

INNER CHAMBER'S REPORT

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Welcome to the QISMUN newspaper! We are excited to share with you the latest news and insights from the Model United Nations (MUN) conference at Qatar International School (QIS). In case you missed it, there will be highlights, exclusive interviews with participants, and more.

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The First Time in Forever - QISMUN in A Post-Pandemic World

2019. That was the last year QISMUN had a conference - and for the first time, they had their external conference on the 25th of February, 2023. It has been a highly anticipated event that has successfully brought together students from other schools to actively engage in debates and negotiations. As the theme, "The Struggle for Utopia", focuses on the youth's battle for a better world, the delegates of QISMUN have been tasked to tackle a variety of issues. These are especially relevant to today, such as the Security Council's topic about the Leadership of the Ukrainian Government, and General Assembly 4's combat against trafficking and poaching of protected species. On the whole, these enriching discussions serve as a learning opportunity for young students to prepare them in their future academic endeavors.

Fun Fact

Del is here! This brand new mascot was introduced to us on the 24th of February, just in time for the conference. He was designed as a creative addition to the conference and adds a playful element to what otherwise would be a professional event. Del's here to lighten up the mood and act as a model delegate for all students! See him on the official QISMUN Instagram, @qismunqa

Interesting Delegates – Sanat Hatima and Aisha Tariq

During the conference, our press team interviewed two delegates to see how they felt about being in this year's QISMUN. Sanat said she was at first nervous to be a delegate but eventually grew into her role and became confident enough to stride into her committee room without any worries. Similarly, Aisha felt the pressure of being a first-time delegate weighing down on her but ultimately had no regrets joining in. "I really enjoyed my time", she said, "even though it's my first time." Aisha had seen some of her friends in MUN previously and had decided she had nothing to lose by joining in. As she put it, "No regrets!"

With every conference comes challenges for the delegates. For Sanat and Aisha, their biggest challenges were faced in their committee rooms. "It's really hard drafting a resolution," Aisha told us, "Because you have to group up and everyone has so many different ideas." Beyond drafting, presenting was also a challenge. "It was really hard having to go up there and present in front of so many people," according to Sanat.

Past the challenges, QISMUN was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for these two delegates. Aisha found the opening speeches "really inspiring," helping her steel her resolve for her day to come. Sanat told us "Students determined for a brighter future would really enjoy QISMUN."

Executive SLT – Bayyo Nadyku Pane

QISMUN is mainly ran by a student body made up of a Senior Leadership Team, or SLT, split into a hierarchy of members, admins and executives. Bayyo Nadyku Pane, a student in Year 12, is one of these executives who put their blood, sweat and tears into making QISMUN a reality. "It was a really hectic process, but I have no regrets about anything I did."

Bayyo first found out about MUN through his QIS alumni older sister. He was inspired by her perseverance and drive to be the best SLT member she could; "I wanted to become a delegate, chair, exec- whatever she was doing I wanted to be as good as her." He wanted to make an impact!

As the delegates faced challenges during the conference, the SLT team faced many, many more in the lead up to it. For Bayyo, his biggest challenge was trying to be a leader and knowing when to be empathetic and when to be stone cold with his directions. Heading a large amount of the preparations of the conference meant Bayyo had to make some hard choices at times, choices not everyone may have been happy with at the time. Overall, it seems his judgement worked out!

Head of MUN – Miss Gamble

Behind it all, behind even the SLT, was the Head of MUN: Miss Gamble. Though her role was, as she describes it, mostly observatory Miss Gamble was an integral player in organizing MUN, providing a helping hand and much-needed guidance to the SLT and allowing the conference to even happen this year. Huge round of applause!

Miss Gamble first got involved in MUN by observing the club in her first year at QIS, "It was my first year at an international school [...] and I was just honestly blown away by what I saw. I just wanted to be a part of that."

Next year, Miss Gamble is aiming to take QISMUN to even higher peaks. Perhaps a 2-day conference could be just beyond the horizon!

Introspection

There are 193 countries currently recognized as member states within the UN. Which country would you like to delegate the most, and why?