

CRISIS COMMITTEE APPLICATION QUESTIONS 2014

**Mao’s Yan’An Red Base**

1. What interests you about China?

I’m from Taiwan…not exactly actually. My grandfather was from a prominent landlord family in southern China before Mao’s victory in 1949. He fled to Taiwan in that year by joining the Nationalist army. There he married again and had my father. My father moved to Beijing, China during the 1990s and that’s where he met my mother. I was born in Beijing in 1996. I’m Taiwanese in nationality only since my father is a second generation “mainlanders” from Taiwan and my mother is an actual mainlander. I spent most of my past seventeen years in Beijing except when I went back to Taiwan to visit relatives. I found myself in love with this land. The people are earnest, generous and hospitable. The history of China is extravagant, glorious and long. The language so unique and interesting. The culture so diverse. These are the things I love about China.

1. What interests you about Communism?

I don’t have much affection regarding the Communist government in China. However, I find it really interesting that Communism was originally a union of workers as majority. But it wasn’t the case in China. Mao brilliantly appealed this communist ideas to the lower class farmers who were the majority of China. He used the farmers, making them believed that they were taking the wealth from these oppressing landlords. This is the reason why many of lower class Chinese farmers preferred Mao’s communism. Something that also interests me of communism is that although it sounds so ideal and perfect in Marx’s writings, it just never really worked. My theory is that Marx stated that Communist society should only be established base on a society with abundant agricultural and industrial products, not when people are still starving to death.

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

I have been to one crisis committee before. I went to the China-Japan 1931 joint crisis committee at BosMUN held by Boston University. I role played an old and conservative member of the Nationalist party. I triggered the civil war by secretly hired an assassination of an opposing member in my committee in the name of Yan’An. Therefore after the assassination “failed” (determined by the crisis room), the civil war broke out.

I also went to normal MUN conferences such as Harvard MUN where I participated in the Security Council, Yale MUN where I participated in the International Maritime Organization. I also participated in other MUN conferences when I was back in China.

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

I like the Tang dynasty of China because that’s when the Chinese culture was at its richest and influence at its greatest. There is a reason why in Chinese language a lot of things are referred as “Tang” when indicating China. For example, the word “China town” is pronounced “Tang Ren Jie”, meaning “the street of Tang people”. Besides, I find myself in favor with a strong central government led by a brilliant, energetic and wise emperor, which happened to be the government type during the Tang dynasty.