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FOREWORD

DEAR READERS,

Welcome to the ninth annual Dulwich International Model United Nations! I am Adelle, your Deputy Head of Press, and I am extremely thrilled to be serving at this conference. Your time here at DIMUN will be a memorable experience, and the press team is here to capture that. I hope you don't mind me snapping an occasional picture or two behind your back! (Don't worry, they'll be good ones.) Each year is a different experience, so make this one count! Encourage yourself to submit more amendments, make one more speech, or even just a POI - I promise, it will all be worth it.

I am Seojin, your Head of Press, and I am excited for you as well. DIMUN is a place to learn, experience, and meet new people from different schools. The three DIMUNITE issues will be there to record the unforgettable moments and events! We hope you enjoy all of the DIMUNITE issues, and perhaps learn more about DIMUN and the theme 'Beyond Borders'. As leaders of the press team, we have put in a lot of effort to finish and present to you, so please enjoy!

One thing we'd both like to emphasize is this year's theme 'Beyond Borders'. Beyond borders is all about expanding your horizons, reaching out to the world and being involved in global discussions. Participating in DIMUN can be your first step! We wish you all good luck, don't be nervous, and go Beyond Borders!

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INTERVIEW WITH MS. CARMA ELLIOT

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1. WERE THERE ANY CULTURAL SHOCKS OR DIFFICULTIES THAT YOU FACED?

So when I first came to China as a student, there were many cultural shocks, because there were many developments in China that are different now. Although I lived in Shanghai, there were rationing of food and material. There were many practical constraints. Coming from a Western country, it takes a while to adapt. So many people were keen to engage with foreign students. There are many practical issues in China. It was practically difficult to buy tickets, but it was part of the attraction and charm. They were small obstacles.

2. WIDE VARIETY OF ROLES, WHAT WAS THE ROLE THAT YOU ENJOYED?

Opening a consulate in Chong Qing. As a diplomat, there aren't many situations where you can open a consulate general. It was a real privilege, at the time that part of China was really just starting to open up. There was a Western development plan, which is great, because I could go out and be professionally curious.

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HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UK AND CHINA?

Just by turning on the news, you find out that something has happened every day between the relationships. Generally, the UK and China have a very strong economic, people-people, government-government, relationship. Generally the people side is stronger, which provides a bedrock for the international relationship of individuals and institutions connecting. Recently UK and China have conflict sailing in the south china sea ...these things are challenged to the international system.

HOW DOES THE BRITISH COUNCIL SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION?

I hope we are very international in our mindset. We are an internationalist organization, it is all about connections. From early years to doctoral degrees, there are many programs connecting the UK and China. This encompasses joint research, industrialization and commercialization of research. Our role is not to fund these things, but we use our networks and insights to inform others. At the moment we are talking to Oxford on how they interact with China...we do this for China's ministry as well, who are keen to build more connections in humanities. We have many networks and partners who are keen to help build this relationship.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON BEING A GLOBAL CITIZEN?

I think it is one of the most important things. I have 2 children and I would like them to have an internationalist education. I was brought up abroad, for me it is a default...to understand other cultures and to learn other language, with the idea of better together than to work in isolation. For young people today the opportunities and the changes in work place and education, is beyond borders. It is all about the global good, so it is good to operate in a way without looking at walls and borders, regardless of their passport. Being curious about other cultures is a wonderful thing.

VIETNAM SUMMIT

North Korea's supreme leader Kim Jong-un and the US president Trump met up in Vietnam to hold the second "Trump-Kim summit" during the 27th to the 28th of February, 2019. The first, held in Singapore in June 2018 had opened the door to improving the political relationship between the two countries and the official establishment and reaffirmation of the Peace Treaty on Korean Peninsula.

Since the last summit, North Korea has ceased new nuclear missile testing activities and dismantled some of its missile-testing and satellite launching facilities while opting for the strategy to focus more on economic development.

This year's summit focused on three objectives: The denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, the establishment of a cooperative, friendly partnership between the two countries and the maintenance of a sustainable peace strategy on the Korean peninsula.

"Sometimes you have to walk" Mr. Trump said after the talks broke down. Trump said Mr. Kim was willing to close some but not all nuclear sites in North Korea in exchange for the lifting of all international sanctions, however "we couldn't do that". According to the New York Times' insights in their latest reports, lifting punishing international sanctions that limit North Korea's ability to import oil, and to export lucrative goods including coal and seafood, is the North's primary goal in any negotiation; Therefore, as a result, the US sees the sanctions as a critical bargaining chip.



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With the prompt ending of the discussion and eventual disagreement between the two parties, the event has also caused some international buzz. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan offered full support on President Trump's decision to "walk" from the summit without an agreement, while South Korea called the move regrettable.

"With the strong determination to realize the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, President Trump did not make an easy compromise," Mr. Abe said, speaking to reporters after a phone call with the American president. "I fully support Mr. Trump's decision." Mr. Abe had attempted multiple times to meet the North Korean leader and discuss Japanese citizens being abducted by North Korean agents decades ago, explaining his strong approval of sanctions against Pyongyang.

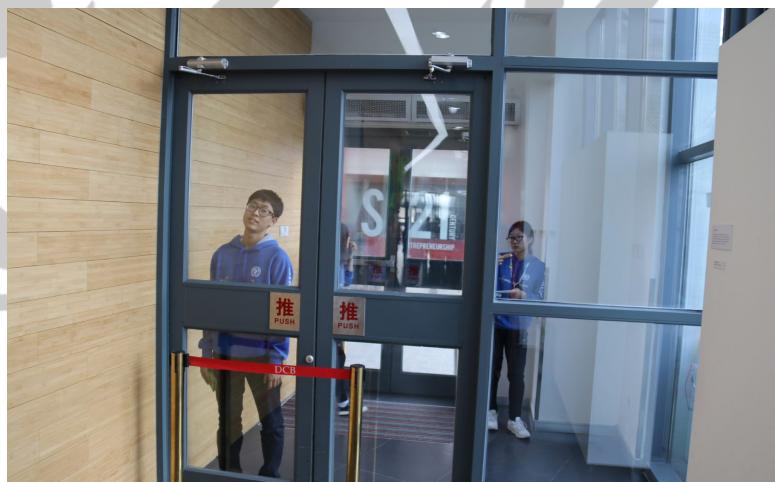
In Seoul, the government of President Moon Jae-in, an outspoken supporter of engagement with North Korea, expressed dismay at the breakdown of the Hanoi talks. Mr. Moon spoke with Mr. Trump after the meeting ended.

"Vietnam is thriving like few places on earth," Trump tweeted Wednesday morning. "North Korea would be the same, and very quickly, if it would denuclearize." Nevertheless, the initial intentions of the summit were for mutual development and the formation of mutual trust. The summit's establishment encourages countries to initiate international conversation and continue to launch ground-breaking outreach.

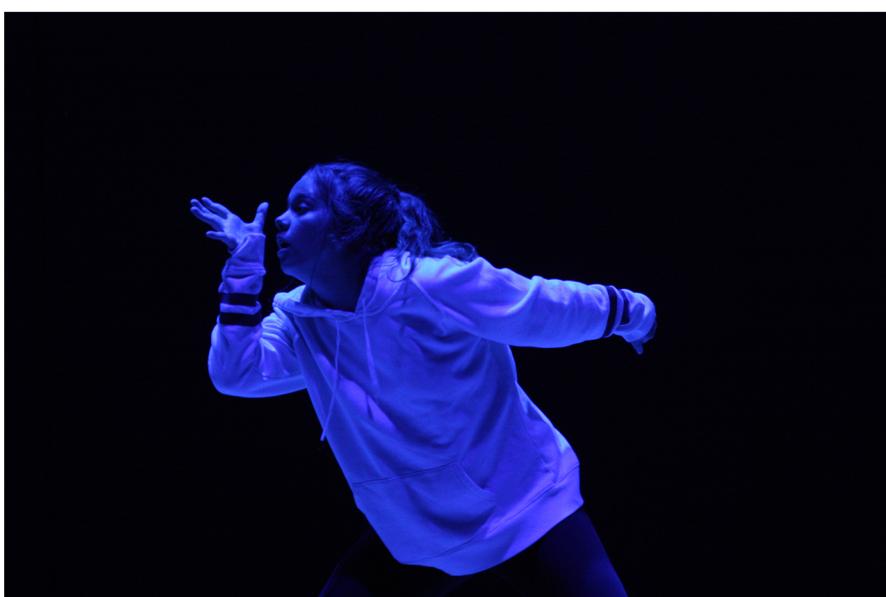
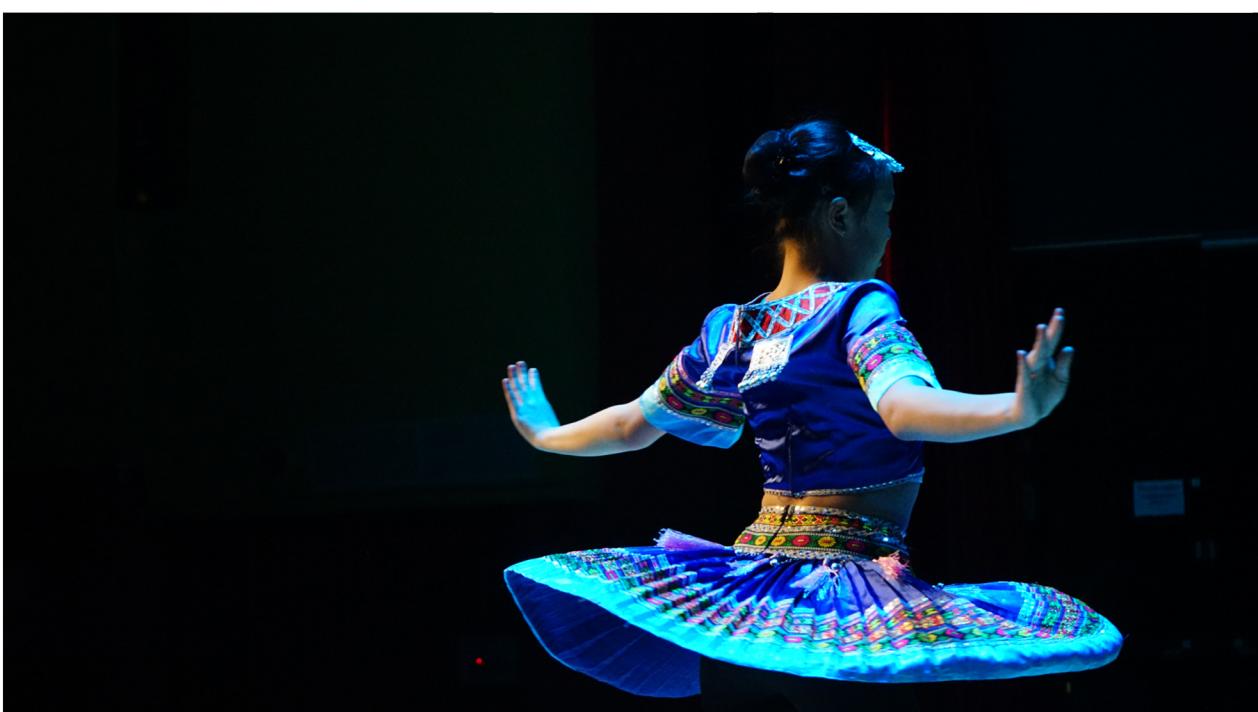
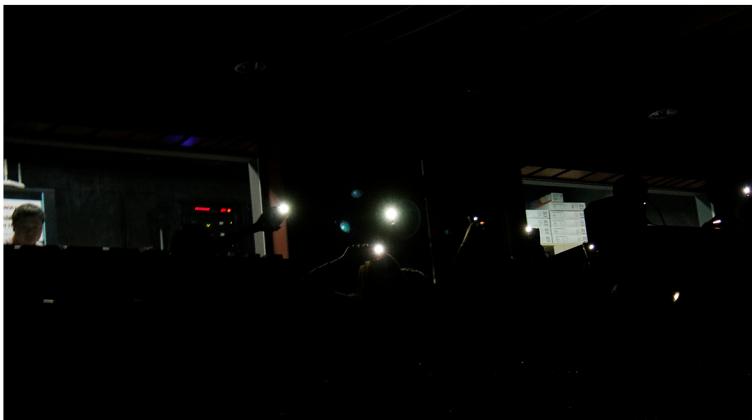
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