 1  
Kevin Lin (ABC International School) Justin Kim (SSIS)

The General Assembly 1 has called the conference in order, upon the broad topic of disarmament and terrorism that is threatening the global society. Kevin Lin, Deputy Chair of the General Assembly 1 from ABC International School, presented his excitement and expectations for this year's conference. Attending SAIMUN 2017 as his last conference, Kevin describes Model United Nations as a platform to meet new people regardless of appearance, race, or religion. He further explains that the Model United Nations is an opportunity to connect future leaders and solve world issues for the benefit of the global society. For this year, Kevin expects the chairs to lead the delegates to create a diplomatic atmosphere and let delegates to enjoy and have fun during the conference.

Jun Won Hwang, student from British International School, attended the General Assembly 1 as the delegate of Pakistan, focusing on the issue of nuclear disarmament, the rise of terrorism, and child involvement in terrorist groups. Being in many conferences, Jun Won explained that he likes the diplomatic atmosphere and realistic situations of political conflicts in which students can express their opinions without interventions of adults who typically oppress students opinions. He further expressed that his opening speech went well, but felt that it was longer than expected. For today's conference, Jun Won showed his unique fashion of wearing socks with pictures of baguettes all over it, along with a unified dark blue colored suit.



Delegate of Pakistan of General Assembly 1  
Jun Won Hwang (British International School) Justin Kim (SSIS)



Delegate of France of General Assembly 1  
Yeon Jin Jung (Saigon South International School) Justin Kim (SSIS)

As one of the Permanent Five nations, Yeon Jin Jung, student from Saigon South International School, is representing the French Republic in General Assembly 1. She explained her high interest in SAIMUN conferences by saying that she enjoys attending large annual conferences, where she gets the opportunity to meet her friends from other schools. In terms of the opening speeches, Yeon Jin expressed her speech as an "ordinary introduction of her country." Yeon Jin's favor in Model United Nations is because it helps her to learn about new countries around the world and improves her public speaking skills. As the representative of France, Yeon Jin explained her supportive opinion towards nuclear disarmament and strong will for the safety of world security.

# Sustainability from General Assembly Two

By Ju Kyoung SHIN,  
Yeon Joon JUNG



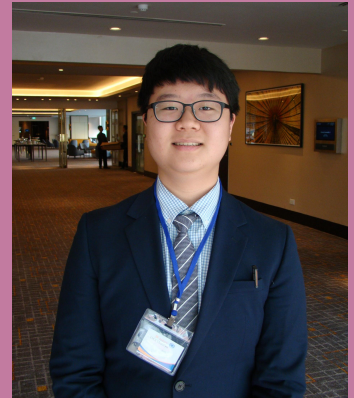
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## Issues of General Assembly Two

1. Combating food insecurity in urban areas
2. Sustainable tourism and sustainable development in South-East Asia
3. Measures to implement the Addis Ababa Action Agenda
4. The question of preventing offshore tax evasion

General Assembly 2 started a very intense discussion on the question of sustainable tourism and sustainable development in South-East Asia. Chan Gyu Choi, who is the student from Renaissance International School Saigon, is Deputy Chair of the committee. Chan is a student who could not hide his passion towards MUN and debating. Chan said “The reason why I joined SAIMUN this year is because I simply love debating, and want to help other delegates to have great experience as the chair”. He truly wishes this MUN conference to help the new delegates to build their public speaking skills and confidence. “I went through the same path, and I truly know how they feel in their first conference”.

Deputy Chair of General Assembly 2  
Chan Gyu Choi (Renaissance International School Saigon)



Lam Pham from Saigon South International School is participating in GA2 as the delegate of Iran. When asked how MUN could be fruitful and effective for solving global issue, she stated that MUN is like a platform, where we could get to view the glimpse of how the world functions. With one of this year’s topic being “development in Southeast Asia”, Pham hopes this conference could be the turning point for the all the delegates who are in the committee to view the region they live in different perspectives.

Delegate of Iran of General Assembly 2  
Lam Pham (Saigon South International School)

Representing the French Republic, Lily Tang, who is also from Saigon South International School, is thrilled to debate with other delegates for the better society, although it is “Model” UN conference. Although SAIMUN 2017 will only be her 2nd MUN conference, Lily stated, MUN is starting to become part of her life. Yet, since she does not have as much experiences like other delegates, Lily agrees that she still needs lot of improvement. “The most difficult thing I faced in MUN is thinking of what to bash other people on. I can’t think of anything, nor I can’t spot flaws in resolution when I first read it.” Lily said.

Delegate of France of General Assembly 2  
Lily Tang (Saigon South International School)



Delegates in GA2 are already starting to debate in intensed and calm manner, with dozens of speeches and POIs thrown within the room, leading all of us to expect the committee to produce marvelous resolutions to solve the issues.

# Cultural Protection from General Assembly Three

By Hwang Sung Jin, Kyoung Min KIM, JungMin LEE, JeongWon HAN



## Issues of General Assembly Three

1. Measures to protect world heritage sites in areas of conflict
2. Providing basic health care for all
3. Reviewing the existing natal policies in order to formulate an agreement on global population control
4. Promoting social development by empowering the youth, the aged and the disabled

In GA3, the delegate of Ukraine, Nguyen Phuong Khanh who is a student from AMIS, has entered MUN for the first time. upon knowing that MUN is a valuable experience, she participated to see other people’s perspective on world issues. For her first impression, she was impressed on how professional the conference is, not like what she thought it would be. She said her first opening speech was general like others. she expressed the difficulty preparing for MUN, since her country, Ukraine had not much relations to the topic given and had a lack of information on the internet.



Delegate of Ukraine of General Assembly 3  
Nguyen Phuong Khanh (American International School)



Delegate for GA3 named Victoria Fethke from BIS has entered the conference as the delegate of Germany. For her, it is quite confident and enjoyable to participate in MUN as SAIMUN 2017 is her 4th conference since herself and her school is very supportive for SAIMUN. From her perspective, MUN is the place where she can learn about different nations, topics and many things that she didn’t know before; allowing her to gain more international view towards the world. She is not fully sure about whether MUN is fruitful, however, she strongly believes that as delegates get more experiences, it will help to prepare for our future conflicts.

Delegate of Germany of General Assembly 3  
Victoria Fethke (British International School)



# Freedom and Rights from General Assembly Four

By Ju Kyoung SHIN,  
Yeon Joon JUNG



## Issues of General Assembly Four

1. Redefining the role of neighbouring countries in refugee crisis
2. Measures to combat electoral fraud
3. The question of stabilising conflict zones via military interventions
4. Promoting the freedom of press and the protection of journalists in conflicted areas



All 3 chairs in General Assembly 4 remarked all delegates were active and productive, and that the debates are flowing much better than they have expected. “I expected them to be more shy... I guess I was wrong.” Said the head Chair Stella Nguyen.

Head Chair of General Assembly 4  
Stella Nguyen (Saigon South International School)

The topic of the General Assembly 4 is Special Political and Decolonisation. Delegate of Syria, Si Hyung Lee is from European International School, and he had the most remarkable reason for attending this year’s conference. “I joined SAIMUN this year because of one delegate. There was this guy in the previous conference, who had *crushed* my resolution. When I heard the news that he would be going to SAIMUN this year, I signed up for the conference right away. I also like the desserts here”. Even though he does not believe actual UN won’t care about this MUN, he stated, it is a great opportunity to learn about refugee crisis and conflict zone more in depth.

Delegate of Syria of General Assembly 4  
Si Hyung Lee (European International School)



Delegate of Philippines of General Assembly 4  
Melissa Singh (Saigon South International School)

Melissa Singh, from Saigon South International School, representing the delegate of Philippines, is currently focusing on redefining the role of neighbouring countries in refugee crisis. Concerned of current refugee crisis, and she herself interested in International Relations, Melissa believed this conference will be helping to solve this issue, since “we will eventually grow up and bring our discussion to global scale”. Having difficulty with walking due to her foot being broken, Melissa thinks MUN is a way for us to know the world. “To me, MUN is a way to understand how people have opposing ideas, and tool to interact more with each other by dealing with tough and sensitive topics. I also think MUN conference is a good way to see how the atmosphere would be like in actual United Nations Conference”.

GA4 committee had just finished with the question of promoting the freedom of press and protection of journalists in conflicted areas. With intense and heated-up atmosphere, the committee is now being prepared to discuss of question of stabilising conflicted areas.

# Fighting for Justice within the Human Rights Council

By Ju Kyoung SHIN,  
Yeon Joon JUNG



## Issues of Human Rights Council

1. The question of human rights and the administration of juvenile justice
2. The question of torture during police custody and pretrial detention
3. The question of utilising euthanasia in health care systems
4. Obliterating forced labour, human trafficking, along with removing child labour in all dimensions

Bennett Jones, Year 10 student from British International School, representing the Delegate of DPRK for HRC, is focusing on the question of human rights and the administration of juvenile justice. Seemingly to enjoy his role and confident for the upcoming debate, he said “I even attempted to convince other delegates that have stereotypes of DPRK.” With this year’s SAIMUN being his 15th Model United Nations conference, Bennett revealed MUN is like a “constant” to his life. “I’ve been doing MUN for 4 years, in both of the countries I lived. The reason why I love to go to conferences is because i can improve my debating skill, meet new friends, gain experiences, and simply have fun.”

Delegate of DPRK of Human Rights Council  
Bennett Jones (British International School)



While there are delegates who went to more than 10 conferences like Bennett, not all delegates are as experienced as him. Khoan Tran from British Vietnamese International School, had just begun her MUN life, this year’s SAIMUN conference being her first ever conference. “I was nervous, but I think my opening speech went all right.”. Being Delegate of Chad, Khoan researched for the question of Obliterating forced labour, human trafficking, along with removing child labour. However there had been a conflict. She had to write a resolution about the question of utilising euthanasia in health care systems instead. Khoan was not the only one, as too many delegates in the committee on one single topic, which forced the Chairs to unfortunately take an action. “In HRC, too many people were doing child labor topic, and I had to move to another topic. and I wasn’t prepared for that topic.”

Delegate of Chad of Human Rights Council  
Ai Cao Khoa Tran (British Vietnamese International School)





# Society Benefits from Economic and Social Council



By JeongWon HAN, JungMin LEE

## Issues of Economic and Social Council

1. Reducing the poverty gap between the indigenous and non-indigenous parts of population
2. Combating rising social inequality: social inclusion as an aspect of sustainability
3. Developing a coherent international strategy for the prevention of the radicalisation of youth
4. The question of Social and Economic inclusion of refugees

The Economic and Social Council has started their debate disputing on the problems occurred due to the presence of the gap between populations in different regions, inequality in the society, and the substantive strategies for the prevention of the radicalization of youth. Doan Nguyen from Anglophone British Curriculum International School, representing Portugal, showed her interests in this year's SAIMUN conference. She described MUN as a place where delegates can improve their skills on working and cooperating with people, thinking of practical solutions for our improvement of the eco-world. She also showed her concerns about the LEDCs' difficulty in proposing resolutions due to their weak national power. However, no matter if they are LEDCs or MEDCs, there will always be good solutions through constructive debates.



Delegate of Portugal of Economic and Social Council  
Doan Nguyen (Anglophone British Curriculum International School)



Deputy president of Economic and Social Council  
Samuel Lee (Saigon South International School)

Samuel Lee from Saigon South International School, the Deputy President of this committee, took part in this year's SAIMUN conference as his first and last time as a chair. Because he graduates this year, he wanted to finish his last MUN experience as a chair, leading the conference. He enjoyed erstwhile MUNs because he was able to debate on different global issues, therefore defining MUN as the funniest and most exciting after school program. Even though he has had numerous experiences at MUN councils, he disclosed that some of the topics, which were sometimes not concretely considered by the actual nation in the real society, made him struggle due to the lack of information from the sources. However, he mentioned that it is also what makes MUN conference entertaining and he always enjoyed his time working as a delegate in such conferences.



# Calling Upon an Environmental Commission

By Justin KIM,  
DaJeong LEE



## Issues of the Environmental Commission

1. Creating a framework for the stability and the sustenance of fossil fuels and the transition into renewable energy
2. The question of the use of nuclear energy
3. The issue of the depletion of global water resources
4. Developing an international consensus on all forms of waste disposals

The Environmental Commission has started their debate of combating conflicts upon the usage of nuclear power and high levels of pollution around the world. Representing Venezuela, Oscar Pham, from American International School, confessed that he did not prepare his opening speech, eventually improvising it at the spot. Like other delegates, Oscar described Model United Nations as a chance to express himself and improve his speaking skills in front of large crowds. Upon the issue of environmental agreements being ineffective, Oscar claimed that not taking action because it is not effective is not a solution and that we should rather keep on trying to create actions to solve the issues in the world's environment.



Delegate of Venezuela of Environmental Commission  
Oscar Pham (American International School) Justin Kim (SSIS)



Delegate of Democratic People's Republic of Korea of  
Environmental Commission  
Kim Ninh (British International School) Justin Kim (SSIS)

Interesting delegates have participated for the environmental commission. Kim Ninh from British International School is representing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), a nation of many controversies for the United Nations. Kim attended SAIMUN 2017, attracted by the theme of "Reaching Global Consensus", which she thinks is strongly related with the topics of all committees. Although the DPRK's impression on other delegates may be unpleasant, Kim wishes to be diplomatic and collaborate with delegates from other nations in order for a successful consensus. Kim believes that past environmental resolutions have not attempted to directly solve the issues, but instead they only target secondary issues. To combat these issues effectively, Kim suggests that the United Nations will have to make resolutions that directly target the issues and demand for immediate change.

## Sheraton Hotel Buffet: Food Waste and the Environment

By Justin Kim (SSIS) March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

SAIGON - Approximately one-third of food produced for human consumption (approx. 1.3 billion tonnes) gets wasted each year. These wasted foods eventually turn into methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), which is a primary catalyst of global warming. Ironically, despite the large number of food wasted, there are over 842 million people who do not have sufficient supply of food, creating negative externalities in the global economy. Hotel Buffets are one of the main sources of food wastes, as many tourists using the buffet leave leftover food on their plates, therefore becoming the main sources of global pollution. As delegates of SAIMUN 2017, we should be careful of the amount of food we put on our plates in order to decrease the number of food wastes and save the environment.

# Alarming Issues within the Security Council

By JeongWon HAN,  
JungMin LEE



## Issues of Security Council

1. Reorganising the Security Council by revising membership and veto powers.
2. The question of non-proliferation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
3. The situation in Palestine and Israel

Dealing with profound topics about the UN Security Council and two alarming international issues, the Security Council has opened up their debate. Bum Kyu Chung from Korean International School, representing the delegate of Uruguay, expressed that MUN makes him feel passionate. According to him, Model United Nations is a place where uninitiated delegates start from the bottom and increase their skills through their experiences. Through MUN, he claims that delegates can be more internationalized and familiar with world issues, which also allow them to widen their views upon the world. He also mentioned that even though it could be hard to actually reflect the delegates' resolution or ideas in solving the global issues, MUN surely is suitable in nurturing students to become future global leaders.



Delegate of Uruguay of Security Council  
Bum Kyu Chung (Korean International School)



Delegate of Ukraine of Security Council  
Phạm Quốc Bảo (American International School)

Phạm Quốc Bảo, or Brian from American International School, has participated in today's conference which is his 12th one, representing Ukraine. He thinks that MUN is a perfect place where the students can expand their knowledge and he always has huge interests in debating world issues. According to him, one of the most amusing parts of the Security Council is that they debate on serious and immediate crisis or issues; it makes him to think more seriously and challenge on himself. He had such a good start on his Opening Speech, attacking his opponent, so he is looking forward to a satisfactory SAIMUN this year. He also spoke out about the issue on the veto powers of P5 nations in the Security Council, that, since it is very hard for a non-P5 nation to pass a clause/resolution with the involvement of veto powers, he is planning for resolutions to be voted by Security Council so that the non-P5 nations, including his country, no longer have to fear about their resolution to be vetoed.



# Tomorrow's Schedule

Date: Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Venue: Sheraton Hotel Saigon



<b>7:30AM - 8:00AM</b>	<b>Student Officer Briefing</b>
<b>8:00AM - 10:00AM</b>	<b>Session I</b>
<b>10:00AM - 10:30AM</b>	<b>Break Time I</b>
<b>10:30AM - 1:00PM</b>	<b>Session II</b>
<b>1:00PM - 2:30PM</b>	<b>Lunch (Staggered Schedule)</b>
<b>2:30PM - 4:00PM</b>	<b>Plenary Session (Security Council Session III)</b>
<b>4:00PM - 4:45PM</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>

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