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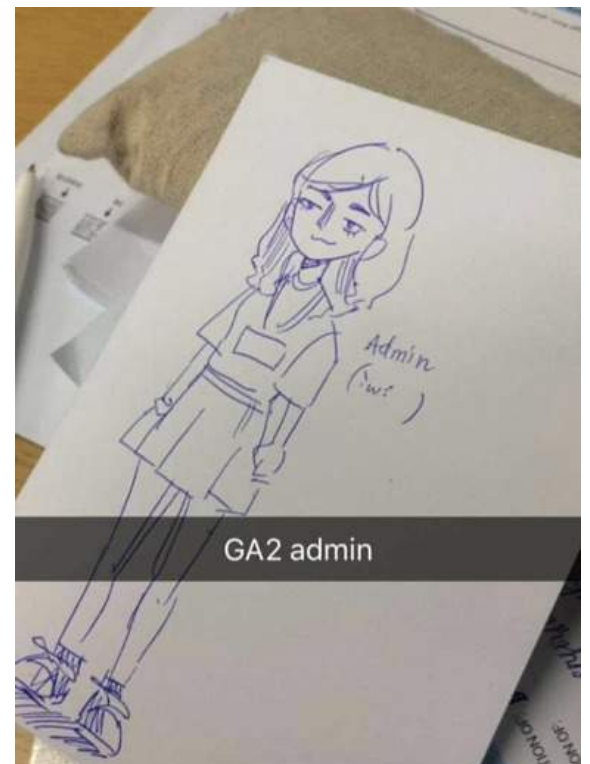
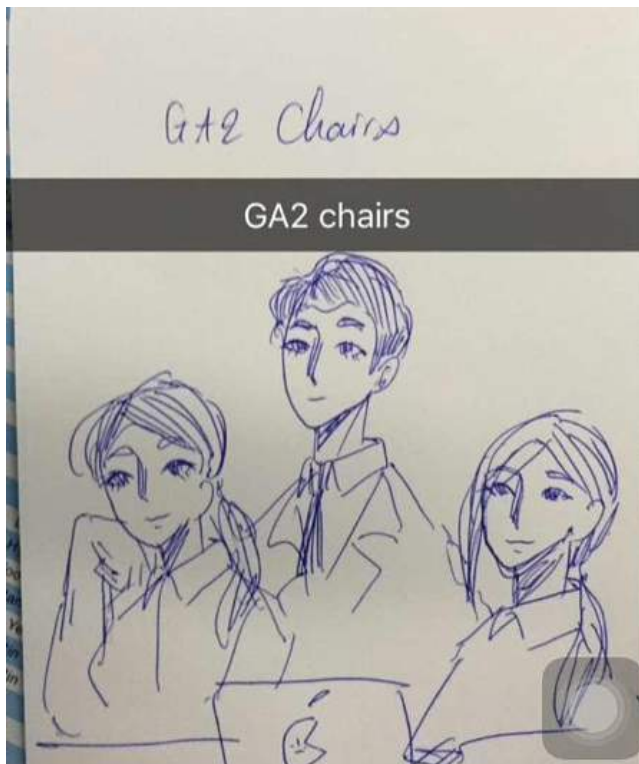
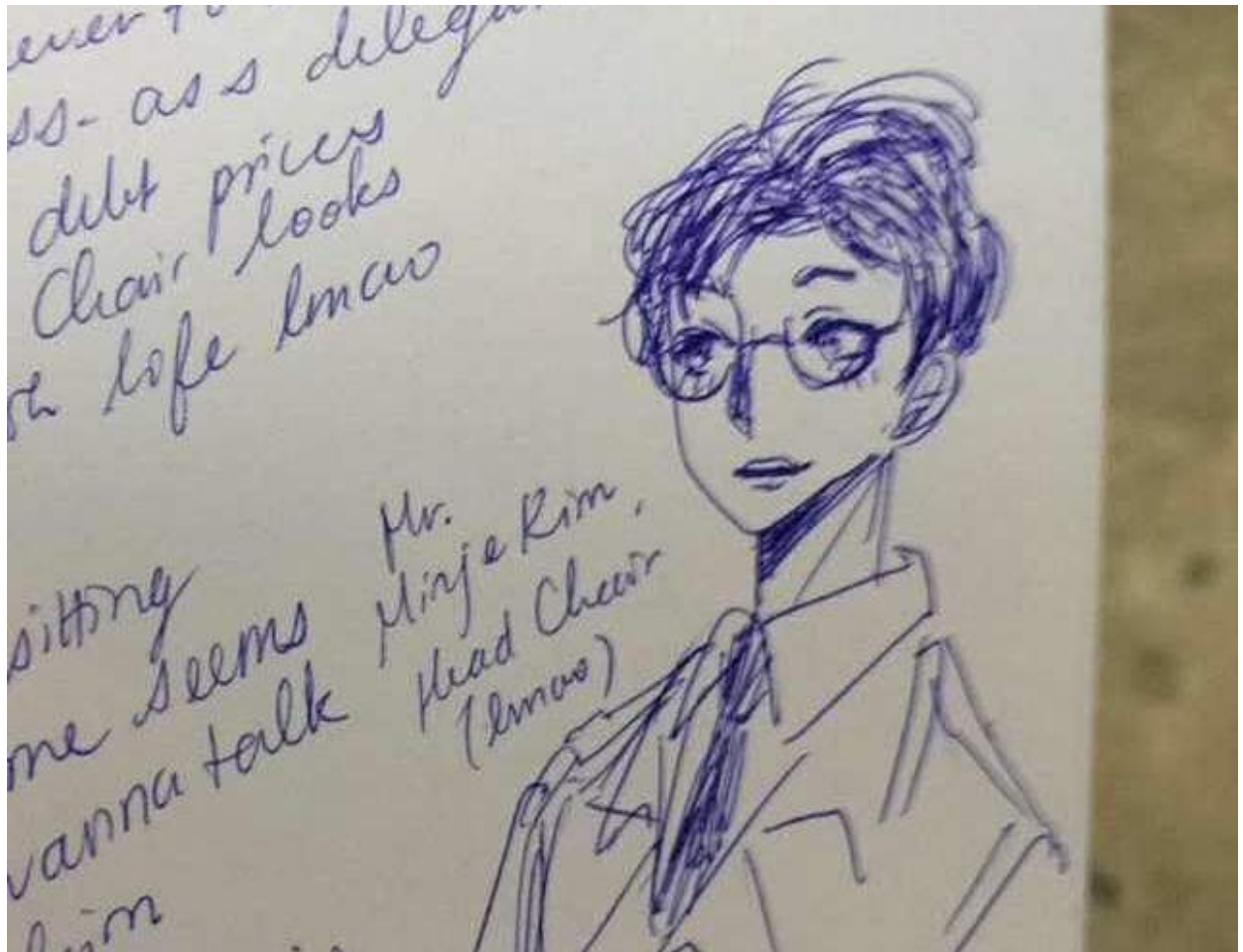
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Snapchat Corner



ARTICLE: GA 1

By Tom Pham



The first day of the long awaited SAIMUN conference starts off in a rather unexpected path. As soon as the session had started and the house had come to order, the Chair began roll call. It was announced that a lot of them had not completed their opening speeches, even worse, some even convicted plagiarism. There was no immediate voice to deny, but notes were passed to the Chair as the delegates justified their reasons not to do their work. This slight disturbance might be enough to affect today's session.

Besides the previous incident, only minor interruptions to the conference were drawbacks, such as Delegate of Malaysia's unnoticed absence, or Iran's tardiness.

Proceeding to the opening speeches, they were all made perfectly. The delegates managed the time and the information with utmost efficiency. Even the Chairs said "The delegates' speeches turned out to be very well done. I would say they really did dug deep into the topic." Indeed, despite the rare stuttering and barely audible voices, the delegates seemed to grasp the information quite thoroughly.

The positions of most of the countries were as expected in response to the problems. Peculiarly, the topic of strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region was rarely mentioned.

The problem of cyber warfare and security were greatly emphasized, as the delegates stresses their points on terrorism through cyberspace, but mentioned very little regarding security. Concerning the topic on weapons of mass destruction, the majority of the countries seemed to object WMD passionately. One delegate even quoted "mankind should put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind."

The delegates definitely had intended to deliver particular messages to the House when they gave their opening speeches. China, for example, had claimed their cyber activities are clearly misunderstood and that they are performing legitimate acts. DPRK expressed that the stereotypes about them are very much offensive in their speech on cyber security. Not only were there general claims, there were delegates pointing out other countries directly. Russian Federation accused U.S. of violation of cyber security, and Republic of Korea along with many other delegates accompany DPRK with weapons of mass destruction.

Despite that all there was today was lobbying for the formation of resolutions, tension had already been built. The following days are expected to bring promises of intense and productive debates. On that note, the first day of SAIMUN for GA1 was very successful.



ARTICLE: GA 2

By An Hoang



The day started off quite easy with a friendly atmosphere. As each delegate gave their opening speeches, they displayed confidence and excitement clearly in their eyes. All delegates in General Assembly 2 were full-heartedly ready to discuss the matters of equal access to public health care, development of new agricultural methods, as well as the Eurozone Crisis.

Fun facts about GA2:

- Delegates enjoying their snacks a little too much
- Delegates keep on wondering if there will be lunch
- Delegates get excited by ice
- Female delegates are extremely polite - keep on saying sorry for dropping their own name tags
- Delegates raising their paper plates during roll call

Interviews:

Delegate of Syrian Arab Republic:

Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?

“Yeah, this is my first time.” *laughs frighteningly* “But fortunately for me, there are experts in the room to help.”

How do you feel so far about your co-submitters?

“I actually feel pretty great to have a lot of people to cooperate with and together come up with so many new ideas! We joked around from time to time but, of course, we still have a lot of work to do. We are planning to put all of our ideas together later and then choose the best ones.”

What do you want to achieve after this year's SAIMUN?

“There are a lot of things that I aim to achieve while participating in SAIMUN 2016: gaining more confidence, meeting new people, and having the guts to give speeches in front of people.”





Delegate of France



What motivated you to join this year's SAIMUN?

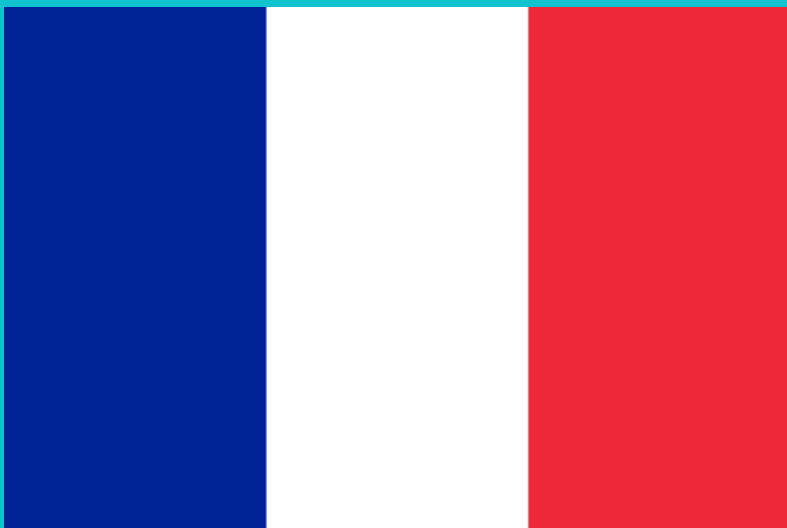
“My biggest motivation is the vast knowledge I have collected so far in SAIMUN. Throughout the past 2 years participating in MUN conferences, I have been involved in different stagnant global issues; more excitingly, creating resolutions for each political problems we're actually passionate about.”

How do you expect tomorrow to be like?

“I'm not sure really.” *laughs* “I believe that the debate is going to very intense since a lot of countries here have completely contradicting stances. Therefore, I'm looking forward to seeing how delegates are going to defend their resolutions.”

How is your resolution going?

“It's been pretty good. I'm really amazed by how knowledgeable my co-submitters are since I'm not so good at international economics. Still, my resolution is about Eurozone crisis! It might be easy to understand but hard to think of solutions to really resolve in the long run.”





ARTICLE: GA 3

By Kelly Han



Welcome to the first day of General Assembly III of SAIMUN 2016!

Day 1 of the GA 3 turned out to be a little more serious, as everyone was nervous to be a part of the largest MUN conference in Ho Chi Minh City. The Admins, Press, Student Officers and even delegates are trying their best to create a successful conference.

After checking the attendance and going through the procedures, the delegates one by one marched toward the podium to give their opening speeches. Although some delegates were nervous and shy, they still put in their best efforts to deliver their opening speeches well. Each delegate gave a brief introduction about the concerned issues as well as the standpoints of his/her country. The amount of information in their speeches truly tell us how insightful and diligent the delegates are and how much work they had prepared beforehand. After giving their opening speeches, the delegates moved onto their chosen groups consisting of 3 different topics: overpopulation, natural hazards, and the endangerment of World Heritage Sites. All the delegates seemed to be very excited and confident, having fun but at the same time with working hard to come up with the best resolutions to end the day.

Let's meet our Deputy of Chair:

How do you feel so far? (excited, nervous, nothing)

“ Fun, excited” *smiles”

Are you feeling nervous?

“ No, not really” *laugh*

How is being a chair different from being a delegate?

“ Chair will take more responsibility, ...like helping other delegates making the resolutions. It's kind of boring because I don't really do the resolution and I'm just waiting for them to finish it.” *smile*, *laugh*

3. What do you expect from the delegates?

“ I want them to speak and fight in the debate session” *laugh*





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By Kelly Han



Let's meet our delegates:

Delagate of Japan

How do you feel so far?

“I’m excited but am also a little bit of nervous.”

Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?

“I have participated once in AISMUN. This is my second MUN conference.”

Is this conference like what you expect it to be?

“Well, there are surely more people attending the conference than I had expected.”

4. What do you expect from this conference?

“Most importantly I expect to learn more about current events that are occurring around the globe. I hope SAIMUN is going to help me become more knowledgeable.”

Delegate of Guatemala

How do you feel so far?

“As of right now, I am starting to feel a lot more comfortable.”

Is this your first time participating in a MUN conference?

“Yes, this is my first time attending an MUN conference. At first I was a little nervous, but everything seems to be going well for me so I am feeling pretty well now.”



What do you want to learn and achieve after this conference?

“I want to gain more experiences and confidence in debates.”

What is your resolution so far? Do you think is it difficult? Is there anything in particular that is troubling you?

“We are focusing on the topic of natural disasters and are currently trying to finalize the resolution to debate on. There is nothing in particular that is troubling me right now. Everyone here are all so welcoming it seems rather easy to feel comfortable right away.”



All delegates and chairs are working very hard to come up with debatable resolutions in order to spark fruitful debates the next day. Everyone seems to be comfortable now, unlike how stressed they were in the beginning. This is a good sign, as it depicts a predictably successful debate in the next few days. Despite the strain of the conference, the delegates still spent a little amount of time to chat and have fun with one another, finding ways to relax themselves from the great pressure. The Chairs also came and encouraged as well as gave advices to the delegates to make them feel more comfortable and solve some concerns that the delegates had about their resolutions. Therefore, after all, everything is going very well, engaging a successful and enthusiastic debate in the next days.



ARTICLE: ECOSOC

By Katie Cao



The SAIMUN 2016 is hosted by our school AmIS. That is why the preparation process for this conference was intense. Everyone involved put a lot of effort to make sure that the conference will be organized and successful.

The SAIMUN 2016 starts with an Opening Ceremony. We are honored to welcome a guest speaker, Ms. Malikat Rufai from Cultural Affairs Officer, to give a speech. The school choir also gave an outstanding performance. The Chairs introduced themselves and the administrator led Chairs and delegates to their rooms.

After Chairs and delegates seated, Chairs greet the delegates and showed an introduction PowerPoint. The PowerPoint included the dress code, rules of procedure, lobbying, FAQ and Q&A. Then, they gave the delegates who have not finished their opening speeches 5 minutes to complete them.

After that, the delegates began their speeches. There are three topics to be discussed in the ECOSOC: promotion and integration of sustainable urban growth, international trade of development, and reduction of wealth and disparities in developing countries.

The delegates' main interest is about sustainable urban growth. They hoped to have a constructive debate and to collaborate with other delegates and wrote effective resolutions. As the atmosphere is a little bit boring, delegates from Islamic Republic of Iran's funny opening speech helped to loosen the atmosphere.

The next procedure is lobbying. The delegates will form groups with other delegates that have the same point of view and interest. They will collaborate to write resolutions and submit to the chairs before 5:30. The delegates are focused and communicate to each other well. The chairs checked on the groups and make sure that they are doing their work effectively.





During the lobbying, I had a short interview with Kevin Lin, Deputy of ECOSOC. He has participated in the SAIMUN conference 5 times. For him, the first day is overall has turned out quite well. He said that to be a delegate is harder than to be a chair because delegates have to do a lot of work and research. I had also interviewed Minh Le - delegate of Saudi Arabia from AmIS. She was glad to take part in SAIMUN because it gives her a chance to meet and work with very inspiring delegates. This is her second time participating in MUN, so Minh has gathered quite a bit experience beforehand. She thought SAIMUN's central theme this year, "Bridging the gap to a sustainable future" is a very interesting topic because it is currently a global issue that the governments pay great concern toward.

The conference ended at 5:30 with the delegates submitting their resolutions to the chairs.





ARTICLE: EC

By Maria Ho



The Environmental Commission started the first day of the 6th annual SAIMUN with a slow pace. Delegates from forty five countries had the opportunity to introduce themselves and state their positions. The majority of delegates showed their interests in the issue of wildlife trafficking and chemical waste disposal. Furthermore, both developing countries and developed countries suggested that green economy is essential for a sustainable future. In general, all delegates have wished to have a fruitful debate where they will be able to produce practical and effective resolutions that will help the world combat these issues.



During lobbying time, we could easily see the clear tentativeness on first-year delegates' faces as some were not fully prepared. However, the thoughtful chairs of the Environmental Commission eased everyone's stresses by going around to ensure that the delegates are aware of the resolution format and understand how to develop clauses. 6 groups were formed, each coming up with their own resolutions for an assigned issue out of three: combating wildlife trafficking, transitioning to a green economy and, managing the disposal of chemicals and waste. It was great to see how every delegate showed their interests in all three topics with each and every one aimed to create potential resolutions in support of resolving the issues.

Lobby time was busy as delegates rushed to finalize their groups' resolutions in time for approval. However, some delegates were kind enough to spare some of their precious times for short interviews. Regarding the question of the transition to a green economy, the delegate of Japan, Mauritania and Democratic Republic of Korea had the chance to briefly describe their groups' resolutions. The delegate of Japan, who is the main submitter for the resolution, said that the transition to a green economy is a process that requires the help of every nation as it requires high financial costs for some countries. Furthermore, it is crucial for the resolution to be passed since the increase in average temperature has reached the rate of which the Earth's environment may undergo potential harm. Concluding the interview, the delegate of Japan believed that her group's resolution will be supported by most countries as funding, one of the most essential problems, is addressed. With a different approach to the transitioning to a green economy, the delegate of Mauritania and Democratic Republic of Korea based their resolution on raising the community awareness and the change toward green energy.



*behind the scene

Mauritania stated that education regarding green economy should be increased to raise more awareness. From that point of view, the resolutions from Mauritania and Democratic Republic of Korea's group is targeting the common people rather than government regulations.

As for the other two issues, all delegates were extremely focused in completing their resolutions with the aim of increasing government regulations, human resources and awareness to combat wildlife trafficking and waste disposal.

In general, it was a busy first day for the Environmental Commission. Everyone, however, surely was able to express their opinions regarding the posed issues. As the delegates and chairs make final adjustments for the resolutions before the second day of SAIMUN, the next few days will be very constructive with interesting debates regarding those resolutions.



ARTICLE: HRC

By Duc Ho



The conference of the Human Right Council proceeded quite smoothly the first day. Every delegate was present for the first day of the conference except for the delegate of Somalia and the delegate of Portugal. Just within in the first half of the first day, every country's stance on the three issues was made clear through the delegates' excellent opening speeches.

The delegates were able to convey their standpoints upon the issue confidently, with the majority of the delegates holding interest in the issue of women power and their decision making. While not as much support is shown for the other two issues when compared, great interests were shown on the delegates' faces. Judging from the topic of interest, it seemed an interesting debate between the delegates is bound to happen, for many of the resolutions that had been submitted so far held numerous of fascinating solutions that aim to tackle issues from many different angles.

A great number of resolutions aimed for an immediate step toward the end goal solution such as the resolution of Barbados and it's co-submitter tackling the issue of women in power and their decision making by providing a strong foundation to support women. They believe that if they are able to create a strong foundation, they will be able to create opportunities for many women

Or the resolution of Germany and it's co-submitter wishing to tackle the problem of genetically modify embryo by provide a strong and clear line where it is morally acceptable as they believe this type of research can bring a huge benefit yet can also bring an equally huge consequences if this type of research is abuse. However there also some resolution that will get a lot of attention from both people who is interest in the topic and isn't interest in the topic such as the resolution of DPRK and it's co-submitter wishing to spread the heavy perspective about women right of DPRK to the rest of the world. They believe strongly that this is how it should be and it is how it will be.

Overall, the day ended as a great start with everybody agreeing that this year's conference had been very well-organized. Not much could really be said about the first day of the conference, since not much usually happens, but it is certain that day two would be an interesting day for the organizers and the participants.





ARTICLE: SC

By Annie Trieu

"A Step Closer to Peace"

AIMSUN 2016's Security Council is hosted by Chair Seong Jun Lim and Deputy Chair Yang Woo Seong. The meeting started with the Chairs introducing the debating procedures to the delegates. After the delegates had fully understood the procedures, the House proceeded towards Opening Speeches. At this year's SAIMUN, the Security Council will be debating interesting yet impactful issues that affect the world peace and a nation's security. The issues are the question of situation in Iraq and Syria, the question of threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist and finally the question of the chaotic situation in Liberia.

During the Opening Speech, every delegate shared their most concerned issue to the House and called for solutions to solve those issues. Delegates from France, China, Japan and Uruguay were deeply concerned about the issue of terrorist attacks as well as urged the House to combat against terrorism, especially ISIS.

As the delegate of France stated, "On the behalf of President Francois Holland, France will destroy ISIS." The question of situation in Iraq and Syria as well as the situation in Liberia are addressed by the delegates as well.

While most of the delegates are interested in one particular concern, the delegate of New Zealand took the podium and reminded the entire House that "the purpose of MUN is to establish peace, not to satisfy individual needs." He also stated that all three issues should be addressed equally. The delegate of Spain also stresses the gap between nations will be becoming wider, so much that it is to the point where it will be catastrophic if these issues are not seriously addressed.

After every delegate had a chance to raise their concerns, the entire Security Council is now proposing meaningful resolutions that aims achieve world peace.

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