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1.What interests you about China?

Food. Okay I am just kidding though I really miss Chinese food.

I have always been interested in the China’s domestic policies, diplomatic relations with other countries and others’ opinions of China. As a Chinese growing up in the “gray” area between continental China and capitalist Macau and Hong Kong and later migrating to Macau, I have been perceiving diverse perspectives of China since I was young. For example, recently the Umbrella Revolution in Hong Kong has been escalating tensions between Chinese government and Hong Kong citizens. As the 2014 Hong Kong electoral reform promulgated by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress stipulated that the 2017 Hong Kong Chief Executive must be elected from a universal suffrage, protestants accused Beijing government of manipulating and candidates and ignoring citizens’ wills. Meanwhile, Chinese generally claimed that the reform restrained the influence of capitalists in political field, which was the true reason under the mask of “call for real democracy”. Analyzing nations’ different views of current events also helps me to understand and untangle complex international relationships.

2.What interests you about Communism?

The most interesting part of communism for me is probably the diverse interpretations of communism in different countries and in different periods. Since my grandmother and my father are both devoted communists who used to work in the Chinese government, I was indoctrinated communism while western kids at my age were probably learning religion. Later I obtained a more detailed understanding of Chinese communism in the middle school because politics was a required course. Yet the communism I had learned from family and teachers was full of eulogy. Meanwhile immigrating to capitalist Macau, I obtained various access to different views of communism through internet, newspaper, articles, etc. Later as I studied history from an American perspective in an international school, communism is interpreted as a utopian theory that could not be achieved but could only be used as a tool for the government to manipulate its citizens. Representing in a MUN held by Yale as the delegate of Democratic People’s Republic of Korea in May, I found the DPRK’s political ideas, “socialism of our style”, were actually very similar to what I had learned in Chinese textbooks. Disinter various interpretations of communism also encourages me to gain a more comprehensive view of communism.

3.Explain your experience doing role-play, in Model UN or any other activity (including acting,

etc.).

I have attended a MUN conference held by Yale University in May when I was a sophomore as the delegate of DPRK, PMUNC will be my second MUN. I really enjoy taking other country’s perspective in a MUN conference to negotiate and collaborate with other delegates.

I took drama during my sophomore year and once performed Shakespeare’s play The Merchant of Venice on stage as Portia.

4.Do you have a particular interest in a certain time period, type of government, etc.? If so,

why?

I particularly favor the constitutional monarchy. Although the notion of monarchy is sometimes considered undemocratic and unreasonable in modern world, the long history of monarchy still fascinates me. Nonetheless, as a modern citizen, I still favor a democratic government. Therefore, constitutional monarchy excels in my heart as a combination of the symbolic preservation of monarchy and democratic rational government.