

ASIA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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What is a Model United Nations

Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy and the United Nations agenda. Model simulations are older than the United Nations. Records indicate that as early as the 1920s students in the United States of America were participating in collegiate simulations of the League of Nations, the predecessor to the United Nations.

The participants role-play as diplomats representing a nation or an NGO in a simulated session of an organ (committee) of the United Nations, such as the Security Council or the General Assembly. Participants are assigned a country and take on roles as diplomats representing its interests. Afterwards, students investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop proposed solutions to world problems.

The voting procedures are the same of the ones respected during the real UN works. In fact, model UNs are run using basic parliamentary procedures. This allows all delegates to be active participants. Therefore, during a conference participants must employ a variety of communication and critical thinking skills in order to represent the policies of their countries. These skills include public speaking, group communication, research, policy analysis, active listening, negotiating, conflict resolution, note taking, and technical writing.

Asia-Pacific International Model United Nations



Asia-Pacific International MUN is an exclusive five-day simulation for university/college students hosted annually in Bangkok, with the aim to gather students from the five continents offering a higher-level atrium of dialogue and debate between culturally-diverse leaders, with the UN building as backdrop.

APMUN arises from the experience by ASEAN Regional Center of Excellence on Millennium Development Goals (ARCMDG) in collaboration with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and its 50-year academic experience.

AIT is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, and it is a quintessentially international institution of engineering and technology, environmental resources and development, and management, dedicated to world-class higher learning with an Asian perspective. AIT is the first and only Institute of higher learning of its type granted with an International Intergovernmental Organization status. Moreover, it has been designated by the United Nations Secretary-General H.E. Ban Ki-Moon as the permanent site of the world's first Regional Centre of Excellence on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), dedicated to the promotion and achievement of the MDGs in South-East Asia through education and training.

Therefore, APMUN represents the culmination of the efforts of our Institution to bring together a worldwide qualified student body.

At APMUN delegates will gain insight into the workings of the United Nations and the dynamics of international relations by assuming the roles of UN representatives and members of other international bodies and national cabinets, as well as press officers. The Asia-Pacific MUN has a special focus on sustainable development and the MDGs.



APMUN represents an exciting opportunity for students to discuss issues that confront world leaders and to draft resolutions in response to global issues. During the conference, students will learn the importance of balancing national interests with the needs of the international community, while also learning about the power and limitations of international negotiations. Leadership, critical analysis, public speaking, persuasion, negotiation are the main skills that students will acquire through their participation to Asia-Pacific International Model UN, where delegates will also have the chance to build strong new friendships that span across the globe.

APMUN makes students closer to the current international issues, making them aware of the importance of fast, efficient and strategic solutions, and contributes to prepare the new future leaders.

For this year APMUN is scheduled to take place in Bangkok, from April 8– 12, 2012.

Bangkok has been chosen as the preferred location, since it represents an important international platform in which over 25 UN agencies, 140 NGOs, 15 IGOs, and over 80 embassies are operating.

Furthermore Bangkok affirmed its strategic importance being the regional hub for the Asia-Pacific negotiation processes.

Asia-Pacific MUN Conference Working Committees

- **United Nations Educational, Scientific And Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**
 - Mitigating the Effects of Natural Disasters to Preserve Cultural Heritage Sites
 - Promoting Multilingual Education: Including the Excluded
- **Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)**
 - Pacific Urban Management
 - Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER)
- **Commission On Science And Technology For Development (CSTD)**
 - Biotechnology Capacity Building
 - The Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication
- **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)**
 - Combating Human Trafficking
 - HIV and AIDS: Getting to Zero
- **General Assembly First Committee (GA 1ST)**
 - Security Implications of a Nuclear Weapons Program in the DPRK - Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 - State-Sponsored Terrorism

- **General Assembly Second Committee (GA2ND)**
 - Fresh Water Management and Economic Development
 - The Effects of Agricultural Export Subsidies on Least Developed Countries

- **General Assembly Third Committee (GA3RD)**
 - Children in the Workforce in Southeast Asia
 - MDGs: What beyond 2015?

- **General Assembly Plenary (GA Plen)**
 - Held the last day at UN Building for the Resolutions approval

- **Security Council (SC)**
 - Enhancing Efficiency and Credibility of UN Sanctions
 - Food Insecurity and Conflict Resolution

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
 - Creating new and efficient Employment Opportunity in the Rural Sector
 - Information and Communication Technology for Development

- **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)**
 - Responding to the Effects of Natural Disasters and Enhancing Emergency Preparedness
 - Regional Economic Integration and a Free Trade Area of the Pacific

- **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**
 - Sustainable Development in the Context of Climate Change
 - The Responsiveness: Implementation and Capacity Support for the Environmental Pillar of International Environmental Governance Reform

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

Social programs

During the 5 days Conference, Delegates will have the unique opportunity to enrich their work thanks to several meetings with prestigious international Institutions and UN representatives.

In details:

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

APMUN Conference will be presided by distinguished Key-Note Speakers, who will share with Delegates their personal and professional experience about hot topics, affecting the present international scenario.

The aim is to establish a forum debate with young delegates where ideas, opinions and thoughts will be shared between the today's leaders and the leaders of tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR

During the Conference, an entire day will be dedicated to local and international universities willing to present their academic offer.

Faculty, Professors and Academic Staff will be available to give explanations, suggestions and details to all those students that wish to have information about the best academic opportunities, stage and work possibilities, as well as the most fruitful career path.

DIPLOMATIC DELEGATION MEETING

Universities and students have the possibility to arrange a meeting with the Permanent Mission, or Consulate, or Embassy of the assigned country, that are present in Bangkok.

These meetings represent a special and exclusive opportunity to deep the general knowledge about the foreign country delegates have to represent inside the Conference Committees, and to pose questions directly to the country's Consul or Ambassador about the main topics fixed in the international Agenda.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8-12 April, 2012

1ST DAY: 8 APRIL

- Morning: accreditation
- Early afternoon: Opening Ceremony at the UN Building in Bangkok with the Opening Remarks by the main national and international Institutions.
- Starting of Working Committees Session at Imperial Queen's Park Hotel.

2ND DAY: 9 APRIL

- Morning: Diplomatic Delegation Meeting with the Permanent Mission, or Consulate, or Embassy of the assigned country.
- Afternoon-Evening: Working Committees

3RD DAY: 10 APRIL

- Morning: Working Committees
- Afternoon: Key Note Speakers
International Fair
- Evening: Working Committees

4TH DAY: 11 APRIL

- All day: Working Committees

5TH DAY: 12 APRIL

- Morning: Voting Resolutions at UN Building – General Assembly Plenary
- Afternoon: Closing Ceremony at UN Building

REGISTRATION FEES

- US\$ 200 per school. This fee is for up to three country assignments and aims to boost the universities' commitment to take care of a delegation of students and of their training.
- US\$ 125 per delegate
- US\$ 75 per Press Corp

Each Delegate will be responsible for its own food, hotel, and travel expenses, a part for the lunches that will be included in the accommodation rate.

Moreover, APMUN Secretariat is negotiating with the conference hosting hotel in order to offer students the most convenient accommodation price.