

THE PLISMUN'20 NEWSPAPER

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WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY

Yesterday was a very exciting day as the second year of PLISMUN was officially started. PLISMUN'20 was officially launched at the Opening Ceremony at the beautiful UPM museum. We had the honour to gather at such a historical location in order to declare our Model UN conference officially in session. Once there, we heard speeches from the principal of Park Lane International School Mr Ingarfield and Mr Anea, who both spoke on the theme of justice and what this MUN conference means to them.

We also entertained speeches by our wonderful Secretary General Jasmin Zakie and Deputy Secretary General Barbora Lhotáková, who both stand behind the making of the conference.

Furthermore, we listened to speeches by member countries of the Security Council such as France, UK, China and the USA on the theme of the conference, who already began to debate in a MUN style.

We also held a 10-minute long unmoderated caucus, where we hope that all delegates had time to socialise and meet others who are going to be in the same committee as them.

We also heard a speech by Mr Vít Šimral who is a representative of the Piráti party in the Czech Republic before heading for a catered lunch.

Following lunch, the delegates headed for some ice-breakers into the city. We hope that all delegates had a fruitful time where they were able to make new friends and future alliances in their respective Committees.

Don't forget to follow our instagram @plismun for daily updates, competitions and some backstage information ;)

GLOBAL NEWS

Sometimes during MUN conferences, we can get so focused on our own Committee topic and the problems surrounding it, that we forget to check the news and see what is happening around us! Therefore, in this section, we'll discuss yesterday's news from around the world and sum them up in a nutshell.

The Chinese Coronavirus

The new type of coronavirus in China has already caused the death of 17 people. Recently, Beijing has also announced that it will be cancelling some of the Lunar New Year's celebrations, as people are told to avoid public gatherings to prevent contamination. It has caused major panic in Chinese cities. This lead for example to the shortage of face masks and products in supermarkets being sold out as residents stocked up on supplies.

Source: BBC News. (2020). Lockdowns rise as China tries to control virus.

Trump impeachment: Bored senators during trial

While the rest of America is debating whether Trump should be removed from the office or not, most senators have started to leave their seats, fall asleep or play with their fidget spinners during the proceedings of Donald Trump's impeachment trial. Here, senators are acting as the jury to decide whether Mr Trump should be removed from office.

Apparently, the general lack of attention from the senators is being caused by cell phones being banned for the duration of the trial and the senators having to find different ways to entertain themselves. Among the ones who had left their seat was also Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar and Michael Bennett, who might be the next presidential candidates in the upcoming presidential election in November 2020.

Source: BBC News. (2020). Senators 'nap and play' in Trump impeachment trial.

QUIZ SECTION

Welcome back to our PLISMUN'20 Quiz section again!

You can find some more quizzes here to keep you entertained during breaks and whenever you feel like it.

If you complete them, please share it with us on our @plismun IG!

Where in the world
PLISMUN Newspaper - Emma - Google Docs
Can you name the country and its capital?



COUNTRY:

CAPITAL:

For this edition, we've decided to change our quiz questions to relate to more current politics. Let's see how much of it you can get right! Don't forget to check with us for answers on our @plismun IG.

After maintaining for days that there was no evidence that one of its missiles was responsible, Iran's military announced early Jan. 11 that it had shot down...

- a) American drone
- b) Ukrainian passenger jet
- c) French satellite
- d) An Egyptian weather balloon

The eruption of the Taal volcano prompted the evacuation of at least 30,000 people.

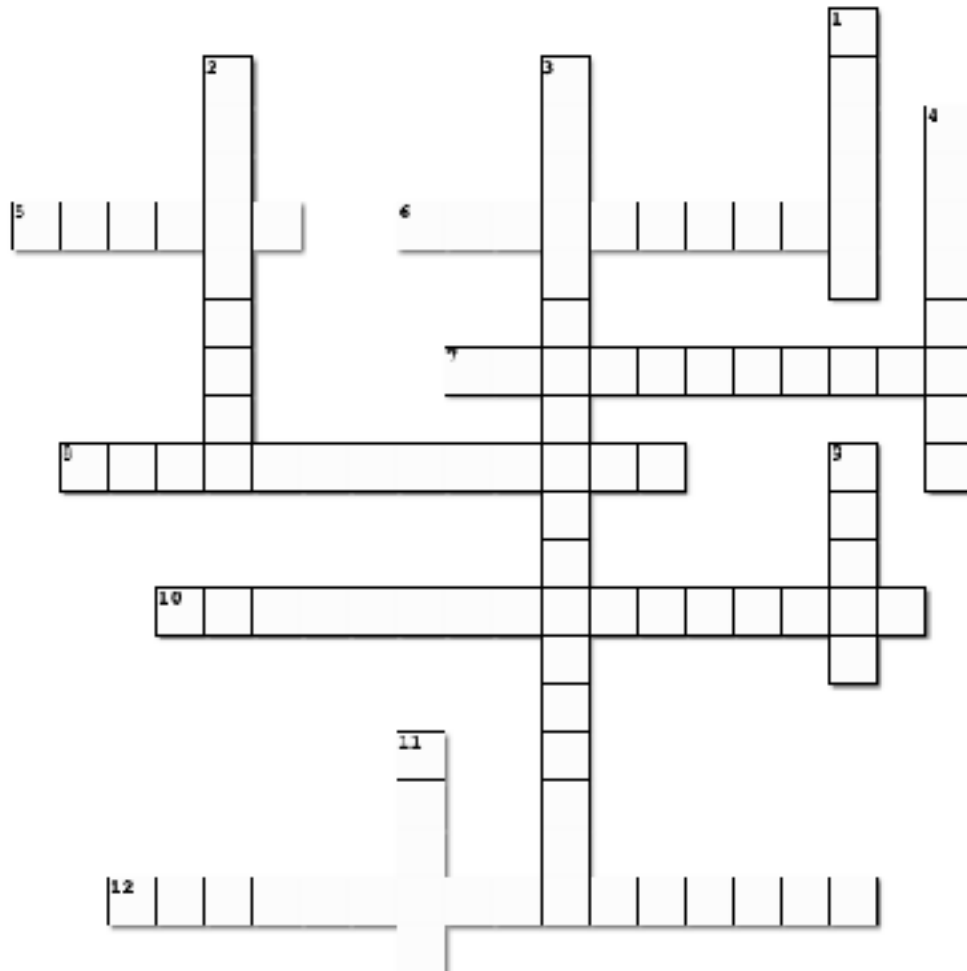
Where is the volcano?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Japan
- c) Mexico
- d) The Philippines

Which country re-elected Tsai Ing-wen as their president after pledging to defend its sovereignty?

- a) Hong Kong
- b) Taiwan
- c) Macau
- d) Xinjiang

SPECIAL MUN CROSSWORD



Across:

5. People who pass notes
6. An official decision made by the UN, which its members have voted for and are expected to obey
7. Kim Jong Un is their dictator
8. Trump is their President
10. The primary instrument of the UN for establishing and maintaining peace. Prevents wars and conflicts.
12. The principle deliberative body of the United Nations. In which each member represented has one vote

Down:

1. A democratic way of deciding something
2. A minor change to a piece of legislation, causes more issues in the conference
3. Time to socialise and get signatures and resolutions
4. Represents his or her country at UN meetings and debates
9. The leader of a MUN conference
11. When a speaker decides to give up his or her remaining time in a speech back to the chairs

AN INTERVIEW WITH LAST YEAR'S DELEGATE

Jáchym Šetka 15 y/o:

Since PLISMUN'19 was your first MUN conference, what was your reaction to it?

I was very happy to be able to attend PLISMUN'19. Especially as it was the first conference I had been to. I came to the conference with little knowledge on the procedure and rules, but because of the incredible Secretariat and Chairs, I picked up quickly and ended up taking home the 'Honorable Mention' award. All in all, a great conference!

Has PLISMUN'19 prepared you well for any other conferences you've been to since?

Yes, PLISMUN has prepared me well for other conferences. Before PLISMUN, I have had stage fright. But soon after, I started to speak a lot with interesting facts and points. Entering PORGMUN'19, I was very comfortable, even around 300 delegates!

Do you think that MUN conferences in general have helped you determine or narrow down your dream career path?

Model United Nations has taught me how to work in a team, talk well with supported facts and evidence as well as socialising. Whether the career path is to become a doctor or a teacher, MUN is great for everyone. It helps in the future. Plus it looks good on the CV report.

Now coming to our last question: Are you excited for PLISMUN'20?

Very much. If there would be one place I would go to every single day of my life, it would be a PLISMUN conference. I am excited to debate as well as socialise with other delegates around.

Thank you for the interview, Jáchym! The whole PLISMUN team wishes you many fruitful debates and a lot of fun :)

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“Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.”
— Stephen Hawking



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