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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

The eighth annual **Dulwich International Model United Nations Conference** is upon us! To returning delegates and veteran debaters, by now you should be very well accustomed to the nature of this event. For those who have yet to participate in this enlightening experience we ensure that every discussion will keep you on the edge of your seat! No matter which of the above you see yourself as, we are positive that each and all of you are riveting with excitement at the mere opportunity to challenge and argue with your fellow delegates (while also collecting a vital piece of your college application puzzle - scandalous!).

We hope you enjoy this meticulously planned and stressfully published DIMUNITE issue (as well as those to come in the following days). As leaders of the Press Team, we have gone through great lengths to ensure that this magazine is the best we have to offer. We hope that you appreciate our efforts as well as find the games, articles and interviews a tad more entertaining than last year.

Although we, Editors-in-Chief, may not be able to see each and every one of you during the conference, if by chance we meet do not hesitate to introduce yourself. In fact, spring forth with your passion in this welcome debate on wordly issues, for our journalists will be ready - pen in hand - to capture your words of wisdom on paper. We promise we do not bite.

Dear readers, be sure to be the early bird amongst your peers. Carpe diem; cherish every second of the conference. Listen carefully and expand your horizons.

But most of all, speak out! Do not be afraid.

Vivian **Tan** and Matthew **Cui**
Editors-in-Chief of DIMUNITE VIII



core team & DCB delegates



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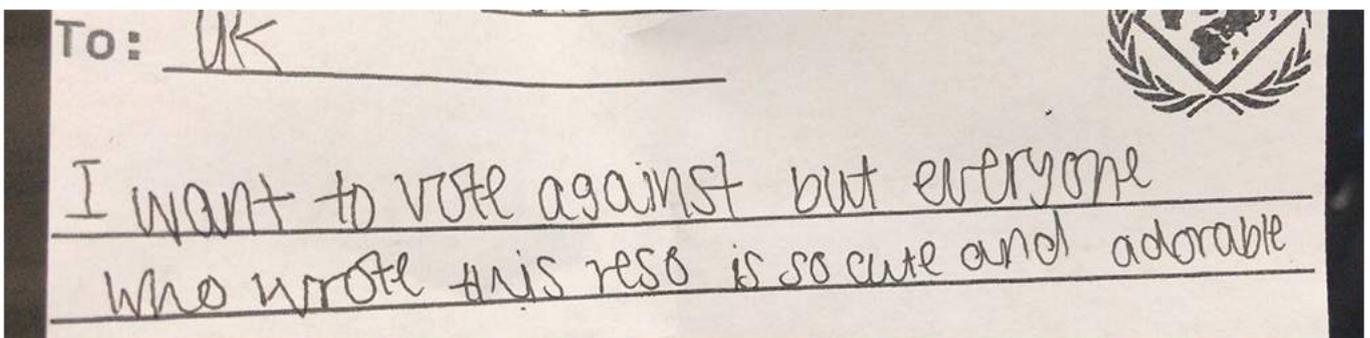
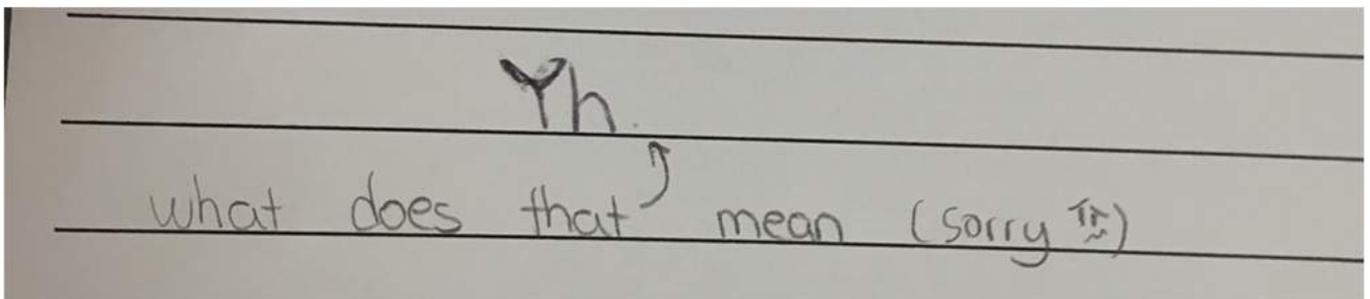
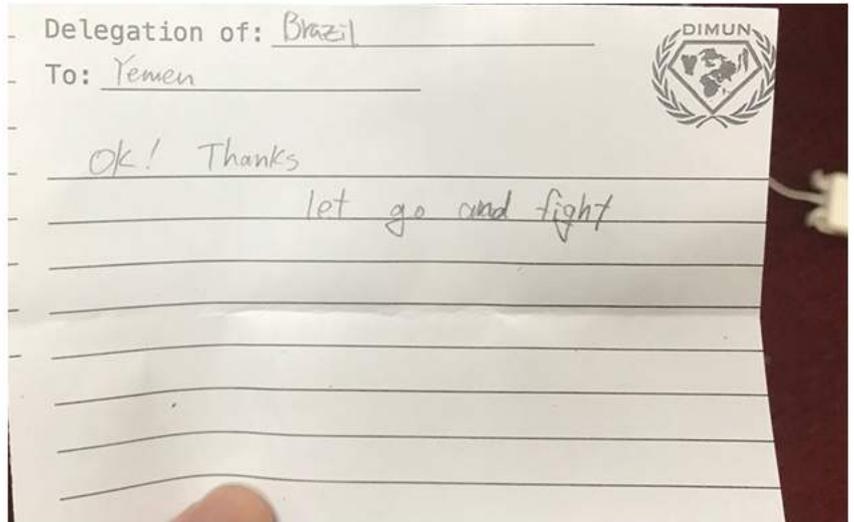
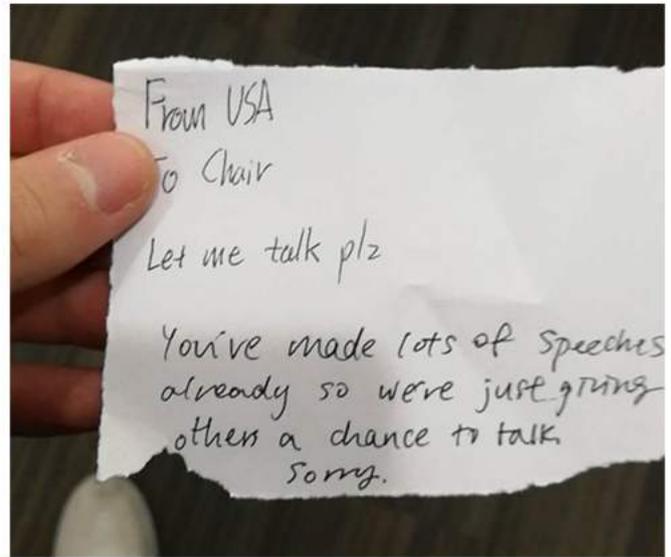
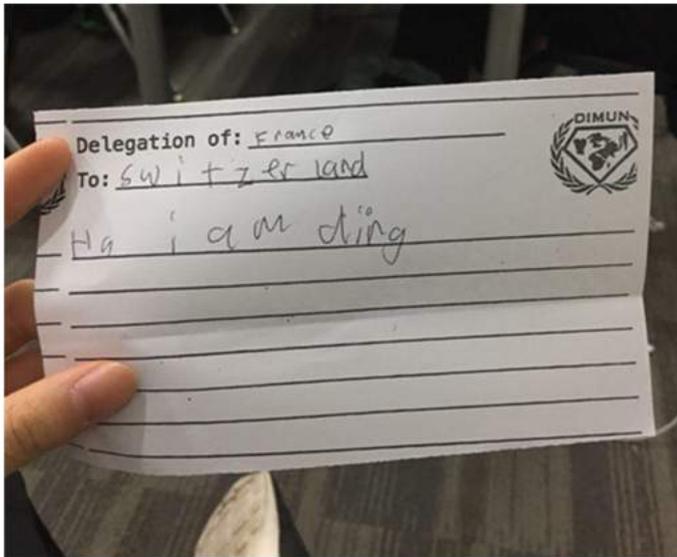
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behind the scenes



working hard or hardly working?



interview with the directors

conducted by Mei En **Chin**



The two directors interviewed are Simon Probert and Libby Kennedy, from the schools Harrow and IST respectively.

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Is this your first time chaperoning at an MUN conference or have you been to other conferences?

LK: No. I've been to TIANMUN in Tianjin.

SP: No. I've been to several other conferences like the FOBISIA MUN conference at Harrow Bangkok in December.

How do you like the conference so far?

LK: Oh we love it so much. It has been unbelievably well-organised; the pre-planning and all of the communication has been outstanding and so helpful. The kids are excited and everyone has been friendly. It's been fantastic. We're very impressed.

SP: We really enjoyed the speech yesterday by the British Ambassador. The reason that we thought this would be a really good conference to come to is because as a school, we're quite inexperienced with MUN - we started it from scratch this year and so I think our students really value the opportunity to be in smaller communities and to get involved.

If you could live in any city, where would it be and why?

LK: I would say Kuala Lumpur. That's my dream city but I haven't been there though. For me, it's the diversity, the city and the mix of cultures that I like. I'm really, really interested in how everyone gets along.

SP: I would like to live in Cuzco in Latin America because I've always wanted to live in South America. I think the history and geography is fascinating.

You're a new addition to the crayon box. What colour would you be and why?

LK: There's a certain blue that I love... I think it's cerulean blue or eggshell blue. It's just such a beautiful blue that it is even hard to describe its colour.

SP: I would be light blue.

What are you well known for?

LK: Listening and not talking a lot.

SP: In my old school, I was known for playing the saxophone and my love for jazz music.

interview with a core member

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Tell us about your first DIMUN experience.

I actually first began MUN only because I was dragged by one of my friends towards the ECA we had in school – before I knew it, I had paid for the trip and had no way to back out! This was SHASMUN II, when I was in Year 8. It was terrifying because everyone seemed so much more sophisticated than me (I probably only made one speech and a couple of POIs...), but it was the first stepping stone that led me towards other MUN conferences and is, without a doubt, one of the best choices I have ever made.

What was the biggest driving factor that led you to take on a top leadership position in MUN?

MUN means a lot to me – it's given me a passion that I can't shake off. Whether it's learning something fresh in today's news, debating diplomatically about global issues or simply socialising to meet new friends, MUN has introduced me to a world that I don't plan on leaving anytime soon. When you find something you really love, I think it's natural to want to share it - it's this love for MUN that motivated me to be in a position where I can directly contribute to make DIMUN as impactful as it has been for me.

Favourite part about an MUN conference?

Definitely when debate starts! I find that I always learn something new, whether that's through giving a speech or listening to others. It's always interesting when delegates begin exploring different sides to resolutions and delivering their own opinions (sometimes the youngest delegates give the most insightful comments!). Also, it's during debate where a couple of delegates, despite Chair warnings, come up with hilarious (and surprisingly fitting) analogies.

If you could summarize yourself in one sentence...

A debater at heart – always questioning, but still with lots to learn.

Biggest regret about a MUN conference?

Can I answer this about MUN conferences in general? Not being able to do more of them!

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

Telepathy – like Professor X.

Your favourite song?

It always changes but, as of now, Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire".

article written by Juliette **Aikman**

DIMUN VIII Opening Speech: Dame Barbara Woodward

This year's DIMUN conference could not have gotten off to a better start. Dame Barbara Woodward, this year's guest speaker, was the perfect choice for the conference's opening speech with her extensive UN experience and vast knowledge of international relations between countries in today's world.

After giving a brief introduction on the importance of peace and security (The United Nations' core values) and an overview of the UN's history, she went on to explore three key aspects of the UN's work: the formal meetings, the committees and work outside the UN Headquarters.

The formal meetings of the UN usually take place in Geneva or New York and are inspired by the global governance ideals - particularly those of the UN Security Council. Under the Charter, the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. The Ambassador further mentioned the horseshoe shape of the table at which the delegates of the UNSC sit. She went on to compare the UNSC to the "Knights of the round table in King Arthur" - a perfect example to convey the UN's mission to achieve global equality and unity.



Continuing her speech, she began to discuss the more informal groups, i.e. the committees, and how within them there are ample opportunities to get to know the background position of your fellow representatives allowing for space to move forward in discussions. Throughout our conference real world issues including human rights, genocide and children in armed conflicts will be discussed and solutions will be debated. However, "it is important to remember to be open when listening to the opinions and reports of others". In a world of growing technological advances and need for secure cyber networks things such as fake news have become inevitable in the way we pass on information and communicate - not just between ourselves but with the rest of the world. It seemed only fitting that she mention the importance of collecting all the facts before attempting to persuade others of your own solution to any topic in question. As the participants of our conference began their three-day journey in the shoes of important global leaders she advised that they remember to use their judgment to decide when important opportunities present themselves.

article written by Juliette **Aikman**

“Just like Humpty Dumpty, peace is so easily broken yet so hard to put back together.”

Important highlights of the speech, as spoken by Dame Barbara Woodward:

Families joined together in tribes and villages, which developed into peoples and nations, but a nation could not be the end of such development. In the charter of the United Nations we have a guide to what we could call an Organized International Community. In the 75 years of the UN's existence, its evolution has not been smooth or easy but it has achieved a great deal. We should celebrate and remember those achievements as your contributions at DIMUN do.

- The UN has created a globally recognized central location where governments of all nations can meet, raise a budget and seek to reach shared aims.
- Formed the UN Secretariat: an international civil service to coordinate the needs and requests of all member states. We have a central world security body that can be summoned day and night in the event of an emergency or a threat to international order.
- Established response and coordination mechanisms; we have powerful international finance mechanisms that function very efficiently and enjoy but are not damaged by globalization. We have an array of international bodies which respond to the needs of women and children.

Famine in Yemen, war in Syria and Ukraine, the scourge of sexual exploitation and abuse, which has occurred under the UN flag, all needs to be solved and stopped. These things, along with the problems you will discuss over the next few days: children in conflict, disarmament, and terrorism, all urgently need resolution. Agreeing on how to help the people affected, what to do to resolve the underlying causes of the crisis and finding the resources to do that, as you will in the next coming days, present a variety of complex challenges.

Humanity knows no divisions. No one today is unaware of this divide between the world's rich and poor; no one can feign ignorance of the cost that this divide imposes on the poor and dispossessed. Everyone is deserving of human dignity, fundamental freedoms, security, food and education. The cost, however, is not worn by them; but by all of us: north and south, rich and poor, men and women, people of all races and religions.

Kofi Annan, seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, once said: “Today's real borders are not between nations but between powerful and powerless, free and trapped, privileged and humiliated.”

People like them and people like all of you, with your commitment and hard work to supporting the greater good, with your understanding of the power of social media and your knowledge of the United Nations, represent a powerful force for change and for good. As I'm sure you all know, the opening words of the UN charter are we the peoples of the United Nations. The United Nations belongs to us all, the next three days are your chance to see how it works and how with your energy, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your commitment, you can make it work better.

I wish you all the best of luck.

interviews with the chairs

conducted by Jessica Liu



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Hi! So what's your name and where do you go to school?

My name is Haerin Kim and I go to Dulwich Seoul.

Is this your first time chairing at DIMUN?

No, it's actually my 4th year chairing at DIMUN. However, I've been in DIMUN since I was in year 7, starting as a delegate. So it's my sixth year here!

What is one word you would use to describe yourself?

This is a pretty hard question. Um... I would say passionate? I guess I'm quite outgoing and in the committee room I tend to be the delegate that speaks a lot and have opinions about everything. So, in the MUN context, I would say I'm quite passionate.

So... were you excited coming back? Since you used to go to DCB?

Yeah! It's great to see new faces, all the admins and I'm proud to see all the delegates. They've developed so much because I remember seeing them in year 7, turning from shy delegates to now becoming confident. So I'm just really really proud of them.

Do you think you will be coming back next year?

Yeah, I would definitely like to come back! I think because DIMUN is growing every single year, and this year the merchandise, food and accommodation have been really amazing, I'm really excited to come back!

interviews with the chairs

conducted by Matthew Cui



Who do we have here?

EC: Good afternoon or morning, depending on the time of the day you are reading this. I'm Eric Choi, chair of the security council.

JN: I'm JJ Ng, also chair of the security Council

Is this your first time at DIMUN?

EC: I've been in DIMUN since 2015 so for 4 consecutive years I have been a delegate and this year I am a chair.

JN: Surprisingly no. 4 years ago was my first ever international conference and the funny story is that I've come full circle. From my first conference as a delegate to my second, which happened to be me being a chair.

If you could use one sentence to describe yourself, what would it be?

EC: Professional.

JN: I'm a tropical boy.

What are you most excited about in this conference?

EC: I am very interested in the resolutions that the delegates will propose and I would also like to spread the love of MUN. Yes, thank you.

JN: I'm looking forward to what the delegates come out with, but also to the memes that may result from this conference.

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interviewing a delegate

conducted by Spring Huang



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Can you please state your name, age, school you are from, and country you are representing?

My name is Ella, I am turning 12 this year, I am from CISS and I am representing Burkina Faso.

Is this your first DIMUN conference? What brought you to participate in it this year?

Yes. I've always wanted to participate in MUN because it always felt really interesting and fun and I really enjoy debating.

What's your favorite part about the conference so far?

Lobbying is really fun! Well, the first day really because you don't really know the person you'll be working with and then you sort of become friends and it becomes fun.

Is the conference similar to what you expected it would be?

It's pretty much what I expected, it's fun and we submitted our resolutions already and yeah it's exciting.

Aside from debating, what are some of your personal interests and hobbies?

Oh that's hard... uh. Besides debating I don't know... um, reading? I used to play piano and now I also play badminton. I just really like debating.

What is your favorite song right now?

Say Something by Justin Timberlake.

UN Member States

how many can you **find**?

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to pass the time

take a trivia quiz

How well do you know the **UN**?

1. Which of the following is not a permanent member of the Security Council?

- a. China
- b. Russian Federation
- c. Germany
- d. France

2. What does it mean to "table" a bill in the United Nations?

- a. To place a bill to the side to come back to later.
- b. To start the voting on the bill.
- c. To remove a bill from all consideration.
- d. The term does not exist.

3. Which US President gave the UN its name?

- a. No US president coined the name. It was the brainstorm of several nations.
- b. Barack Obama
- c. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- d. Jimmy Carter

4. What day is the United Nations day?

- a. November 24
- b. April 1
- c. October 24
- d. There's no such thing

5. In order to become a member state of the UN, a state must be recommended by which body?

- a. Security Council
- b. Advisory Panel
- c. General Assembly
- d. No need to be recommended, the state just has to fill out a form

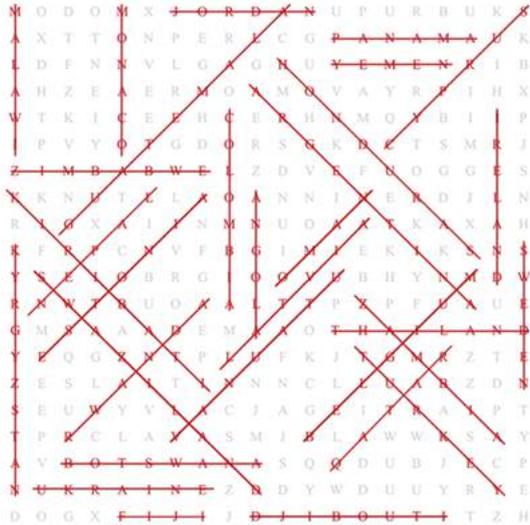
6. Ok, now that you have a recommendation for membership from the Security Council, another council now has to review the application for membership. Which council would this be?

- a. Advisory Panel
- b. Economic and Social Council
- c. General Assembly
- d. Environmental Commission

answers page

Quiz answers

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Congratulations! You've reached our final game in the DIMUNITE.

Here's our final joke to celebrate:

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.



Special feature: Chung Ho Chow on Wealth Discrepancy

Wealth Discrepancy is a prevalent issue in today's globalised society. America may be one of the richest countries in the world today but it is nowhere near the most equal, and it predominantly exhibits the issues of income inequality.

Despite possessing 41.6% of the the total global personal wealth, income remains unequally distributed. By courtesy of expert economists, Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman, society has now been presented with the facts and figures extracted from meticulous research of this issue. Saez & Zucman also showed that, in the United States of America, the wealthiest 160,000 families possess a similar level of income as the poorest 145 million families within the US; that's nearly 10 times the difference in income. The economists argue that one of the main causes of the issue arises from the reduction of progressive taxes since the 1970s and an increase in regressive taxes evident in modern society. Excise taxes are seen as an easy way to generate government revenue but they often hinder growth and development of a country's GDP. Through the reduction of taxes within the 1970s, America saw a rise in its aggregate demand resulting in an increase in GDP; consequently followed by the implementation of other strategies such as the loose monetary policy to further elevate GDP growth. Even so, implementing such policies resulted in an enhanced wealth gap as minimal government revenue is generated from taxation to fund public services or public housing for the poor, provoking "economic growth" for the rich, yet "economic loss" for the poor. Furthermore, following a changing job market, many blue collar workers were forced to compete with cheaper labor abroad causing an increase in unemployment for unskilled workers.

With these current policies the poor will stay poor and the majority of low-income individuals will face poor health, limited educational prospects and increasing physical or psychological symptoms like obesity and depression. Rising inequality is the cause of many other uncontrollable social problems and must be stopped for the benefit of the economy and any common citizen in America.

← Chung Ho Chow



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THANK YOU

The final page of the DIMUNITE. Oh, how far we've come.



From the press team:

On behalf of the Press Team, we'd like to thank all of you for attending this year's DIMUN conference. We hope you've enjoyed all the content published in each issue of the DIMUNITE and were deeply engaged in discussions within your respective committees. After all, a well organised conference would be nothing without enthusiastic students.

Our work here is complete. We wish you all the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.



good luck for the future!

**“No day is so long that it is not
ended by nightfall.”**

- Rabih Alameddine

