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THIMUN Goes Back to Latin America!



By Alain Meidinger, Co-Chair of the THIMUN Foundation

For THIMUN, L.A. stands not for Los Angeles, but for Latin America, and more specifically Montevideo, Uruguay. From Thursday 10th to

Saturday 12th September 2015, the THIMUN Foundation will organize its 2nd Annual Conference at the British Schools of Montevideo (TBSM). Thanks to TBSM that provides the venue and Colegio Stella Maris that trains the Admin Staff, THIMUN is

able to pursue its aims to develop the MUN programme in Latin America, after Europe (The Hague), South-East Asia (Singapore) and the Middle East (Doha).

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First MUN Launched in Timor-Leste

By Ariel Mota Alves, Director-General of Dili Model United Nations

When a new conference starts in a place where MUN programs are few or non-existent, it gives us extra pleasure to be able to share their story.

Ariel Mota Alves, one of the co-founders of DMUN, originally heard of MUN through OMUN. Two years later and inspired by the MUN learned at UWC Adriatic, Timor-Leste saw its first ever MUN conference.

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What kind of MUN delegate are you?



The Sweet Talker

You're the sweet-talker – you have all the charm and know how to use it. You never get dragged down into dirty arguments because you pull debate back to the topic at hand with a smile.

Some people might wish you weren't always so optimistic, but at the end of the day, you know that everyone ends up better off if they work together. Your unrelenting positivity and charm will make you an icon for millions someday.



The Negotiator

Hello, future Secretary General! You're the negotiator – you end arguments and move debate forward with compromise. Your speeches appeal to arguing delegates with solutions which everyone can agree on.

Some people might wish you took stronger stands, but at the end of the day, you know that you're the reason that the topic was resolved. Your talent for bringing people together will take you to the heart of conflicts someday.



The Hardliner

You're the hardliner – you fight hard for your policy, and you never back down from a fight. Your speeches are either packed with criticisms of other policies or assertive statements justifying your policy.

Some people might think you're too abrasive, but at the end of the day, you know that you fought hard and came out on top. Your fiery speeches will take you to powerful places.



The Secretive One

Hey there, Machiavelli. You're the secretive one – always working an angle and following a personal plan. You speak only when you have to, because your time is better spent writing brilliant crisis notes and manipulating the room.

Some people might get frustrated by your secretive ways and sometimes dirty tactics, but at the end of the day, you know that you did what you had to and had fun doing it. Your incredible ability to work behind the scenes will bring you to powerful places someday.

Take the quiz! bit.ly/munquiz

History of an MUNer

By Florian Keulers,
THIMUN 2015
President of the General
Assembly

“Ladies and Gentlemen, you are dismissed.” With these words, on the 30th of January 2015, I not only brought an end to THIMUN XLVII, but also to my involvement in the world of secondary school Model United Nations. I have had the privilege of serving as a delegate and a range of Student Officer positions over the span of seven years and twenty-six conferences in four countries. I would like to take this opportunity to share my MUN experiences and discuss some of the lessons that I have learnt.

I first joined the MUN society in Year 7 (Grade 6) whilst I was still attending Bangkok Patana School. Certainly, considering the international upbringing that I share with many MUN participants, I had gained an, albeit rudimentary, interest in politics and diplomacy, and saw this society as a means to improve my understanding of the geopolitical climate and to develop my debating abilities.

I remember my first (in-school) debate clearly. We had returned to school three weeks after the 2008 Russo-Georgian War and, despite never having written or even seen an MUN resolution before, Mr. Hoy (then the MUN Director of the Middle School MUN Program) saw fit to award me the delegation of Russia.

Needless to say, I loved the experience. Heading to a



classroom once a week to spend my lunchtime defending the Russian invasion of Georgia might seem like a curious activity for an eleven year-old boy and his friends, but it built upon my natural apassion for everything and anything to do with politics, diplomacy and debate.

In the two years following my initial debate I took full advantage of the MUN opportunities available to me, and attended every in-school conference (BPSMUN), other Bangkok-based conferences and even went abroad to MYMUN in Kuala Lumpur to defend Burkina Faso's

interests on the moon.

Each conference improved my public speaking and debating abilities, but also gave me a greater level of political fluency. By taking part in these simulations of real world discussions, I gained an improved understanding of the social, economic and political changes that occurred. Certainly, this is one of the greatest gifts of participating in MUN: the ability to interpret and critically analyse the issues that really matter.

Aside from my three THIMUNs, I consider one other conference to have been very significant during my

period of involvement in MUN: the Borneo Global Issues Conference. As a result of my active participation in MUN, Mr. Wood (the MUN Director of the Senior MUN Program) allowed me to attend this conference along with a team of students several years older than me. I represented Pakistan in the Political Committee, and the issue was the fight against terrorism in Pakistan. Having my effort and relative success rewarded with an important spot in a conference usually reserved for older students only served to reaffirm my commitment to and passion for MUN.

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A Dangerous New Era

By Neil Milne

Earlier this month, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) released a report stating that in 2014, the number of people displaced from their homes due to war, conflict and persecution hit a record high of 59.5 million, an increase of over 8 million in just one year, stating that we have “reached a dangerous new era” concerning refugees and their prospects. Indeed only ten years ago, the number stood at just over 37 million. So what in the world is going on, and what is the answer for people who find themselves in such a desperate situation?

Well a main driver of these shocking new figures seems to be the conflict in Syria. Since 2011 countless innocent civilians have been caught-up in an increasingly violent struggle between Bashar al Assad’s authoritarian governing regime, groups of local anti-Assad militias and violent, well armed Muslim extremists (most notably ISIS) which seem to thrive in power vacuums. Local populations have been run roughshod or even targeted in a progressively vicious escalation of atrocities, and the only answer for many is to flee, relying on the generosity of other nations; a generosity that seems to be wearing thin in the face of such overwhelming numbers.

Elsewhere in the Middle East and North Africa, the fallout from Middle-Eastern conflicts is apparent in the UNHCR’s figures. The number of people willing to risk



the perilous Mediterranean crossing in often insubstantial and overcrowded boats is reaching record numbers. Refugees from Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and of course Syria are desperate enough to risk their (and their family’s) lives to find refuge in conflict-free Europe. But this is by no means the only area where substantial increases have been observed.

Australia has seen an escalation in the number of boats containing refugees from places such as Myanmar, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and other ‘hot-spots’ in Asia attempting to land on its shores. But this is where the issue gets interesting. Under

the auspices of a conservative government lead by Tony Abbott, there has been a concerted and well publicised attempt to repel refugees. In 2013 a policy of ‘offshore processing’ was reintroduced, designed to prevent asylum seekers ever setting foot on Australian soil, and therefore invoking its internationally agreed obligations towards potential immigrants. Then, last month, Indonesia (a final staging post for many trying to reach their destination) accused the Australians of actually paying people smugglers to return asylum seekers in the unseaworthy boats they arrived in. These increasingly desperate

measures are indicative of an attitude held by many in the west: ‘we will be swamped if we don’t take action now’. The same attitude can be seen in many European countries, as Italy and Greece try to spread the burden of such increases in numbers landing on their shores. The abdication of responsibility seen in the rhetoric of MEDCs such as the UK and Poland only serve to add to the general perception of a ‘breaking point’ being reached. But is that interpretation of the situation borne out by the facts?

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Winner! OMUN Receives World Summit Youth Award



By Alia ElKattan, Executive Administrative Officer for OMUN in Egypt and Secretary-General of the OMUN Arabic program.

On June 15th, 2015, I found myself in the beautiful Sao Paulo, ready to represent Online Model United Nations at the World Summit Youth Awards' Winners' Festival.

WSYA awards youth under 30 who are creating positive change and working to achieve the Millennium Development Goals through ICT.

Over a year earlier, Zohaib Ahmed had posted on the O-MUN Leadership Team's Facebook Group suggesting that we apply for the award.

As O-MUN's platform is the Internet, several people agreed that it would be a great idea, and I volunteered to help with the application, with no idea

what that would mean a year later.

While we were working on the application, I found out that the winners get to present their project at the WSYA festival in Brazil!

It seemed like such a great opportunity, but I decided not to get my hopes up because well, it was a bit too farfetched.

Months later, we received a message from Ms. Lisa Martin, O-MUN founder and THIMUN director, that said "WE WON!!!!"

It was surreal, and I felt unbelievably proud and happy. The work and dedication that Ms. Lisa Martin and many students from all around the world have been putting into O-MUN was finally going to be awarded!

Simply put, attending WSYA was the best experience of my life. Unfortunately,

Zohaib could not make it, as he was at an internship in Shanghai at the time, a great opportunity that I am sure Zohaib totally deserved.

The three days of the festival included the Winners' presentations, inspiring and accomplished speakers, beneficial workshops, many "fruitful" discussions, and lots of friendships being made.

As the youngest attendee, I came out with lots of new knowledge, ideas, inspiration, and motivation. (Also, the best birthday celebration ever!)

The greatest part of the World Summit Youth Awards had been the people: a diverse group of inspiring change makers and social entrepreneurs from literally all around the world, each with a valuable experience to share.

Whether it was the winners,

the jury, or the organizers, every attendee of the event whom I met added a lot to the experience.

Of course, I cannot fail to mention my dear mother who accompanied me to Sao Paulo as the best travel partner and friend I could wish for.

Many people were not familiar with MUN, online or offline. Attending the festival gave me the chance to share with a great audience what O-MUN is and how it has been benefitting us in so many ways.

Representing an organization I truly admire and am proud to be a part of in Brazil was a great honour, and attending the festival was an unforgettable experience.

For that, I would like to thank the entire O-MUN community, because the dedication of each delegate is what got us the award. Of course, I must thank Ms. Lisa Martin for her continuous dedication and support (and for founding O-MUN, obviously), and the person who introduced me to the MUN world and supported me along the way, Hayah's MUN Director Mr. Karim ElDib.

Finally, to the organizers of the festival and all the great people and friends that I met in Sao Paulo at WSYA, thanks for the great memories, and I hope you keep changing the world!

UN4MUN at Taipei American School Model United Nations (TASMUN)

By Haley R. and Leo K.,
TASMUN Head Chairs

When we first heard that the MUN we know and love was wrong, we sat down and looked around at all the other delegates hearing the news for the first time. We can tell you that the majority of them were mirrors of our own faces: mouth agape, a very apparent expression of confusion, excitement and betrayal scrawled across their faces.

As sophomores at Taipei American School (TAS), we were selected to serve as head chairs at the home conference, TASMUN, which is held each year in April. Yet, here we were at THIMUN Hague 2015, a few months prior to TASMUN, with an invitation to a presentation arranged by our coach to find out what this new and exciting thing called “UN4MUN” was all about. It was a presentation by Mr. Bill Yotive, manager of the Global Teaching and Learning Project and Education Outreach for the UN.

As soon as the presentation was over, we decided that we had no choice but to bring UN4MUN back to our TASMUN committees. It was just something too important to be ignored. We felt that if students joined MUN to become leaders and to work towards making a difference in the world, it seemed traitorous to keep our newfound knowledge of the real UN’s proceedings from them.

UN4MUN is an effort to
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make MUN conferences around the world closer replicas of the true UN. That means that it’s more casual, there’s more time spent lobbying, tons of direct conversation, a lot of resolution-editing and, most importantly, no voting. The reason UN4MUN operates this way is because voting, in itself, ignores the minority — the implementation of an idea depends only on 51% of the group. The UN stresses the idea of collaboration to achieve consensus, and voting only works counter to those aims: it excludes and thus disincentives countries from actually implementing the solutions in a resolution.

Traditional MUN leads you to believe that the focus should be on voting and structured debate when it really should be on achieving maximum agreement about the actions countries will take to solve the issues. This is how the real UN operates, so it is how UN4MUN operates. Nevertheless, to a regular MUNer, learning UN4MUN procedure is initially strange and confusing. We were no exceptions.

The Preparation

The preparation for the conference was far from a breezy exploration and then gradual implementation of the new process. Our journey ended up being more turbulent, somewhere between mystification and complete chaos. If we were to sort it out, we probably spent twenty percent of the



time arguing, ten percent of the time absolutely certain that we understood what we were meant to be doing, and the other seventy percent in absolute bewilderment.

We started out with a document that was intended to be a comprehensive guide for delegates to easily understand the new procedures. The final document that we emailed to our delegates was the result of weekly meetings, countless discussions, and near nightly crises about something new we suddenly didn’t

understand. We scoured online databases, UN websites and YouTube videos to figure out how exactly this was going to work.

Our only experience with UN4MUN going into the conference preparation was a presentation on the UN by Mr. Yotive and a single, four minute video shown to us once to help us get our bearings. From the time we left THIMUN, we were on our own.

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History of an MUNer

I joined the British School in the Netherlands at the start of Year 9 (Grade 8). Whereas MUN had only been reserved for students in Years 12 and 13 (Grades 11 and 12), an exception was made for me. Whereas the older students could have easily ignored my input, I experienced quite the opposite. I was considered part of ‘the team’ and as a result of this, was able to continue with one of my passions.

It was here in The Netherlands that my appreciation of one of MUN’s core benefits was reaffirmed. The ability of MUN to bring like-minded people together and expose them to the ideas of great political and diplomatic minds cannot

be overstated. MUN has granted me the opportunity to speak to, among others, politicians, diplomats and executives from multinational companies. It has given me the opportunity to visit a trial at the Yugoslavia Tribunal. Finally, it has given me the opportunity to meet people from all across the world with an intense dedication to international cooperation. It is an honour to have friends from across the globe, from Venezuela to Jordan, the USA to China, South Africa to Finland. I am sure there are names among my Facebook friends-list that will find their way onto newspaper headlines and into ballot boxes.

It would be inappropriate of me to not discuss THIMUN

A Dangerous New Era

Last month a paper was released detailing a consultation between the UNHCR and NGOs concerned with refugee welfare in Australia, held in Geneva. The High Commissioner Antonio Guterres was full of praise for Australia’s “excellent” refugee program, providing a home to countless migrants. All of these people arrived

in Australia by plane: “The problem is when we discuss boats and there, of course, we enter into a very, very, very dramatic thing” Guterres said. “I think it is a kind of collective sociological and psychological question. They receive, I think, 180,000 migrants in a year. If you come to Australia in a different way, it’s fine but if they come in a boat it is like something strange happens

itself in this publication. THIMUN is perhaps the most impressive manifestation of the MUN phenomenon. Almost four thousand students coming together in the pursuit of three common goals: the improvement of oratorical and leadership abilities, the improvement of one’s understanding of the world and finally, the pursuit of real solutions to real problems. I see it as one my proudest achievements that I was chosen to serve as Chairman of the Economic and Financial subcommittee of the GA and as this year’s President of the General Assembly. The vigour of the debate and camaraderie between participants will stay with me forever.

The many faces of MUN is the final point I would like to discuss. Each position grants us different lessons. As a delegate, you learn to negotiate, debate and gain an understanding of international politics. As a Student Officer, you learn how to lead, how to judge the sentiment of a committee, and how to adapt to the wants and needs of a large group of people. There is a final layer of involvement that is often overlooked - the ‘local’ politics of MUN and the individual school

to their minds”. The suggestion is that the Australian government is not fending off migrants so much as courting (often prejudiced) public opinion. And this is not an Australian phenomenon: many European countries stand accused of similar tactics in the face of hardening voter opinion, exacerbated by domestic financial worries.

MUN societies. I was chosen to be Secretary General of the BSN MUN Society last year, and learnt a wholly different set of skills: the ability to teach and to organise.

With this, I leave you with my parting thoughts. I can’t think of any other student society in the world that will give you what MUN offers, the geopolitical fluency, the different skills gained from the various positions in a conference and finally the camaraderie that comes with debating or chairing for eight hours on global issues, and then spending the evening out with like-minded people. I would also like to thank everyone that has been involved in MUN for making it the global phenomenon that is: all of the MUN directors (for me personally, Mr Hoy, Mr Wood and Ms. Laughlin), the THIMUN Board, Chairs, Delegates, Admin, Press. Without the participation of these people, MUN would not resemble what it does today.

I urge you all to continue with this amazing activity and take full advantage of the opportunities it will grant you.

Whatever your take on the issue, it is clear that figures released by the UNHCR warrant action from the UN, and items on your MUN agenda will reflect that. Just remember that such a complicated problem doesn’t come with neat answers that will please everyone. In the words of one refugee worker: “something’s got to give”.



First MUN Launched in East Timor

Two years ago, we got an invitation from a student from UWC South East Asia in Singapore to attend in something called "Online Model United Nations (O-MUN)". We were completely 'blanked' about what MUN was. We tried our best to connect to the internet and follow the instructions from one of the O-MUN personnel. As it turned out it did not work very well for us, as it was hard to understand and because internet was extremely poor and expensive at that time.

A year later I got a scholarship to study at the United World College (UWC) affiliation in Italy (UWC Adriatic). I joined the MUN club then, as my creative activity of the college. I then knew for the first time what MUN really was and how it worked. One night, in a random conversation with one of my best colleague in Dili Timor-Leste, Rose, we decided to come with this idea to organise the first ever Model UN conference in our country, designated Dili Model UN (DMUN). Two days later, I sent a proposal asking for grant from the United States Embas-

sy in Dili. They positively responded that they would like to help us. It was a "YAY!" time for us.

I swear it was all started from very very scratch and we almost gave up in the beginning. The preparation was absolutely short and most of the people doubted this would happen. But it did in the end. Since we failed to engage in O-MUN, we then decided bring a real MUN to Timor-Leste. We had three training sessions with delegates, distributing study guides, helping them write positions papers, and

on 17th-19th July, we had our very first Dili Model UN in the country, brought to Dili by Timor-Leste Youth for Peace (TLYfP) in collaboration with Timorese students at the United World Colleges around the world.

Our theme for this pioneer Model UN conference in Dili was "Creating a sustainable peaceful society, through alliance of civilizations and international cooperation in sectors of security, justice and equality. We had five committees: UN Security council, UN Woman, UN Human Rights council, UN

Development Program and UN Environment Program. 78 delegates were selected through filling an application form provided by organising team. Some of the most important people in the country were presented for the opening speech such as Mr. Ramos Horta, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate from Timor-Leste as well as UN representative to Timor-Leste.

Three days discussion went superbly going well and we even did not expect the amazing turn out. The participants were well-prepared and fully engaged in discussions, representing countries to the UN and regardless from their opinions, and learn how to write resolutions. We closed the conference with a General-Assembly on Sustainable development and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We have gotten so many positive comments for this event from participants, guests and observer members.





UN4MUN at TASMUN

To figure everything out, we hunted through the UN databases that Mr. Yotive provided us (a very lengthy selection of articles) and scoured the archives of MUN websites around the world in hopes of finding procedural guidelines.

Over a period of several weeks, we managed to collect different (and sometimes conflicting) documents from a variety of sources. Finally we contacted BD and were provided with by far the most useful and straightforward documents of the whole bunch. We spent hours sorting out the confusing information, attempting to consolidate it down to a concise, simple list for our delegates.

Besides figuring out all the

details, we had some serious questions about how the conference was going to work. How many resolutions should we debate? Will we run out of time? Will we have extra time? How can we make this work for us while still imitating the real UN?

To answer this last question we spent a good deal of time ensuring that the procedures we used provided for maximum delegate control while preserving the chair's ability to intervene – a fine balance. While the UN has hundreds of topics that are debated each year, we chose to narrow it down to just one topic, to make sure that debate could be detailed and focused.

With all these questions and ideas in mind, we set off to train the TAS delegates (and ourselves) how to use

the procedures before the conference began, stepping down the bumpy road of constant script consultations and training sessions so that we could make sure everyone completely understood. By the time of the conference, we had trained a small army of delegates that were familiar and comfortable with how the conference was to run – a step, we later learned, would ultimately make the conference as successful as it was.

The Conference

No other words can express it: the conference was a success for UN4MUN procedures.

The ideas of collaboration, cooperation and consensus-building that UN4MUN stresses were taken up by the delegates and champi-

oned throughout the two days of debate. In one committee, we barely made it to the end of the resolution in time.

But in the last 5 minutes of debate, the committee of 17 delegates passed the resolution resoundingly by consensus. The other committee made it through just three clauses throughout the whole conference, but it was the most detail-oriented and thorough debate we had ever seen.

We held a debrief session at the end of the conference, and the majority of delegates claimed that it was one of the most enjoyable conferences in which they had ever participated. When we asked the reason why they shared this opinion, we discovered that the subtle differences between THIMUN procedures and UN4MUN were the main reasons.

The more casual setting of UN4MUN allows for discussion, without allowing delegates to duck questions or turn a blind eye to problems. The general lack of voting in UN4MUN forces problems to be resolved before progressing onwards, an aspect that compels delegates to explore the opinions of the minority because they simply can't rely on a majority to pass their ideas along.

We were most proud of how delegates took the idea of cooperation to heart. UN4MUN obligates delegates to make changes not because something is disagreeable, but to make changes based on the desire to understand what the disagreeing parties think and



why they think it — that is the key to reaching consensus.

The delegates caught on to this fundamental idea in the course of a two-day conference, completely of their own accord. Without any prodding besides the adoption of these new procedures, we suddenly had on our hands a group of detailed, thorough, and analytical delegates that were prepared to take on all the conflicting opinions regarding drone usage or Syrian refugees.

We had delegates that saw disagreement as an opportunity for discussion, not an impediment to getting through the resolution as quickly as possible (as is often the case in THIMUN procedures).

At the closing of the confer-

ence, it seemed that both chairs and delegates were satisfied with UN4MUN procedures. Hopefully we will be able to do UN4MUN next year, perhaps even expand it to more committees. More than that, we hope that introducing UN4MUN in Taiwan will help spread the idea of UN4MUN further.

The ideals that UN4MUN embodies and its effects on delegates and chairs alike, in addition to how fantastically cool it is to debate this way, fuels our belief that UN4MUN is something that deserves to be spread. Our world needs every bit of collaboration, cooperation and consensus-building it can get. If UN4MUN can bring those principles to the next generation of global leaders through this compact form of engaging and refreshing debate, we have only one response: bring on

the revolution!

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Interested in learning UN4MUN? Here are upcoming opportunities!

* The WFUNA International MUN Conference (WIMUN) in New York City features UN4MUN training, UN speakers, and sessions at the United Nations. The conference takes place from November 11-14, 2015, and is open to both university and high school students (in separate committees).

www.wimun.org

* UNDP's UN4MUN Workshop takes place at UN HQ from November 6-9, 2015. The workshop is by application but WIMUN delegates are automatically admitted.

outreach.un.org/mun

THIMUN Latin America

This second edition will be bigger, more schools, more participants. They will come from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.

The theme of the conference will be on the Evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals. Perfect timing! In October, the 8 MDGs will be replaced by the 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).

THIMUN L.A. has been set up to encourage High School students to get more involved in geopolitics, in regional affairs.

Many of the issues have been carefully chosen to fit the Latin American subcontinent.

In January 2015, two delegations of students, from Montevideo and Buenos Aires, participated in THIMUN The Hague.

Thanks to this experience, they returned more experienced and ready to take on THIMUN L.A.

We can only wish all the best of luck in the preparation of the conference.

Hasta Pronto Montevideo!

Learn more about the conference!

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THIMUN WORLD PHOTOS EXHIBITION
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OFFICIAL RULES

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2. By submitting a photograph, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules.
3. Submission a photograph should take place by downloading it to the following email address: thimun.photo.competition@gmail.com by **November 30, 2015**. If a photograph is received after the closing date, we will notify the entrant that his/her photograph cannot be taken into consideration.
4. The entrant must be a participant (delegate, student officer, press member, administrative staff) in the THIMUN 2016 The Hague conference.
5. Every photograph sent to the World Photos Exhibition must be accompanied by a **THIMUN World Photos Entry Form**, including:
 - The **full name of the entrant**,
 - The name of the entrant's school with the **THIMUN School ID number**,
 - The **name of the MUN-Director**,
 - The **title of the photograph** [the title of the photograph should be in English, if in another language, the title must have a translation],
 - A **press release** written by the entrant explaining what (s)he wanted to express with his/her photograph.

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10. The THIMUN Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject any photographs, without offering any reasons or explanation.
11. By entering this contest, each entrant agrees that the THIMUN Foundation is released from, will have no liability whatsoever and will be held harmless by entrant against any liability, injury, loss, or damage of any kind to any person or property resulting from participation by the entrant in this exhibition.
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13. The THIMUN Foundation strives to encourage students to take photograph of excellence. In order to show support for student work and provide incentive for young photographers, the THIMUN Foundation offers educational opportunities and **awards** for photographs of excellence:
 - a. **Best Photograph Award**

All elements in the photograph bring a powerful emotional impact which convincingly conveys the message of the theme of the THIMUN 2016 Conference: "Sustainable Urbanisation". The photograph leaves a lasting impression.
 - b. **People's Choice Award**

The photograph that receives the most votes as the best picture from audience voting.

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