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Most Attended MUN conferences around the world

By Farida Karim

The Model United Nations phenomenon, to the surprise of many, was introduced in the early 1920s. However, back then it was not named after the United Nations, as it had not been established yet, but it was named after the League of Nations, its predecessor. In fact, the famous Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN) started as a simulation of the League of Nations back in the day.

It is self-explanatory why these conferences are still held yearly in dozens of countries worldwide. Any student that has taken part in an MUN conference will agree that the experience had surpassed their expectations. That is why Model United Nations is an activity highly supported and recommended throughout the world. The participants are known to gain global awareness, leadership skills, public speaking skills and organizational skills. Additionally, they are taught the expertise of debating and negotiating. There are many successful MUN conferences held internationally, THIMUN being the most recognized on a high school level.

THIMUN dates back to

1968, and by 1981 it had become a foundation. In the year of 1995, THIMUN was certified as a Non Governmental Organization associated with the United Nations. Their goal is that throughout their conference "The young delegates, [...], can learn to break away from narrow, national self-interest and develop true international cooperation." The organization has also been given the right to affiliate certain MUN conferences showing potential and promise. Their main aim in doing so is to "promote interest in and support for the work of the United Nations".

Tustin High School Model United Nations (THSMUN) is in fact the largest high-school level conference to be hosted by a single high school, located in California. In the year of 2012, not only did they accommodate 1400 delegates, but they also celebrated their 20th anniversary.

SSUNS, the Secondary Schools United Nations Symposium, held in Montreal is also a fairly recognized MUN conference. It is one of the

largest high school Model United Nations in Canada, and has hosted 900 delegates in the year of 2012 from 50 different schools.

National Model UN (NMUN), held in New York City, has been documented as one of the oldest MUN conferences in the history. It started out a reproduction of the League of Nations, and developed into a conference that welcomes about 5000 students. In 2007, they teamed up with the Osgood Center for International Studies and created a NMUN conference in Washington D.C.

Many distinguished universities also host yearly MUN conferences. For example, in California, UCLA hosted its 20th UCLA BruinMUN conference, accommodating 900 delegates. Moreover, The University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference last year was organized by 300+ U. Penn students and accommodated over 1100 delegates.

Interview with a delegate from Oasis

By Malak Abdelnabi

I have interviewed Nour Ghaban, a student that has participated in 4 MUNs, that is why I chose her. She really has a lot of experience when it comes to MUN. So she knows what she's saying. The first question I asked her was: 'what role did you play in the last MUN?' 'I was the ambassador of China in the security council' she said. Personally I was the ambassador of the United States in that committee as well, and let me tell you, that girl knows what she's talking about.

'Tell us what a day in MUN is like.' Was the next question, and she answered 'we have the conference in the morning, and then party at night'. A perfect balance I think! This is to all the future delegates 'How much time do you spend preparing for it?' '2 to 3 weeks in advance', but if you really want to make a good impression, then I recommend you start a month before the conference so that you could have a good chance at winning best delegate. And also: 'what does a delegate need to do to be prepared for anything during debates?' 'Research his country, know his topic well and know your allies'. Her responses may be short and brief but she just gets to the point. If you want to make a good impression and impress your fellow delegates or your chair, then you really need to know everything there is to know about your country and your country's position in the topic that is being discussed.

I was curious to know what her favorite thing about MUN is, so she said 'the fact that you have to prove yourself, build yourself up, while having fun.' A weird reply I thought but it's her point of view. My favorite part in the interview was when I asked her to describe MUN in one word and she said 'AMAZING'.

I asked her what she would like to change about MUN and he response was: 'the food', again, an unconventional answer but she has a point.

When asked to give advice to future delegates, she said: 'MUN is a balance between work and play, if it's all work and no play or vice versa, then you're doing it wrong. Very well said I think, she has a good point. In MUN or in school in general you have to find a good balance between your studies and just enjoying your school year.' The final question was 'what have you gained from the experience?' and she said 'friends, confidence and better public skills.' That really is what everyone gains from any MUN experience.

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Fashion During MUN conference

By Yasmine Amr

Well, it's not as simple as it seems, since MUN is mainly about conferences it must have a dress code. You can't just throw on a short dress, a blazer and 15 cm heels and look appropriate, NO. Every event has a dress code to be respected, even football games. Therefore we thought it would be useful to give you a few fashionable tips that are appropriate to MUN and remind you of the basic rules of formal wear, in other words MUN fashion.

Let us start with the obvious, Blazers! Blazers

have become an essential part of any stylish wardrobe; they are one of those clothing items that will never go out of bravura. Blazers come in different styles; you could wear double breasted blazers with white collar for those cold days in December or single breasted blazers with large pockets and flaps for a more formal attire or even sleek pockets without flaps. Button-less blazers are now in fashion, and they're meant to be worn open. Blazers can be paired with dresses, pants or skirts. For Tops, choose a top that flatters your figure without being skin tight or showing off cleavage, for example a chiffon or silk blouses, draped Tank or Lace blouses.

As for the bottoms, a skirt is usually the more satisfactory option. We all complain that we can't wear short skirts in school, sadly unlike most school rules this one actually makes a lot of sense. It is a known fact that while attending formal meetings and conferences it is preferable not to show too much skin. Hence here are some options of skirts that will make you look amazing yet elegant. However, if you're planning on wearing pants avoid leggings and it's totally unacceptable to wear jeans. Slim or straight pants are okay.

OISMUN lasts for a whole week! Which means that you need to provide seven different stylish, yet acceptable outfits.



If you have a flattering body and feel like showing it off, Straight skirts are the way to go, the same width from the waist area to the hem, below or above knee length, they perfectly suit people with thin frames. With a thin waist you can even pull off a high waist straight skirt and look absolutely stunning. If you have a flawless hour glass body you should probably be seen in a pencil or Tube skirt, which are formfitting from the waist to the knee. Finally for those who always struggle to find fashionable clothes that fit their body, who are always looking for something to make them look thinner draped skirts are a dream come true, these skirts with self-fabric folds give an elegant look as they are often made with flowing fabrics and give a nice slimming effect.

To end with, let's talk Footwear! Luckily, there aren't many rules for shoes nonetheless it is important to remember

that the more foot that shows, the less businesslike the shoe. Avoid Sandals, mules, and T-straps since they are often considered inappropriate for formal events. You'd be better off wearing pumps, Kitten heels, cone heels, prism heels, Stilettos...



seen this year.

To conclude just make sure that you look appropriate for MUN conferences. On the other hand don't forget to fashionably and elegantly exquisite. I'll be attending and I'll have my eyes out for those who deserve a shout out in my next article which will feature the best outfits

How was AMMUN ??

By Hassan EIBishry



Over the years, Oasis students have always taken part of interesting and fruitful events such as PAMUN along with the regular OISMUN events organized within the sanctity of the school itself; this year is no different. MUN has become some sort of a tradition for our students since it enables them to tackle, debate and discuss many crucial issues. Many D1 and D2 students signed up to participate in the MUN conferences that took place in Jordan. It may

have probably not been on any of the students' bucket list to visit the Jordan capital, Amman, however this trip has surpassed all expectations and did not fail to deliver. I sat down with one of the students in order to get an insight on the trip. In a trip that the student chose to describe in 3 words or less as "Breathtaking, unforgettable, fairytale", AMMUN has been praised for its incredible organization. This was further highlighted by the student's words when she said "Everything ran perfectly and smoothly throughout the whole trip... The events and activities they had were also very nice, there was actually never a dull moment during the whole trip!"

The student also went on to praise the friendliness of her fellow delegates who made them feel at home away from home immediately following their arrival. undoubtedly, this fantastic level of organization could only promise the delegates conferences of the same quality; and, once more, it failed to disappoint. "The conference itself was very rewarding. The debate was very lively and even aggressive at times! I have to say it has been fantastically organized however there was a high level of strictness... but I guess that's tough love! All in

all, I think they were very successfully managed." Those were the remarks made by D2 student Salma Safwat in regards to the quality of the conferences in AMMUN.

It is always heartbreaking to let go of something beautiful, especially if you don't want to. The trip that left the entire group awed, much to their own surprise, unfortunately had to come to an end. Despite being away from their families and loved ones for quite some time, their imminent departure left them with bittersweet sensations. All the people you meet, the moments you enjoy and the adventures you live become nothing more but a few memories and a few pictures on Facebook. "It was one of the hardest moments of my life; to leave these people who became my second family in such a short time and the country that became a second home to me leaves me with such a terrible and unbearable feeling! I guess I got to learn that everything has to come to an end the hard way." The inevitable conclusion to the amazing 5-day event may have marked the end of the conferences and the trip, but the memories will surely remain forever.

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