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Interview With MUN Director (Mrs. Omneya) by Farida Banany



So for starters, who is Miss. Omneya? Well, Miss Omneya was head of the MUN news paper committee last year and is actually a member of the Administration family. Her role is to help students as well as guide them throughout their preparation for MUN. Since she is also a tutor here in OASIS, she knows us one by one and is very familiar with our thinking patterns, weaknesses, etc... so that makes guiding us a piece of cake (not always though!)

What in your opinion is the model / perfect MUN?

Well, there is no such thing as a "perfect" or "model" MUN. MUN is an opportunity for all students to collaborate with each other, gain knowledge, become open minded and sharpen their leadership and charismatic skills. A successful MUN, however, is achieved when all of the objectives previously mentioned are accomplished. It's from that perspective that I strongly advise students to take MUN seriously as

there are lessons that are only gained from experience.

What are the most common misconceptions in regards to MUN?

One of the most popular misconceptions is that MUN is really hard, takes a lot of work as well as tons of research. But what students don't realize is that it's all about the time management and just all the work done throughout the sessions. Another common misconception that is really present is the whole "Committee hierarchy". You know people often think that one committee is more important than the other one. However that is not slightly true each committee is important in its own way as each committee tackles very important yet different issues.

A lot of people were very sceptical and hesitant when it came to registering as a

delegate instead of chairperson or ambassador. Do you have any comments about such a belief?

Such an ideology is destructive of the essence of MUN which is based on diplomacy, team work and collaboration. If we didn't have delegates who would the council consist of? When it comes to it delegates are actually the base of MUN without them absolutely nothing can be achieved, even the chairs and the organizers are there to help them. Now I've noticed that this year's MUN is moving away from such ideology, we even started putting in place leadership workshops in order to teach our chair people the characteristics of being a good leader, a successful one.

Do's and don'ts of a delegate

By Dina Mossaad

If you think that being a delegate is the easiest position in MUN, well think again. It's simply because without delegates, there won't be MUN at all. Delegates are the root of all of it, so there are a few guidelines a delegate should do.

-Do an extensive research on the topic. Other delegates can pretty much trap you by asking you very specific questions that you have no idea about.

-Be as charismatic as possible. The point you want to prove may not be strong but the way you present just makes everyone feel that it was an excellent point.

-Exclude all your emotions. Even if you are not convinced of your country's position, however, try to be empathetic.

-Be very biased to the country you are representing. Bear in mind that the most important thing is that country's best interest. You should never contradict its policy.

-Get allies. Your allies will always support you and even if

they don't, at least they won't attack you.

-Use very touching vocabulary and persuasive techniques. The vocabulary can be standard. I don't mean primitive but not incomprehensible either.

-The most important thing is that you influence the delegates with your touching words and the way you are giving the speech.

-Never be disrespectful to your opponent in the debate. You should listen to the other point of view, try to understand it and then react to it decently and politely.

-In case the topic doesn't interest you, you should try to find aspects that can be challenging and appealing to you. It's important because sitting in the committee where nothing is interesting to you, you will become so bored and minutes will feel like hours.

-Don't speak just for the sake of speaking. You should have something meaningful to say. On the contrary, don't feel shy and interact.

Who are the advocates?

By Dina Mossaad

OISMUN's ICJ welcomes its new team of advocates. This year's advocates are: In the first case we have the team of Farida Banany and Ahmed Rabie. In the second case ICJ greets Maik Abdel Naji and Abdel Rahman Aboud. These are the main advocates that will put the ICJ in motion. They are actually the people that will try as hard as they can to convince the judges by their interesting arguments.

Let us now go and ask an advocate in ICJ 13.

Let us ask Ahmed Rabie what it's like to be an advocate. Why did you choose to apply for an advocate?

Rabie: I applied to be an advocate because of my passion for politics and ICJ. I don't try a more challenging position.

Judging from the work you have to do, do you advise future students to apply for the position of advocates?

Rabie: I advise students that are interested in Politics and have capacities and the will power to participate as an advocate.

Are there special qualifications an advocate should have? If yes, what are they?

Rabie: The qualifications to be an advocate are to have good linguistic skills and can research the topic given at hand to the core.

In your opinion, how do you think becoming an advocate will help you in the future?

Rabie: I have always dreamed of being an attorney's this is great training for me.

Lobbying and merging by Marwan El Kholti

Lobbying and merging is the socializing time between delegates without respecting rules of procedures during the conference. It's a period of time before the start of the debating. During this time, you don't talk as if you are yourself but as the representative of your country.

While you are your country's delegate, in lobbying and merging, you go firstly find your allies and talk to them, then you see their resolution as they will also see yours. You point out the ideas in common in the resolutions, then you and your allies take the best resolution and make it rich with more ideas so you could have a good, strong resolution. This was the merging part between allies. After finishing the resolution, you got to your enemies and the delegates who weren't with you in the resolution and try to convince them to be a co-submitter. This is where you show the art of convincing with good arguments so you can collect the biggest number of co-submitters and your resolution will be entertained in the house. After you convince other delegates, they may give you more ideas to put it in the resolution so it will be even stronger. Remember, lobbying and merging isn't the right time to discuss your social life because you will miss a lot and will regret it during the debating. But instead, if you take advantage of it, it will come with benefit on your success in winning the debate during the conference.

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Power is in our hands!

By Farah Adel

"Justice for many people can only be a word on paper, and never actually applied. Yet when members of a council and a committee are obliged to present a detailed resolution and explanation of their viewpoints, exposing, implementing and clarifying the truth, eventually justice can be displayed." Indeed, this is one of the greatest lessons I was taught throughout my experience as a vice president and a former advocate in the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The ICJ is the very essential juridical arm in the United Nations. This house of International justice has the function of both; resolving disputes as well as giving advisory opinions to the UN member countries.

Therefore, it plays a great role in facilitating the cooperation of international law between countries. The court was established in 1945 and began working in 1946. Yet, it's only after the court's ruling against the US in 1980 that the willingness of use of the ICJ has increased. In other words, it's only after showing its reliability, demonstrating its transparency and proving that there is no stronger power than justice, that the states started to seek for its help. Through contemplating how the ICJ works, we can recognize the rare combination from which it was built up. In fact, unlike any other organ of the United Nations, the ICJ enjoys the ultimate power. However, it remains a glorious house of fairness; especially that in OISMUN there is no terrorization, no security council that has the ability to veto decisions of the court. The world we're living in nowadays is a ruthless one and finding an agent not abusing its power instead of dedicating all the needed tools in order to apply justice, is progressively becoming so rare.

There is no doubt that it is a very hard task to accomplish and a harder one on us. Fortunately, its fifteen judges do not represent their countries. On the contrary, they leave their identity on the court's door, turn their patriotism off and wear a bare jacket crowned with dedication and loyalty to their work. That is all ICJians, nobody can compete; we have the power in our hands and the justice in our minds.

Hope

By Youssef Hadidy

We all have hope, we all have faith, but we don't all act upon them. It is good that we the human kind has suffered many injustices over the year, it has suffered genocides, mass murder, wars and a lot worse, and even till this day, I have even read once this quote "humans have travelled over deserts, voyaged across vast oceans, even set foot on the moon but it seems the only thing we are unable to reach is an understanding" and that is true, no matter how far we evolve we are not able to evolve enough to create peace. Fortunately there are those in this world who care for it.

The example is NGOs that are inside OISMUN. In the OISMUN system there are whole lot of NGOs and notably the World Bank, the IAEA and the human rights watch. These three NGOs have been proven to promote peace on an international scale and help every soul they can with the support of the UN. So yes I said that everyone has hope and faith but none of us act upon them. Fortunately, there are those who make us want to act, those who strive for our attention seeking more of it and screaming to us "CARE" since in the end our hopes and beliefs are one no matter how we want to define them we all want the same thing and that's why this is a good opportunity to tell you about those NGOs that help the world.

First we have the World Bank; it is a financial institution that provides mainly aid to developing countries with the sole objective to reduce poverty and increasing financial investments in under developed countries around the world. In OISMUN it is very important that it exists since it is in the ECOSOC committee a very important factor of the final resolution since its approval or disapproval can actually cause a conflict in the terms of the passage of the resolution. That is mainly because the decisions made by the ECOSOC committee is only valid by the aid of the World Bank which completely funds their projects and resolutions and that is why it is an essential NGO of OISMUN.

Secondly, we have the Human Rights Watch well without an introduction its name gives us the information we need it is an observer that aims to stop human violence and stop human rights violations such as racism, sexual orientation and so on. It is mainly the NGO that takes care of all the injustice that of discrimination and freedom. But in OISMUN it has a much harder role trying to protect its beliefs and to some point having to face several and numerous problem that encounter her with other countries and that eventually causes for her a huge problem. In other words we can name this NGO the bravest of them all.

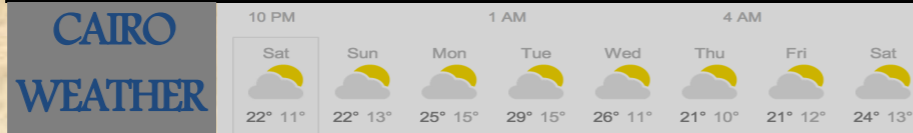
Sports Day by Malak Abdelnabi



Last year, I was a first time MUNer, and I cannot tell you how nervous I was. I couldn't contain my nerves or excitement. Thankfully, our school had organized an amazing sports day. With all the sports that we all know and like, music that we absolutely love and most importantly amazing food that was gone in the blink of an eye. During this day, we met all the fellow MUNers that had joined us from other countries but the best part was that everybody was involved; delegates, chairs, organizers, and even the secretariat. So it felt really good to break the ice and get to know the people you will be seeing for the next three days. And a piece of advice: if you're planning to make some new friends, then do it during the sports day because during the conference days, everyone is so busy doing their researches or their resolutions that they don't have time to get to know people. So just be friendly in the first day and get to know as many people as you can, because let's face it, making new friends is one of the main reasons you got into MUN in the first place. Anyway, despite the fact that I didn't really play much, or at all actually, I got to meet new people and have the "first time awkward conversation", but it was actually fun. You don't have to be an athlete or actually practice a sport of any kind, you just had to sign up for a sport and make an appearance at the match you were scheduled to play and try not to make your team look bad. Thanks to the organizers, the day was well run and you never felt like you didn't know what to do. If you're not playing anything, you can check out the matches that are in session at that time or you can just hang out with your friends. Plus, there's no pressure to win or anything, you're just enjoying your time and having fun. I'm sure there's no need to tell you the amount of pictures we took of ourselves that day. Showing off on Facebook that we were participating in MUN and wanting to rub peoples' faces in the fact that they were missing out on an amazing experience. And let's face it, sports gets everyone all competitive and wanting to win, which is exactly the mentality you need when you debate, and when you want to make your point and defend your country. So that's the reason the schools decided to organize a sports day and not a party or anything of that sort. Because who doesn't love running around and playing with their friends? To me, the sports day was one of the best days of MUN.

And last but not least the international atomic energy agency (IAEA), this NGO that is located in the disarmament committee has the job of securing and to see that nuclear power will be used differently in a good and peaceful way and not in wars and threats. This NGO is lead not surprisingly by Egypt's very own Doctor Mohamed El Baradei. Doctor Baradei and the IAEA won a Nobel peace prize where he said "one percent of the money spent on developing new weapons would be enough to feed the entire world, and that if we hope to escape self-destruction, then nuclear weapons should have no place in our collective conscience, and no role in our security". So yes, the IAEA is one of the most important in OISMUN since it secures peace and tries to avoid any possibility of nuclear disasters. That is why I award this NGO the most logical.

Yes we do lose hope a lot of time, and our faith sometimes leaves us but in the end it is not up to hope or faith to encourage you, it isn't up to them to want to keep you. In the end we have to search and create our peace. The people who started these NGOs are not superior than anyone they just did not lose their faith. And in the end is this reason OISMUN is for? Isn't the idea of OISMUN to teach us that somehow we can create peace no matter how small we are? In the end isn't all we want from this conference to believe and know we can create change?



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