Dear Directors, Delegates, Faculty Advisors, and Volunteers,

Welcome to MUNUC-SFLS 2024! This high-profile conference, co-hosted by the Shanghai Foreign Language School affiliated to SISU, the Model United Nations of the University of Chicago, and WELAND International, will take place from December 19th to 22nd, 2024.

First and foremost, I want to extend my gratitude to all delegates for their enthusiasm and support of this event. This year, we are proud to welcome a record-breaking 500+ participants, marking a significant milestone for MUNUC-SFLS. To accommodate this unprecedented number, we have expanded our offerings to include 9 committees, exploring diverse and engaging topics such as emerging technologies, human rights, space exploration, culture, and global security. Notably, for the first time in MUNUC-SFLS history, we are introducing Ad Hoc and crisis committees, promising an even more dynamic and immersive experience.

We encourage delegates to embrace this opportunity to refine your skills in writing, public speaking, and debate while cultivating original ideas and fostering meaningful connections with your peers. Beyond the debates and resolutions, our conference will feature workshops designed to help delegates learn collaboratively and enhance their capabilities. I hope you find this experience both enriching and inspiring.

The SFLS Secretariat, comprising nearly 100 dedicated individuals, has worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth execution of the conference. From the Academics and AD teams offering support on academic matters, to the Affairs and Organization teams curating social events and managing logistics, to the Technology team providing technical support, and to the Media team and volunteers providing news coverage and services inside and outside the venue—every detail has been carefully considered to enhance your experience.

This year, we’ve taken steps to make the conference even more engaging: the Talent Show promises to be more professional and interactive; tea break snacks will be more varied and delicious; and classic activities like Candygram will make a return, adding to the fun and camaraderie. At its core, MUN conferences are not only an academic forum but also a meeting of minds and hearts. We hope you seize the opportunity to connect with others, showcase your talents, and forge lasting friendships.

Over these four days, we trust you will create unforgettable memories—whether it's crafting position papers, hearing the gavel fall, sharing laughter and applause, or enjoying the campus's vibrant evening lights. We eagerly anticipate seeing your passion for MUN, your academic excellence, and your collaborative spirit in action as you integrate profound ideas into the fabric of our world’s future.

Finally, I extend my deepest thanks to MUNUC, WELAND, our delegates and teachers, and every member of the staff who have contributed to this event. Your dedication has made this conference possible.

I wish you all a successful and memorable MUNUC-SFLS 2024!

Best regards,

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