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HWA CHONG CONFLICT
RESOLUTION AND INQUIRY XII

2023



Preface

Dear Delegates, faculty advisors, and future diplomats,

The twelfth Session of the Hwa Chong Conflict Resolution and Inquiry (HCCRI) will be held from 29-30 May in an entirely physical format at Hwa Chong Institution.

Established in 2011, HCCRI is one of Singapore's leading and most prestigious Model United Nations (MUN) conferences in the pre-university circuit. The two-day event allows delegates to delve into the intricacies of a wide range of global and national issues, working together with other like-minded peers to navigate the sophisticated policy-making process of the political realms.

At HCCRI, we aim to provide all delegates with a rewarding and enriching experience, regardless of experience level. For newer delegates, our beginner committees and delegate training allow for debate on intricate global issues with much support and guidance. For the more experienced delegates, our intermediate and advanced councils, such as the Joint Crisis Cabinet and United Nations Security Council, provide much academic rigour while allowing delegates to navigate the various special rules of procedures first-hand.

Besides the academic components, our unique special projects initiatives, such as inter-council activities and Socials Night, will provide all delegates with an enjoyable experience throughout the two days.

On behalf of the Secretariat, we are delighted to announce that registration is now open for HCCRI XII. This document contains further information regarding our conference and how our conference will enrich your MUN experience. Should you require further clarification, do email us at hccri.secretariat@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the 12th edition of HCCRI!

Best Regards,
Jonathan Lee [Secretary-General]
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Conference Theme

IN MOTION, CHAOS

In a world facing the shadows of climate change, rising economic uncertainties and heightened international tensions, we are constantly challenged by issues which have the ability to disrupt our daily lives in unfathomable ways. As mankind advances, we are bound to face countless torrents of such 'chaos'. Rather than shying away from them, the world - civilians, politicians, nations - will have to work together to confront them.

HCCRI 2023 aims to expose delegates to a plethora of geopolitical issues that plague our world. Through this, we hope for them to gain insights into the conundrums faced on the national and international stages, in the sphere of policymaking. HCCRI's goal is to empower delegates to embody the spirit of international collaboration and work together to derive their own innovative solutions instead of riding the tide.

The chaos we face may be inevitable, but it is not unsolvable. Will you take up the challenge, to ride the wave of chaos, and set a new world in motion?



Committees

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TIER	COMMITTEE
<i>Beginner</i>	United Nations Human Rights Council
	World Health Organisation
<i>Intermediate</i>	Disarmament and International Security Committee
<i>Advanced</i>	United Nations Security Council
	Rajya Sabha
	Joint Crisis Cabinet

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Question of Debt Bondage

Today, an estimated 28 million people remain in forced labour, with around one fifth of this population comprising individuals in situations of debt bondage, according to the International Labour Organisation. 75 years after the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights stated that “no one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms”, debt bondage still remains a prevalent issue in both developed and developing countries, in all industries. At HCCRI 2023, delegates can look forward to fruitful debate on this issue.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

The Ethical Considerations and Production of Pharmaceuticals

Aiming to promote public health, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has many achievements such as the eradication of smallpox and coordinating the global response to the SARS epidemic. Have you ever wondered how these medicines and vaccines are produced and introduced to the market? At this conference, the WHO will be focusing on the ethical considerations and production of pharmaceuticals.

Delegates will have to strike a balance between drug testing and its ethical concerns, and dive into the underlying issues of pharmaceuticals, such as the affordability of drugs and disruptions in the supply chain. They will engage in meaningful debate regarding the possibility of implementing common pharmaceutical policies, as well as the other grey areas concerning the industry. With the fast rate in which infectious diseases are emerging, these issues have become increasingly relevant. At HCCRI 2023, delegates who are interested in improving the development and regulation of pharmaceuticals in this fast-changing world can participate in the WHO's discussions.

DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Question of the Use of Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles

The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC), also known as the United Nations General Assembly First Committee, addresses and draws up solutions for global challenges that threaten international security and peace, taking into account all disarmament and security issues under the UN Charter. In this conference, delegates would embark on a thrilling debate on Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs).

The proliferation of UCAVs has become an increasing concern for many, with the production and exports of UCAVs steadily rising over the past few years. Be it through the Russian-Ukraine War or the Azerbaijan-Armenian War, the threat of UCAVs has become more prominent. How then, can delegates curb this threat that can potentially jeopardise our global peace? HCCRI 2023 looks forward to delegates uncovering the intricacies of unmanned aerial vehicles and the risks they pose globally.

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

Dynamic Agenda

As one of the six primary organs of the United Nations, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is widely known as the primary organisation responsible for maintaining international peace and security. In this iteration of HCCRI, delegates will be embarking on a dynamic agenda of discussion, with an unparalleled Rules of Procedure that offers a more immersive simulation and rigorous academic experience for advanced delegates.

RAJYA SABHA

Internal Security in India

The Rajya Sabha is the upper house within the bicameral Parliament of India, which proposes, debates, and passes laws. This conference, delegates of the Rajya Sabha will be engaged in fierce discussion about the state of Internal Security in India. Communists, Hindu Nationalists and loyalists to the unbroken family line of Mahatma Gandhi will battle it out in a fight to legislative victory. The touchy subjects of religious violence, as well as protests and riots in India will be brought up, discussed and dissected. With no single party holding anywhere close to a majority, even seemingly minor players can control the whole direction of council.

Will India act and further entrench government power? Will it reaffirm religious discrimination or oppose it? Will anything change in the slightest? All these questions can only be answered by the delegates of the Rajya Sabha.

JOINT CRISIS COUNCIL

Spanish Civil War

Thundering gunfire, shockwaves from cannon blasts and the roar of planes. The Spanish Civil War in 1936, often referred to as the “dress rehearsal” for World War II, transformed Spain into a raging battlefield where Nationalists and Republicans struggled for power over control of the nation. Over the course of the conference, delegates of the Nationalist and Republican cabinets will have to apply strategies of war, the art of diplomacy and political intrigue to seek absolute victory over their enemies.

By balancing governance and conflict, personal and party interests, established generals and political officials alike will have to face off against one another, advance inch by inch and take the reins of the once great Spanish empire.

Day One

SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
0830-0900	Registration
0900-1000	Opening Ceremony
1000-1200	Committee Session 1
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Committee Session 2
1500-1515	Break
1515-1800	Committee Session 3

Day Two

SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
0900-1200	Committee Session 1
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Committee Session 2
1530-1545	Break
1545-1715	Committee Session 3
1730-1900	Closing Ceremony
1900-2100	Socials Night

Registration Information

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Registration for HCCRI will be done through the school. In this email, you would have received a spreadsheet attachment, titled “HCCRI 2023 School Delegations Registration Form”. Further details about registration can be found there!

Early Bird Registration

Date: Until 5 April

Price: \$25

Normal Registration

Date: 6 April - 27 April

Price: \$30



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FAQs



About Model UN

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What is Model United Nations (MUN)?

Model United Nations (MUN) is an educational simulation of the United Nations where students take on the role of the representative of a country or an organisation, attempting to solve real-world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned portfolio. Students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and how the United Nations works through a MUN conference.

What if the school has a mix of first-time and experienced delegates?

HCCRI is a two-day conference catering to both first-timers and experienced delegates. There will be councils with three difficulty levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. First-timers will be allocated to beginner councils, where they will be equipped with the needed skills and knowledge before embarking on their MUN journey.

Delegates who are more experienced will be allocated to Intermediate or Advanced councils. In these councils, the rigour of the simulation will be raised, in terms of the complexity of issues discussed and the pace and dynamics of their council. Depending on each student's level of experience, they will be allocated to councils that suit them the best to ensure that every participant will have a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

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When will HCCRI 2023 be held?

HCCRI 2023 will be held physically over a span of 2 days, from 29 May 2023 to 30 May 2023.

How much is the registration fee?

The early bird registration fee for school delegations is \$25 per delegate, while regular registration fee is \$35 per delegate.

How do we register and pay for the conference?

Registration for HCCRI 2023 will be done through the school. If you are interested in registering for HCCRI, do look out for further details that your school has been sent about registration! Instructions have been appended in the “HCCRI 2023 School Delegations Registration Form” spreadsheet.

Under the circumstances where your school has not received an invitation but you are still keen on participating, do write in to us at hccrioperations@gmail.com, and we can assist you accordingly!

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Is it possible to join as an observer instead of a delegate?

Unfortunately, this would not be possible.

Does HCCRI have any age restrictions with regard to delegate applications?

Delegates 19 years of age (of 2023) and below are welcome to sign up!

Must a teacher be there for both days of the conference?

For school delegations, the teacher can stay for the conference but it is not mandatory to do so.

Will there be lunch provided during the conference?

Yes! A 1 hour lunchtime will be allocated for each day of the conference.

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What is Crisis?

A crisis council is a specialised form of MUN where participants can emulate a variety of entities, which tend to be smaller decision-making bodies, to make a collective decision regarding a quickly-developing series of events known as “crisis”. In Crisis, delegates are assigned positions, and must create directives consisting purely of operative actions in order to navigate their way through the course of the crisis. Crisis councils are typically considered advanced councils as they aim to stretch delegates to their limits, and are thus not recommended for first-time or inexperienced MUN delegates.

Will there be double delegation councils at HCCRI 2023?

Unfortunately, we do not offer double delegation councils at HCCRI 2023.

Are there beginner councils?

Yes, HCCRI 2023 offers an array of beginner councils to cater to the needs of students who are new to the Model United Nations circuit. The beginner councils for HCCRI 2023 are the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

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What is Pre-Conference Training?

HCCRI 2023 will be holding a Pre-Conference Delegate Training session for delegates. It will be a day-long training session which will equip delegates with background knowledge about the United Nations, and the skills and technicalities which will come in handy when participating in MUN. The session will cover topics like the Rules of Procedure, formulating a nuanced stance, and some effective lobbying techniques. The training will thus ensure all delegates, especially those who are less experienced, can have a meaningful and enjoyable experience from participating in HCCRI 2023.

Will there be political actors at HCCRI 2023?

Yes. Political Actors roleplay as stakeholders who are relevant to the council-- they aid in driving debate, and providing delegates with a clearer direction. They work closely with the chairs and are the bridge between chairs and delegates, often conveying the chairs' sentiments to the delegates in a more light-hearted manner (e.g. a short performance).

Contact Us

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