



CAMUNICATION

2013-The Second Session

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Welcome to CAMUN!

The 2nd Session of CAMUN began with plenty of food for thought. The theme for this year's conference is "Collaboration: A Nest for the Future", which aims to shed light upon the pressing issue of water conservation. Gracing the attendees with their presence at the opening ceremony were Mr. Paolo Lembo, UN Regional Coordinator, Mr. Lachlan MacKinnon and Dr. Stuart Colesky, Senior Managers for GEMS Partner Schools.



The conference initiated with a little ditty from TCHS principal, Mr. Lugg, "Ban Ki-moon is coming to town", which left the audience highly amused. This was followed by a speech by the Secretary-General, Ritvik Sinha, who spoke of the dire need for water conservation. The ceremony proceeded with an insightful address by the keynote speaker, Mr. Lembo who commenced with a brief history of the origins of the UN. He went on to challenge modern youth to contemplate whether or not the current world order is enough to satisfy the

needs of contemporary humankind. "Contemporary life is experiencing a phenomenon called globalization [...] the world is profoundly interconnected". He concluded on an inspirational note; "consider that you are a small part of a large, large, large reality [...] the future of the UN lies in people like you."

With that, the conference was officially declared open by our Secretary-General, who bid the delegates good luck for a productive and memorable experience.



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SOCHUM



SOCHUM successfully passed the first resolution of the conference by almost unanimously resolving the matter at hand, namely the Protection of Civilians in Modern Warfare after a lively debate that was considered to be one of the most interesting today by many observers.

The sponsors included USA, Japan, Nepal, France, Afghanistan, India and Libya. The resolution focused on the issue of refugees and internally displaced persons, stressing the need to create “conducive conditions” that would ensure their safe return, as well as civilian abuse in situations of armed conflict, the disarmament and reintegration of ex-combatants and women’s rights.

Security Council

This committee was the centre of a lively discussion about the Militarisation of the Arctic. Resolutions were discussed at length, with each clause meticulously dissected until a unanimous consensus was achieved. It was a stalemate throughout most of the debate, with the Russian Federation and the USA exercising their rights to veto. Numerous P5 meetings were called, and the eager delegates aspired to achieve a harmonious resolution. Compromises were made, arguments hurtled across the room, and the council constantly seemed on the brink of a paroxysm. With the need for so many adjustments, the progress was slow but steady.



DISEC



The debate got heated in DISEC today as the delegates argued back and forth over the use of Unmanned Combat Air Vehicles, or drones - a particularly hot topic in today's world - focusing specifically on its humanitarian aspect, with the delegation of Syria opting to provide moving video evidence that directly slammed US President Barack Obama for being a "hypocrite," by comparing the US reaction to the Sandy Hook school shootings to statistics and graphic images of innocent child victims of American drone attacks, after which the entire committee had a moment of silence for these victims.

Anti-USA sentiments were apparent, with the Syrian delegates declaring that the "Middle East has been conquered indirectly by the West." A constant barrage of questions for the delegate of the USA who felt that the video "was an unfair comparison" and defended drones as the most efficient form of modern warfare, followed the showing of the video.

The pressing issue of unnecessary civilian deaths was the foremost concern for the members of the committee, followed by the ongoing debate over Iran's nuclear development program.

Another cause of concern was the recently uncovered CIA drone base in Saudi Arabia that is supposed to be the source of strikes in Yemen. The issue of transparency regarding cross-border attacks was brought up multiple times by delegates and the delegates of Saudi Arabia and the USA were subject to much cross-questioning of their countries' actions.



MDG's

CAMUN's first official crisis occurred this evening in the committee of the Special Conference on MDGs. A lively discussion in the committee was dramatically interrupted to bring news of an emergency situation in Pakistan involving the bombing of an all-girl school. The action was allegedly carried out by a terrorist group known as the Qumaheedeem. An enthralling debate ensued with steps towards a resolution that will aim to eradicate women's inequality.



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THEME—FIRE AND ICE
DRESS CODE— APPROPRIATE CASUAL
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