



PREPMUN

Road to 10 Campaign

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WELCOME LETTER

The Culmination of a Decade.

Dear All,

The Model United Nations Preparatory Conference Singapore is one of Singapore's biggest and most prestigious MUN Conferences. Being a preparatory conference, we seek to equip our student participants with the core competencies required to participate effectively in MUN Conferences. Starting with just 100 student participants in 2011, PREPMUN has grown from strength-to-strength. In fact, PREPMUN 2019 hosted over 900 student participants from nearly 30 educational institutions in Singapore.

In 2019, we underwent significant changes following our dissociation from the United Nations Association of Singapore. However, one key facet remained: our community.

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While COVID-19 has made it such that a physical conference is no longer feasible, we are working to ensure that PREPMUN is still able to broaden access to MUN in Singapore.

Outlined in this document are just some of the initiatives that we have developed; we sincerely hope that these programmes will introduce you to the complexity of international diplomacy, current affairs, and MUN.

In addition to the initiatives outlined in this document, we have also launched PREPMUN Weekly: a comprehensive campaign that enables us to introduce exciting perspectives on issues past and present. Through PREPMUN Weekly, we seek to complement the programmes that we are implementing during these testing times. Together, our new initiatives and PREPMUN Weekly, form our **Road to 10 Campaign**.

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PREPMUN 2020 was supposed to be our 10th iteration. However, we have had to shift our 10th iteration to 2021.

Yet in the spirit of commemorating our PREPMUN community and our growth over the last 10 years, my team and I are looking forward to launching our **Road to 10 Campaign**, and we hope to see you in 2021!

Sincerely,
Akshath Mailk • Secretary-General

MISSION STATEMENT

Who we are. What we do.

Our Ethos

Model United Nations Preparatory Conference (PREPMUN) seeks to equip student participants with the core competencies required to participate in Model UN Conferences. Core competencies developed through PREPMUN's programmes include public speaking, negotiation skills, and leadership.

Our Aims

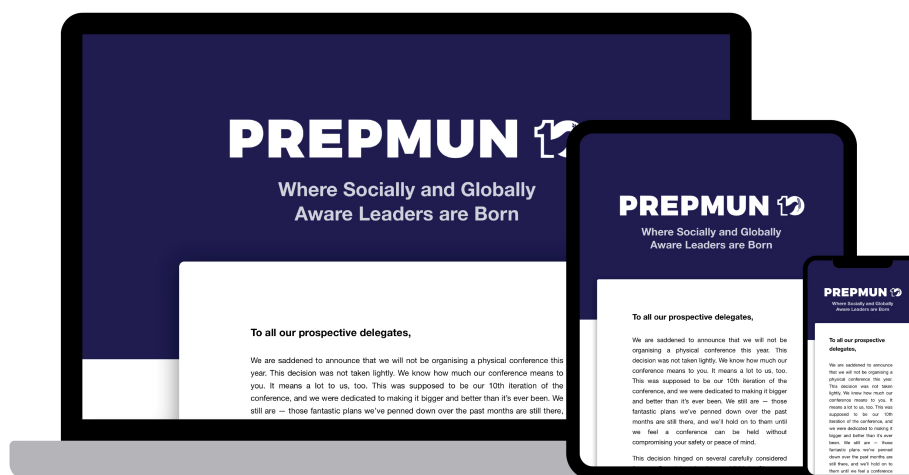
The aims of PREPMUN are twofold: first, to broaden access to and increase participation in Model UN and other similar simulation programmes in Singapore; second, to inject greater academic rigour in these experiences. We seek to provide an ideal platform for student participants to hone both their hard and soft skills while discussing pressing current affairs.

Our Development Model



COVID-19 RESPONSE

Our Road to 10 Campaign.



An Executive Decision

Due to the uncertainties and risks posed by Covid-19, a physical PREPMUN conference has been cancelled. Instead, we hope to put in place various programmes that will be run via online platforms. Through these programmes, we hope to continue to provide a unique and nurturing experience for our participants.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Something. For. Everyone.

Guiding Principles

At PREPMUN, we believe in creating an optimal learning environment for all participants, regardless of their level of experience in MUN. This year, we have various programmes that will target participants of all experience levels. These programmes will run throughout the month of December, 2020.

Categories and Classification

PREPMUN has always classified its delegates into three categories: A (inexperienced delegates), B (delegates with some experience), and C (experienced delegates). We have planned programmes for all 3, and tagged each with a recommended experience level.

List of Programmes

- **Guest Speaker Dialogues.** These sessions will be open for all participants, where they will learn from experienced professionals. The sessions will also feature a question and answer (Q&A) segment, allowing participants to engage the speakers directly.

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- **Focus Group Discussions.** These sessions are intended to be a continuation from the guest speaker dialogues, where participants will be split into small groups to share their perspectives with each other, with the guest speaker's dialogue acting as a springboard for discussion.

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- **MUN Simplified.** These sessions will introduce absolute beginners to MUN and various basic concepts associated with MUN. Participants will be able to have common misconceptions and fears associated with MUN addressed.

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- **Diplomacy Explained.** This is a content series that will provide an in-depth exploration of various themes and concepts related to international relations and geopolitics.

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- **Online Crisis Simulation.** This is intended for experienced MUN participants, who will undergo a highly challenging online crisis simulation, stretching their limits in applying the skills they have picked up from MUN.

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More details are included in the next section. Click on the tags to jump directly to a programme.

PROGRAMME RUNDOWN

The Granular Details.

Guest Speaker Dialogues

All iterations of PREPMUN have featured various esteemed speakers from different organizations and professions. They provide our participants with unique and insightful perspectives that aid their understanding of the multiple issues being discussed. We do not wish to lose the value our guest speakers provide to our participants due to the cancellation of the conference and hence, hope to offer the same educational experience via online platforms.

Guest Speakers will be identified based on expertise on specific areas of international relations or geopolitics, which may include international security, environmental sustainability, diplomacy and deterrence, and global markets.

2 rounds of polls will be carried out to determine demand for topics. First, a poll via social media platforms to gauge general interests, and second, a more specific poll based on the results of the first.

The guest speaker sessions will be followed by a question-and-answer (Q&A) session and a Focus Group Discussion (see **Page 8** for more details). The Q&A session will be moderated by members of the Organizing Committee of PREPMUN.

Guest Speaker Dialogues will tentatively be held on weekends in December 2020.

Focus Group Discussions

In line with the spirit of PREPMUN, we also intend to provide our participants with a platform to interact with each other and share their diverse perspectives during our Focus Group Discussions. These discussion sessions will encourage our participants to think deeper about various issues and learn from like-minded peers.

Focus Group Discussions will tentatively be held on weekends in December 2020. They are a companion to Guest Speaker Dialogues. Each discussion will be held directly after their corresponding dialogue concludes.

MUN Simplified

At PREPMUN, we are committed to broaden access to MUN and to bring international diplomacy to schools and students in Singapore. However, in a year marked by the cancellation of a majority of MUN conferences, we fear a lost generation of newcomers to MUN.

Hence, we seek to bring that initiation experience for the absolute beginners to MUN through our online MUN Simplified sessions.

Like an e-Open House or webinar, MUN Simplified will consist of a series of small-group online sessions held over a video-conferencing platform hosted by our Academics Team.

We will briefly discuss and explain what MUN is, the objectives of MUN, and the different types of Committees one might experience in layman terms. Some of our Alumni will also be present to share their experiences.

MUN Simplified will tentatively be held on the 5th and the 19th of December 2020. It is aimed at Category A delegates with little to no experience with MUN.

Diplomacy Explained

For every delegate, one guaranteed takeaway from any MUN conference is an in-depth examination of a topic and a newfound understanding of its geopolitical significance. Although we cannot offer a physical conference in 2020, we hope to provide a similarly rigorous interrogation of political, economic, and social events of note around the world.

Throughout December 2020, we will release a series of articles and videos to provide that same level of academic examination of global events. This will include explanations of theoretical concepts found in geopolitics and international relations — such as the theory behind sovereignty and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) — and in-depth analyses of real-world geopolitical events beyond the level found in Study Guides.

Furthermore, we intend to go beyond the purely academic analysis other articles or commentaries can offer. Our content series will uniquely feature the application of these real-world dynamics and geopolitical concepts in a MUN setting.

This series will also tie into our Guest Speaker Dialogues, with primers and expository productions, to flesh out the content given by the guest speakers.

Episodes of Diplomacy Explained will be publicly available for all to view. They will be left up on our website after the programme has officially ceased, as a resource accessible to assist delegates in their future MUN endeavours, or simply for reading and self-enrichment.

Diplomacy Explained is designed specifically for Category B delegates who have some experience with MUN, but do not yet feel that they can participate at the highest level. Despite this, it is open to participants of all levels of experience.

Online Crisis Simulation: 1911 Chinese Revolution

The much anticipated PREPMUN Crisis has turned to new and innovative methods of simulating the stress of real-world diplomacy and conflict. PREPMUN 2020 Crisis will be a fully online initiative in December 2020, in support of measures taken by all members of society to maintain social distancing.

The Online Crisis Simulation was designed for experienced delegates. It will be tentatively held on the 14th to 17th December 2020.

CRISIS SPECIFICS

Revolution of Our Time.

Revolutionary Features

PREPMUN's Crisis Team has developed a concept we call the **Floating Room Structure (FRS)**. Given that logistical and physical constraints no longer bound us, we are prepared to create additional council rooms based on the real-world concerns of **diplomacy and partisanship**, allowing delegates to move between rooms freely given appropriate directives.

We are also looking to **maximise fluidity** by heavily amending the typical MUN Rules of Procedure. With PREPMUN Crisis now going fully online, we are seeking to **emphasise informal diplomacy** just as heavily, if not more so, meaning that many Rules of Procedure will be adapted to guarantee that diplomacy feels fluid through its informality. By tailoring the Crisis Experience, we plan to turn the lack of physical interaction into our foremost strength.

Historical Background

In the early 20th century, the ruling Manchu Qing Dynasty of China was plagued with cries for **constitutional reforms**, struggles to deal with colonial powers, and a nascent Han Chinese nationalist movement. Forced to contend with the various domestic and international pressures, the ailing Qing bureaucracy was humiliated in the Boxer Uprising.

Historical Background (cont.)

On 9 October 1911, a bomb made by revolutionaries was unexpectedly set off, forcing the revolutionaries to instigate the Wuchang Uprising. The incumbent Qing were taken aback by the sudden uprising, which shocked even the revolutionary leaders who had not planned for it. In a matter of weeks, China was swept into uprisings across the country as provinces declared their independence from the Empire to forge a new Republic. Eventually, then-Qing Emperor — Emperor Puyi — abdicated on 12 February 1912, and the Republic of China was established.

Councils

The crisis simulation will involve 3 main types of councils: Qing Court, Local Officials and Revolutionaries. Delegates will represent various figures that played significant roles during the Revolution.

QING COURT

The centre of China's political organisation. As China's highest governing body, officials in the Qing Court will represent the ruling Manchu interests.

LOCAL OFFICIALS

The local officials play an extremely pertinent role in Qing China, as the sheer size of the country means that day-to-day governance of various regions are in their hands. In 1911, Qing China was divided into provinces, each run by its own civilian governor. Given the unique system of governance in the Qing China, local administrators are given the liberty to pledge allegiance to either the Qing or the new Republic, as the Revolution unfolds.

REVOLUTIONARIES

Revolutionaries had been actively calling for reforms and the voices for revolution grew louder as the efficiency of the Qing court waned. However, given the sheer size of China, many individual revolutionary organisations were formed, with different objectives, leaders and tactics, and not all were on good terms. Revolutionary leaders must, therefore, find common grounds, against their conflicting interests, to see the revolution through.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answers to Common Queries.

How will the registration process work?

Registration will open some time in late September/early October. Forms will be emailed to schools and uploaded onto our website.

What happens after the Road to 10 Campaign?

The campaign is meant to lead on to the 10th iteration of the conference scheduled for 2021. We hope our participants will join us as delegates, administrative staff, or student officers next year.

Are teachers allowed to attend the various programmes?

Teachers may write in to academics@prepmun.sg to express their interest in observing the programmes.

Is a participant allowed to attend multiple programmes?

Yes, however, some are tailored for a specific demographic.

Will there be a registration fee?

No, as all programmes will be taking place online.

Will Student Officers be recruited for any of the programmes?

We will be opening registration for Student Officers for our Crisis Simulation soon.

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