

Model UN Position Paper

Infrastructure

Asia has become a place with a very strong economy, lots of diversity, multiple languages, and tons of history. This has allowed for lots of development of infrastructure. In recent years many countries have industrialized. They have gone from agricultural economies to “industrial powerhouses”. Despite the differences between multiple countries, multiple countries have to be willing to contribute towards the improvement of infrastructure. They also must be willing to try to help decrease poverty. The Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development is a plan which create an Asian Highway, is developing a Trans-Asia Railway, and facilitating land transport through establishing dry inland ports. However in order for these solutions to be successful, multiple countries need to be able to cooperate.

In particular, Canada is the foundation that is built upon the daily life of a Canadian. Therefore, sustainable infrastructure is very important. By the early 20th century there was a new industrial reality. This was seen throughout the public work in Canada. Such as electrification, safe drinking water, waste management, and public transit. This helped support-growing communities. It also supported industrial growth, manufacturing, and exports. Throughout Canada’s “Golden Age” in the 1950’s and 60s, infrastructure continued to grow through the rural and urban parts of Canada. However, infrastructure began to decline in Canada because the government had other priorities as well and had an economic post-war boom. This led to a decline in the physical condition of local infrastructure and an increase in the cost of renewing aging assets. Since then, Canada has put in place a plan for Infrastructure, which have had positive outcomes. In 2007, Canada’s government provided \$33 billion to support funding to enhance economic growth, creating jobs, and productivity.

Canada’s plan for a resolution is we should continue to work with their Infrastructure plan that they have built, but Canada should also be willing to provide money for countries that are in desperate need of help in infrastructural needs. Canada believes that there should be a committee in where it makes sure that the infrastructure of every country that is a part of this committee is stable. But, every country must contribute money to help those in need.

Agriculture

Sustainable agriculture has always been a worldwide issue, but in recent years many technological advancements have been made that have allowed for easier and effective farming. Seaweed for example has been started to be used as an alternative crop to wheat. However climate change due to the rising sea levels, climate change has been a major set back in agriculture. This is of sea levels rising which removes fertile land. Natural disasters that occur from the rising sea levels are also destroying infrastructure, along with markets as well. This is a major issue that needs to be solved.

Since the 2nd World War, Canada's agriculture and food industries have changed a lot. Growths in the economy, along with changes made socially have had an effect on the way food is produced, processed, handled, sold and consumed. Improved transportation, lower costs and closer trade links with different nations have allowed for Canada to have access to affordable fresh foods throughout the year. Canada has 5 main types of transportation: water, rail, motor, carrier, air, and pipeline. Though, innovation technological wise, and human ingenuity have resulted in many changes in Canada's transport.

My plan for a resolution for even more agricultural improvements for Canada is for Canada to broaden its trade links. We want to encourage other countries to broaden there's as well because we have seen how much it has benefitted our own country.

Human Trafficking

Asia is one of the fastest growing labor markets in the world. It is one of the main sources of labor for most of the countries on the Pacific. Most of the labor India or the Philippines but it comes from elsewhere as well. However while it has a very fast growing labor market, some of this labor is illegal and involuntary.

In Canada, Human Trafficking isn't much of an issue. Parliament has very strict laws that prohibit human trafficking. Canada has the "Canada First" rule, which makes sure that the citizens of Canada have the opportunity to get a job over an immigrant. Though, in Asia and The Pacific, human labor, and trafficking is a critical issue though. Usually those who are victims of human trafficking are the most vulnerable. Today, private entities and individuals impose the majority of the illegal forced labor. 11 million people in Asia Pacific are victims of forced labor, in which they are trapped in these jobs and cannot leave. Forced labor is usually found in Domestic work, agriculture, construction, manufacturing and entertainment.

Canada believes that Asia and the Pacific needs to enforce more strict rules, like us. Though, it needs the help of the rest of the world as well. For example, throughout the past 10 years, the international society has noticed the large issue of human trafficking is and has put in place international protocols, as well as encouraged laws to be passed to target traffickers and protect victims. They want to raise international awareness for this disastrous social impact.