**MSMUN Opens**

Another conference of MSMUN-Q has begun, and this year for the 4th Annual MSMUN conference, we have delegates flying overseas from Bangladesh, India and to debate multiple world issues and bring light to the Sustainable Development ‘No Poverty Goal’. The opening ceremony starts off with a word from the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary Generals. They began by discussing how in MSMUN we gather to go hand in hand in creating resolutions to take steps in helping those who don’t have access to water, basic hygiene, health care, and shelter. As well as solve the problem of poverty across the globe, and as the SG had said “You are all participating as delegates for the next two days, and hopefully leaders for tomorrow.”

The first speaker of the day was the Secretary General, Mikail Cheema. He had given an empowering speech on the theme of the conference ‘The No Poverty Goal’ and the importance of taking action in trying to make a difference as the dangers of this lifestyle are only increasing, with an outstanding amount of 1.3 billion people living in extreme poverty. He includes a quote by the the famous Nelson Mandela, “Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.” Then, Mikail goes on by motivating the young delegates in achieving the aim of this conference and spreading awareness on poverty, as they are the future generations and to conclude with a speech by Anne Frank “Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction” and other words of encouragement.

**Ambassador’s Vision**

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“A child that cannot attend school”

“An old man that died because of the lack of basic medical health”

“A family that is devoid of all food and shelter”

This is poverty. As the Ambassador of the Russian Federation beautifully and accurately defined.

Ambassadors are representatives of nations and they ensure the ties between their country and another are upheld. They are important part of the whole system as are all delegates. It is important that ambassadors are diplomatic and professional for they represent their countries. And the MSMUN ambassadors definitely own this quality with the highest dignity possible.

This year, MSMUN have for the first time selected ambassadors to give out speeches and 3 brilliant minded delegates were selected to give their speeches at the Opening Ceremony and make their impact powerful to the community of MUN delegates.

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Education’s Value

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Quality education is the foundation to sustainable development. Education allows for there to be more self-reliance, economic growth and can overall improve people’s living standards. Not everyone have can access to primary and secondary education. Globally, countries have been developing and achieving major accomplishments and improved in the access to education at all levels, enrolment rates, and basic literacy skills. Despite the successful accomplishments, some countries are still facing obstacles for quality education while 57 million children remain out of school and half of them live in Sub-Saharan Africa. The sustainable development goal 4 works “targets for 2030 call for ensuring the completion of primary and secondary education by all boys and girls, and guaranteeing equal access to opportunities for access to quality technical and vocational education for everyone”. Action should be taken to improve access and the quality of education while facing obstacles such as gender inequalities, food insecurity, and armed conflict. Access to primary education has been highlighted as a universal issue. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) this year will be debating and discussing the issue of Access to free universal primary education for all children. Delegates will join together in groups and merge their resolutions to come up with one long resolution that tackles the issue at hand. The delegates will then get into a fruitful debate which examines the resolutions ability to solve the issue at hand.

Through the debate, delegates will be able to make adjustments to their resolution through amendments that could better meet their overall goal. Students are encouraged to speak up and criticize their opposition’s resolution to help them formulate more suitable clauses. The committee will be identifying factors which prevent people from gaining access education such as poverty, financial status, development gaps and gender inequality. Delegates will be evaluating previous attempts of solving this issue in hopes of improving them and coming up with stronger alternatives. Some previous attempts to solve the issue of access to education were United Nations Development Program, Global Partnership for Education, financial aid, The World Food Program and the Walking School Bus. Delegates will work cooperatively to come up with ways to gain free education through sufficient funding, improving quality education through offering health programs and implementing other existing policies that encourage access to education for all. Through this debate countries will explore more on how to insure access to primary education for future generations to provide them with the foundation of a better and successful life.

“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.”
- Nelson Mandela

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Security Council Issue

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Security Council is the top committee in the United Nations where all resolutions are debated and passed or failed. Not only that, but Security Council also debates on major issues that are pressing humanity to a brink of destruction or failure.

This year, MSMUN Security Council delegates will be debating on issues such as the famous DPRK and the cruel injustice refugees face when they have to run away due to the severity of war crimes in their countries.

Head Chair, Ahmed Al Naimi, believes that he will see a strong debate from the delegates of Security Council on both issues. However, he also believes that the issue of DPRK would be debated strongly by delegates due the fact that DPRK is a phenomenon in the world that few really know the runnings in the country. Due to their censorship and strict regime control, many nations fear the rise of DPRK and worry that threats may become actions.

Also delegates from the Security Council will be discussing on ways to protect refugees that fled their respective countries due to the increase and severity of armed conflicts. It is important for the delegates to discuss this issue for many refugees are denied of their human rights even after fleeing their oppressions.

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The incoming head of THIMUN Qatar, Fatima El Mahdi, was next to come up on stage and give a motivational speech. She started by thanking those who have participated and the educators who made this conference possible, and then congratulated the Admin Executive ‘Yaqoub Al Khulaifi’ for his determination and hard work. "We are coming together to find out how we can build a better future for everybody, for all of us, not just our personal lives.” She continued talking about career paths some people may choose to take and related them back to the SDGs, and in a simplistic way had shown how any things revolve around or start with the SDG #4 ‘quality education.’ Briefly, she introduced the subject of today’s conference, the SDG #1 and the goals set in hopes to achieve what is set. Lastly, before ending her speech, she gave a few notices for the delegates on certain things that will be going on during the day.

Sanskriti Tandon, this year’s keynote speaker was called up to the stage and discussed the issue of poverty and the small and basic privileges we have on a day to day basis which some others who live in poverty don’t such as having 3 meals a day or going out whenever we’d wish. She went on by showing a video of a young african girl and how she goes on in her daily life, with struggles she would consider normal like having 1 meal a day, not having the ability to do certain simple things, having a lack in healthcare, and other things. After the video, asked the audience some questions "Do you think this girl would be able to go out with her friends to restaurants? Or her family would be able to take her to vacation somewhere or if they could afford it? Or if she would even think of planning to go somewhere for university?” this had caught the attention of everyone in the room and had them thinking about that and then reflecting this on their own lives as she then connected this to her life as a 9 year old girl and how she grew up living in a more privileged community and family. She then ended with more questions given to the fellow delegates and other audience members to leave them curious on this subject and consider ways to make a change.
MUN IMPACT

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MUN impact is a global community that believes in the power that the Model United Nations possesses to inform, inspire, and motivate its participants to action. It works towards using resolutions which propose solutions to all types of issues and putting them into action. The MUN impact community is a place to share impactful stories and ways to support the Sustainable Development Goals. The MUN impact community allows the United Nations to engage with the MUN community and deliver learning opportunities that bring people together. Qatar Academy has a very committed and hands-on MUN impact group that are working towards accomplishing the SDGs. The group is made up of 5 founders, Sama Ayoub, Shoug Al Tamimi, Ahmed Al Naimi, Aisha Al Mansoori and Prkriti Tandon. QMUNITY Voice reporter Shoug Al Tamimi sat down with Sama Ayoub to ask her some questions on MUN impact.

What is MUN Impact to you?

MUN impact is the key to putting all debate and discussions done in MUN conferences into actual action. MUN impact takes Model UN a step further, it allows students to work globally to turn their words and proposed solutions of issues into action and allows them to experience a simulation of how the actual UN puts their solutions into action.

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Ambassador’s Vision

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Spain, Brazil and the Russian Federation have given excellent speeches on poverty that shook the audience.

Yes, it cannot be ignored that poverty is a rising issue that the whole world faces. Poverty can be found in every corner of the Earth and these Ambassadors have mentioned it without fail to raise the awareness, the seriousness of it.

As the Ambassador of India has rightfully phrased, poverty is indeed a plague to humanity. Ambassador of India believes that poverty is created and if it is created it can be destroyed. And the only it can be destroyed, is if us, human beings take honourable and selfless actions.

Poverty is not a joke. Poverty is not a game. Poverty is a plague. A plague that has a cure. And a cure is what our delegates will find. Millions of people have died, have lost a member of their family. It is not fair while minority of the world enjoy a luxurious life, receive impressive education, drink safe and accessible water while the majority suffers. It is inhumane and unfair.

Ambassadors have very well reached to a common understanding that poverty should end. That measures should be drawn up to come to a conclusion. As the ambassador of Brazil said in her speech, “make poverty a history,” It was our past and our present but it will not be our future. Our future is now in the hands of our delegates and the ambassadors have done a great job at uniting the nation with a common goal. No poverty.
Different Committees

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The United Nations is a body, an organisation that aims to promote peace and tranquility in the world. This organisation work by dividing issues into departments called committees. The United Nation is divided into sections, the Security Council, the General Assembly, The UN Secretariat and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. It has 15 members and each member has one vote. However, only in Security Council will you find the P5 nations which consists of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russian Federation and China. These 5 nations have the power to veto on a resolution. This means that the resolution fails as a whole no matter the votes for passing it. The Security issues batches of the Peacekeeping Force to areas of armed conflict and to protect the civilians that are being oppressed.

The General Assembly is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations. The General Assembly has 6 committees within it. The Disarmament and International Security committee, the Economic and Financial committee, Social, Humanitarian and Cultural committee, Special Political and Decolonisation committee, the Administrative and Budgetary committee and the Legal committee. As well as the Human Rights Council.

The UN Secretariat is made up of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. And the Economic and Social Council has the Commission of the Status of Women. The United Nations also have the non profitable organisations such as the World Health Organisation.

With each committee they work hand in hand and compliment each other for the efforts that have been achieved by the United Nations. Each committee work hard on detailed issues to solve even the smallest of matter. Each committee has an important role to play and each delegate has an important voice they portray. Without the effort and teamwork of each committee the aim to stabilising peace of Earth would be futile.

Security Council Issue

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What is the issue of Refugees?

Many host countries prevent from aiding refugees solely because it requires a lot of finance. It is important for the delegates to stress on the importance of the difficulty and severity of their lack of human rights that is really important for their survival in this world.

Refugees are forced to flee from their homes and family. These refugees are scarred and scared. They have seen and experience violence. This is why delegates have come together to debate on. It is upto the delegates of the Security Council to come up with. And many have come up with solutions such as setting up centres for rehabilitation, providing educational centres and medical services for the injured.

What is the issue of DPRK?

The rise of threats on the releasement of nuclear bombs or the mysterious ways this communist countries work in to sustain themselves even after nations declaring enmity or alliances. Some nations fear the growth of DPRK while others believe DPRK should be given the freedom to live the way they desire without condemnation from other nations. Each country has their own governmental structure and none should be given better preference over the other. However some argue that it should be an important factor to be looked upon if it becomes a threat to civilisation. The role of the delegates in Security Council in this conference is to come up with effective solutions to combat the issues that affect nations and to protect the world from any possible oncoming disputes. However, delegates would also take in mind that DPRK has civilians that partake in none of this so should not be devising strategies that cripples the economy. It is a tough issue but in the end United Nations aim for peace and peace is what will be achieved.
Approval Panel

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In the conference, an approval panel plays a vital role in the process as it determines which of the resolutions are most suitable to be debated, and are debatable. In the MSMUN-Q conference, all delegates are now gathered together and have gone over to the approval panel to conclude and end this conference in checking which are the best fitting resolutions across all conferences and amongst the country representatives. The resolutions are then fixed and corrected for any mistakes after being passed through several people and then being either approved or rejected by the approval panel. The prepared delegates have attended the conference with at least one resolution in hopes that it would pass through debating it. The resolutions must go through the approval panel before being debated. During the conferences, the delegates have been asked to debate different resolutions on their committees subject issues which will later either pass or fail, depending on the amount of votes it gets by their committees delegates as well.

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What motivated you to join MUN impact?

I was originally very involved with the original MUN debate club, where I learnt the importance of making a difference other than just raising awareness about the topic which is what practically is done through MUN conferences. When hearing about MUN impact and understanding it was a step further than just a debate, I was motivated by the fact that if students like us are able to come up with solutions to issues that affect us globally then we are also able to actually make a difference and a change with real life action step by step.

How will you work towards accomplishing the SDGs?

Working towards a sustainable development goals could be challenging because of the impact and importance of the goal. In order to work towards accomplishing goals that are sent for all countries around the world it is important to start with teamwork through a group of people who are highly interested and then begin tackling the SDG goal strand by strand and by multiple studied plans.

What SDG is most important to you and why?

Personally, SDG 4; Quality education is the most important goal and this is because in any matter educating people and showing them the bigger picture helps solve issues from there roots and plays a major role in helping solve other sustainable development goals. Being aware of such important SDG, me and alongside 5 teenagers around the world we were able to launch the education emotion project which aims to educate people on mental health and decreases the stigma surrounding it.

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