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Letter from the Editors-in-Chief



Dear readers,

We are MUNITY, THIMUN’s team of 36 talented student journalists, and we are honored to welcome you to THIMUN LII.

Modern representations of journalism tend to swing to the extremes: TV shows like Supergirl romanticize reporters as integral pillars of democracy, beacons of light in the inundating darkness of world politics. On the other hand, according to an emerging crop of political leaders in the likes of President Trump and President Duterte, most news is “fake news.”

In today’s political climate, it becomes increasingly important that we, as journalists, model after the former classification. From our platform, MUNITY will work to promote freedom of expression and secure democracy. These are lofty goals; we understand.

As a first step towards these goals, we will deliver the

facts: each day’s highlights, heated debates, and insights. By capturing aspiring diplomats in action, we will allow the voices of our generation — too often ignored on the global stage — to ring true.

In our five upcoming issues, readers can also look forward to the ongoing feature, in which we document participants’ takeaways from the cultural exchanges they experience during their stay. We will also present thought-provoking opinion pieces, confronting contentious topics and prompt discussions.

If you are intrigued by our overview thus far, we invite you to pay a visit to MUNITY online or the THIMUN app and browse to your heart’s content. We will be updating both with our latest issues as well as exclusive selections of articles, artwork, and videos.

Sincerely,
Editors-in-Chief Ann Zhang and Ray Chen, and Managing Editor Sunny Choi

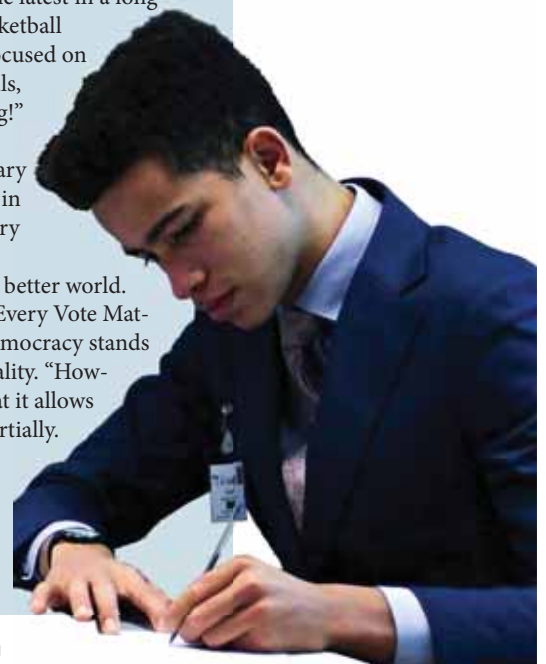
Interview with the Secretary General of THIMUN 2020 By Suakshi Soni

Elie Tokpa, a 17-year-old attending the Lycée Vincent van Gogh, takes the stage as the latest in a long line of brilliant Secretary Generals. When not immersed in schoolwork, Tokpa enjoys basketball practice three times a week and MUN conferences. For the past few months, Tokpa has focused on preparing for THIMUN, saying that a day of preparation involves writing numerous emails, meetings, preparing motivating speeches, and “overall it consists of lots and lots of reading!”

Tokpa discovered all aspects of MUN through different leadership positions; he has served as an admin member, delegate, ambassador, student officers and now as the Secretary General. In addition, Tokpa got to where he is today because of his love for formal debate in middle school. It was this passion, paired with inspiration from former THIMUN Secretary Generals’ speeches, that led him to apply to the Executive Board.

Every MUN conference challenges delegates to put their best foot forward towards a better world. Tokpa believes that engaging in this year’s theme, “Securing and Advancing Democracy: Every Vote Matters,” does precisely that. He exemplified the significance of the theme by asserting that democracy stands for the opinions of the citizens and thus by doing so, democracy can help eradicate inequality. “However,” Tokpa added, “Democracy does not guarantee equality.” Instead, Tokpa believes that it allows global citizens to experience equity — an ideal where all are treated fairly, justly and impartially. Thus, securing democracy is of utmost importance.

With the commencement of THIMUN 2020, Tokpa hopes to not only “ensure the conference will run smoothly,” and “make it a real success” but also “inspire delegates and the various young adults.” He believes that this conference will foster among delegates a strong sense of responsibility towards the world to tackle issues prevalent in the world around them.



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Layout By Doris Huang

Overview of the Theme: Securing and Advancing Democracy

By Fatima Djalalova
Photograph by Julie Anderson



“Democracy is ill and its promise needs revival”

This line, opening the Global State of Democracy 2019 report by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, serves to remind the international community of democracy’s fragility.

Democracies around the world are eroding, emanating from the rise in authoritarian practices. Searching for the roots of authoritarianism plaguing the world, “Trumping Democracy,” a documentary by French film director Thomas Huchon, warns that dependence on social media can hinder our ability to accurately assess the sources of information. Consuming massive amounts of information on a daily basis, we are not always able to evaluate it critically, providing an opportunity for authoritarian governments to manipulate evidence and paint a distorted picture of real-

ity. As the media world expands, it becomes more challenging for the sprouts of truth to push through the concrete of lies, concealing the voices of people behind the voices of those in power.

While those in power are expected to stand for the interests of the public, some give in to the temptation of pursuing personal interests, leading to a society where corruption and promotion based on personal networks become the norm. The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy stresses that corruption and patronage pose a significant barrier to holding those in power accountable, ensuring fair elections and fostering leadership based on public demands: rule of law, human rights, gender equality, transparency in public administration, and media integrity. While these prerequisites for social stability would not be achieved without the cooperation from the government, an Amer-

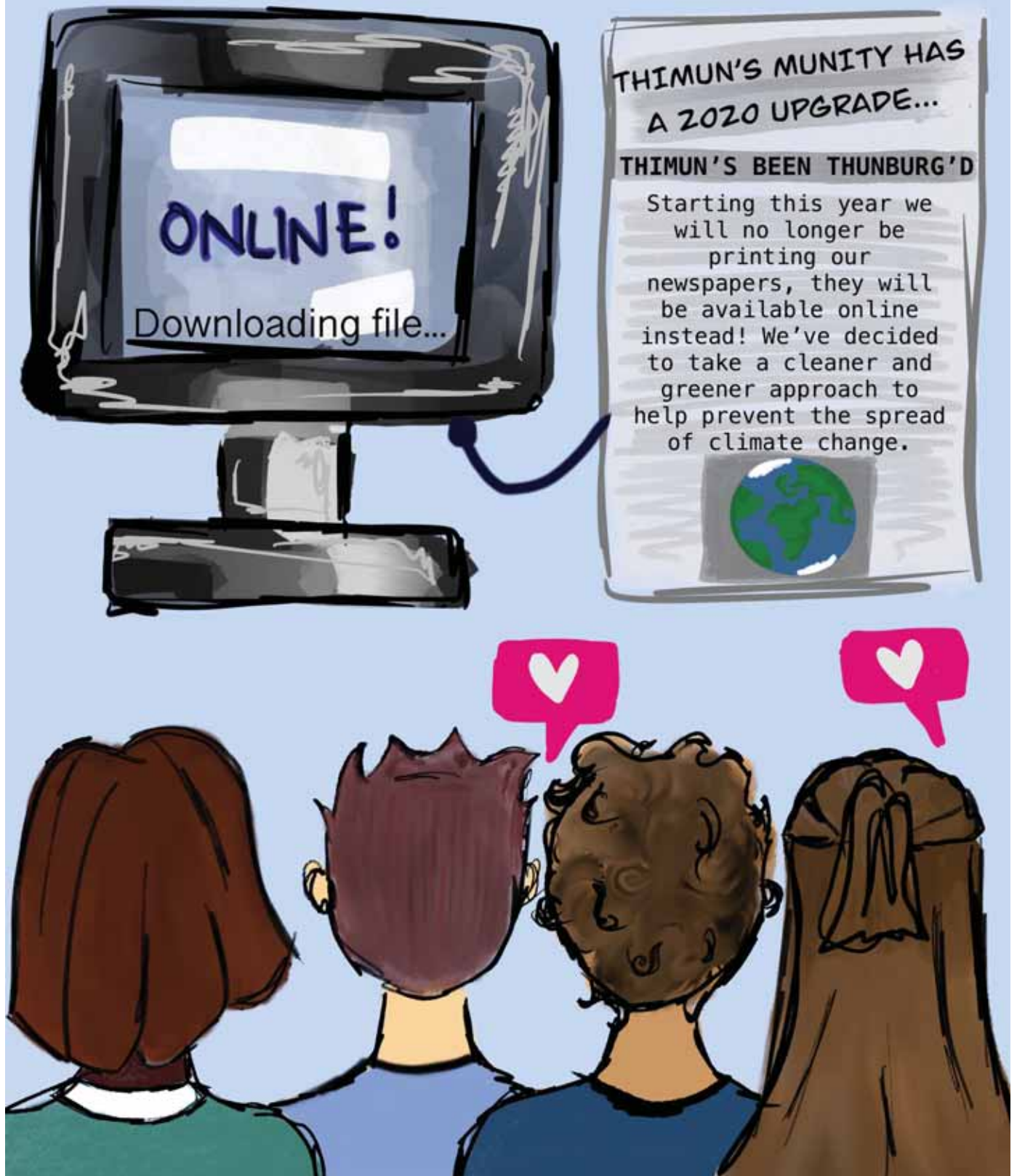
ican diplomat serving in Africa, who prefers to remain anonymous, maintains that the public still has a dominant role to play: “[To begin with,] children need to learn that it is unacceptable to cheat, pay bribes (or demand bribes), and should grow up learning that government serves the people.” Therefore, the hope for strengthening democracy remains alive as long as the public is willing to demonstrate active citizenship.

THIMUN aims to contribute to advancing democracy by raising a generation actively engaged in politics and the states of their government. Mr. Alain Meidinger, Chair of the THIMUN Board of Directors, shares that “At THIMUN, we would like the delegates to better understand the world we live in, to better understand what should be done to protect democracy worldwide, to better foresee what changes need to be done in order to strengthen democracy in the future.”



Living in an age when every continent on the planet witnesses some form of demonstrations - illustrating the overwhelming number of challenges the global community faces - we have to recognize the fact that the United Nations is not capable of solving every problem alone. Only when we all grow to exemplify the democratic ideals in which we respect each other’s diverse perspectives and provide a safe space for informed discussions will we be able to let the democracy grow strong enough to tie the roots of autocracy in knots.

MUNITY IS GOING...



THIMUN HSC Blasts to

by Gabe Fleisher



THIMUN is hosting the Historical Security Council (HSC) for the third consecutive year. The HSC delegates face a challenging task: to travel back in time and simulate the proceedings of the United Nations Security Council in 1990. This year, their debates will revolve around three critical events from that period: a pogrom in the Soviet Republic of Armenia, a coup in Haiti, and the Hawal massacre in Kashmir. While these may sound like topics with little relevance today, all three issues continue to have global reverberations, making the debates in HSC just as relevant as those in committees set in the present-day.

The Baku pogrom of January 1990 was a brutal seven-day assault on the Armenian civilian population in Baku, Azerbaijan, that resulted in the deaths of about 90 Armenians. The pogrom was just one skirmish in the longer six-year war between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh territory that sits on their border. Despite the decades that have passed, tensions between Armenians and Azerbaijanis remain heated, as confirmed by a 2012 report from the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance that named Armenians “the most vulnerable group in Azerbaijan in the field of racism and racial discrimination.” Anti-Armenian sentiment continues to be widespread in Azerbaijan, with a 2012 poll finding that 91% of Azerbaijanis view Armenia as their

nation’s “biggest enemy.”

January 1990 was a tumultuous month for Haiti as well: Lieutenant General Prosper Avril solidified power in a military coup in order to crack down on political opposition, issuing a decree that placed the country in a state of siege and suspended four articles of the nation’s three-year-old constitution. Although Avril’s military regime came to an end in March 1990, the turmoil of that year lasts to this day. The country has seen additional coups since Avril’s and remains deeply unstable. According to the United Nations’ 2018 Human Development Report, Haiti has the lowest Human Development Index in the Americas. In October 2019, the New York Times reported that Haiti was once again mired in a “political crisis” and was on the “brink of collapse” as violent demonstrations swept the country amid calls for Jovenel Moïse’s resignation.

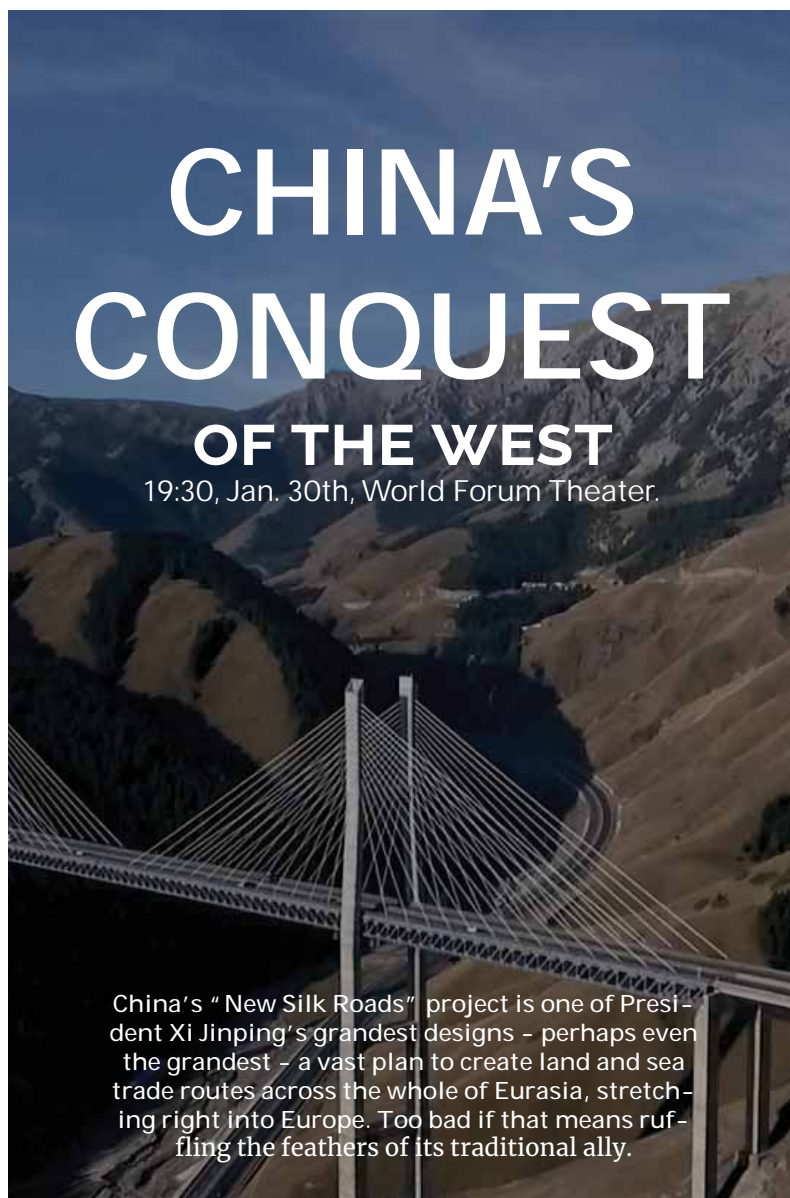
The final issue that the HSC will discuss took place in Srinagar, Kashmir, in May 1990: the Hawal massacre, when Indian troops opened fire on the peaceful funeral procession of Kashmir’s late leader, Mirwaiz Maulvi Farooq. The massacre was one of the most deadly in Kashmir’s history, resulting in more than 60 deaths and 200 injuries. Similarly to Armenia and Haiti, the 1990 events in Kashmir were indicative of political divisions that continue to persist in the territory, which is

now a disputed area administered jointly by India, Pakistan, and China. Indian-Kashmiri relations continue to see changes: in August 2019, India announced that their region of Kashmir would be broken up into two federal territories. India’s action, which took effect on October 31, will limit Kashmir’s sovereignty and heighten New Delhi’s control of the territory.

THIMUN Foundation chairman Alain Meidinger said that the HSC agenda was crafted with current events in mind. “The choice of Armenia was to better understand the end of the Cold War, the choice of Kashmir to better understand the relationship between two large nuclear powers in Asia, and the choice of Haiti to understand what a stage of siege means, but also with Armenia how both superpowers dealt with problems happening in their own sphere of influence,” he said.

While the topics being debated in HSC are not ones currently dominating headlines, their lasting implications and commonalities with other ongoing situations guarantee that the conversations taking place in the council will be just as vital in fulfilling THIMUN’s mission to “seek, through discussion, negotiation and debate, solutions to the various problems of the world.”

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Charlotte Widmaier



CHINA'S CONQUEST OF THE WEST

19:30, Jan. 30th, World Forum Theater.

China's "New Silk Roads" project is one of President Xi Jinping's grandest designs - perhaps even the grandest - a vast plan to create land and sea trade routes across the whole of Eurasia, stretching right into Europe. Too bad if that means ruffling the feathers of its traditional ally.



THIMUN CARTOON EXHIBITION

On display are 25 cartoons (13 of which created by MUNITY members) curated by Mr. Tjeerd Royaards, editor-in-chief of Cartoon Movement, a global platform for editorial cartoons and comics journalism. Be sure to check out the display and vote on your favorite cartoon on Thursday!

Thursday, 11:30 - 12:30
in the WF Theater

When she was thrown out of her father's house at 14, Jamala Osman felt out of control in her life. However, she became the youngest ever bank manager in the UK at 21. Now a 25 years old, she is a social entrepreneur dedicated to bridging the gap between young talent and organizations. Join her inspirational speech about overcoming seemingly insurmountable hardships and assisting individuals in need.



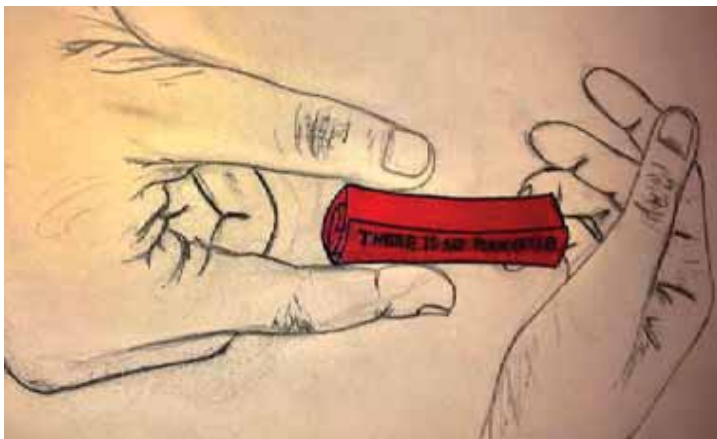
Making Change

THIMUN attracts a community of over 3000 politically-minded young people from all over the world, creating one powerful voice. Right now, at the precipice of one of the biggest crises Earth has ever faced, is an essential time to put that voice to use. Since 1880, the acceleration of greenhouse gas production from industrialization, the global average temperature has risen by 0.8 degrees Celsius. Increasing temperatures have not only led to a warmer

climate and frequent natural disasters, such as the forest fires seen on an increasingly dramatic scale, but 200 species are going extinct daily — up to 10,000 times the historical rate. Unfortunately, the reality is that as long as there is profit to be made, governments and big business will continue to pump excess carbon dioxide into our atmosphere. It will continue to be a case of “business as usual,” and climate change will soon become irreversible.

However, the likes of Greta Thunberg are waking up to the crisis, calling on governments to do the same through protests and creating a new era of activism through which the youth can stand up for their futures. Youth climate strikes like FridaysForFuture have proved to be a powerful force; it is hard to ignore six million* angry people. Climate activism is a chaotic combination of different views, groups and opinions. Admittedly, we have yet to find the right way to gain the attention, respect, and understanding of governments and the public, as evidenced by a member of the Extinction Rebellion who climbed on top of a Docklands Light Railway carriage, an electric and environmentally friendly train. However, it is clear that everyone must congregate, analyze and implement effective

measures, and eliminate the counterintuitive. Moreover, activism alone is not the answer. We need to change our behaviors too, committing to worldwide reforestation, which has the potential to remove two-thirds of greenhouse gas emissions, cut down on cattle farming, which accounts for a staggering 14% of all greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the rate at which we switch to renewable energy sources. Changes can and will start here, especially with the voice of THIMUN. Remember, “you are never too small to make a difference” (Greta Thunberg).



By Ella Westland
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Modern Nationalism: How Globalization Breeds Division

By Christina Brusco Arnold
Artwork by Zoya Kirmani
Layout by Melody Tai

Globalization, a movement aimed at integrating people worldwide, has directly impacted international politics. Indirectly, globalization has led to a rise in right-wing movements, which oppose globalization. In particular, nationalism, a far-right ideology that promotes pride in one's homeland, has garnered popularity.

Recent elections show that nationalism's influence is spreading worldwide. In France, the nationalist party “National Rally” dominated the European Parliament elections. In Spain, the nationalist party “Vox” became the third biggest party represented in the Spanish Parliament. India's Hindu Nationalist Party (BJP) holds the largest representation in Parliament.

The rise of nationalism can be essentially attributed to the effects of globalization — namely, immigration — creating worrying scenarios.

Nationalists create xenophobic environments, accusing immigrants of stealing jobs and destroying national identity in spite of all the benefits immigration confers. In turn, reverse brain drain occurs, in which economic development is weakened as skilled immigrants are deterred from staying in host countries. For instance, in the past two years, around 5,000 Indians in the United States' tech industry have been trying to return to India,

where better opportunities await and discrimination is not a source of concern. In antagonizing immigrants, native-born minorities will also be negatively impacted by bigotry, as evidenced by the aftermath of the Muslim Ban, rendering Islamophobia immigrants and Muslim Americans alike targets of Islamophobia; in fact, Muslim Americans are now more than ever associated with terrorism and violence, according to Pew Research Center.

Furthermore, nationalism has divided families, friends, and societies into a faction that embraces the right-wing movement and an opposing side that sees nationalism as the path leading to an uncertain future. The separation caused by the nationalist movement has arguably pushed urgent global matters such as climate change and sustainability aside.

Despite the necessity of national pride in unifying a country, nationalism has produced ramifications felt in all layers of society. To overcome the negative effects of nationalism, balance is needed. This change will not happen overnight, as the nationalist movement has been steadily growing. Regardless, patience and willingness to listen are prerequisites for both sides of the debate to connect and question their beliefs rather than blaming the opposing side.



DIFFERENT CULTURES AT

The globalism and cultural exchange that all participants encounter during their time in The Hague create the unique THIMUN experience. With participants arriving from all corners of the world— 66% from Europe, 19% from the Americas, 18% from Asia, and 7% from Africa— each person at THIMUN serves as a proud representative of their culture.

Madeline Safavi, Deputy President of the Security Council

As a chair, I think it's important that delegates see many different cultures being represented. I remember always seeing a diverse group chairing together and now it makes me proud that I get to represent my culture at THIMUN. I love meeting people from all walks of life, so I think encountering people from different cultures is crucial. In a world where we are getting more polarized, I think we need to interact more with people we don't necessarily see eye-to-eye with.

I definitely think [THIMUN] embodies the MUN ideals as we all work collaboratively to come to a consensus and share our ideas in order to create lasting solutions to current global issues, and everybody's different cultural perspectives are essential to creating strong resolutions.

Ella Jones, Deputy Secretary General

I'm very happy I get the chance to represent the UK at THIMUN, particularly with the government the way it is currently. I'm glad to be able to represent the side of British culture that is open, tolerant, and engaged with the international community, rather than closed off and suspicious of different cultures.

I hope to come back with more friends from around the world, which has always been my favourite part of MUN in the past. It's important to have friends from different backgrounds so that you can understand customs and traditions different to your own. Most of the time, I definitely believe that THIMUN embodies what MUN is about. To me, MUN is about sharing ideas and building resolutions and friendships in a way that is respectful and constructive. There will always be people who treat MUN as a competition and don't have great manners, but definitely less so at THIMUN than some other conferences I've been to.

Alex Griesmer, Delegate of Poland, Special Conference Sub-Commission 1

THIMUN is about collaboration and cooperative resolution of conflict engaging people who strive for peaceful, multilateral conflict resolution and equitable, sustainable human development, which is exactly the mission of MUN. The connections made between people across the world, from different nations, is exactly the idea behind MUN and is why MUN is such an important organization. The foundation these conferences provide for teenagers is what will ultimately solve the issues that litter our world and thus I do truly believe THIMUN is a great representation of what MUN is about.

Marc Chu, Delegate of Brunei Darussalam

As a Chinese student, I am honored to present my different opinions at THIMUN. It is always refreshing to have friendly, although sometimes extremely passionate debates with participants from dramatically different cultural backgrounds. I enjoy being quite contrary and so THIMUN, with its large variety of controversial topics, allows me the pleasure of participating in many heated discussions. I believe that the internationalism we encounter at THIMUN is intrinsic to MUN itself as it provides a breadth of perspective necessary to produce insightful and valuable solutions to current world issues.



THIMUN

By *Lea Henaux*

Martin Goff, MUN Director at Aiglon College

I am happy to represent British culture, although as the UK sends a disproportionately large number of schools I am not sure I contribute much culturally, I am hardly there in a Union Jack waistcoat and bowler hat! However, because of the high number of UK schools, like it or not, the UK's culture is often reflected in debates, although US culture is even more dominant.

I also enjoy finding out how MUN works in other schools and countries. Every conference I have attended from the UK to Beijing has some slightly different idiosyncratic rules that apply to just that conference or country and it is great to learn from other people's experiences. With the THIMUN experience now stretching to Montevideo, Qatar and Singapore, we do not see quite as many divergent cultures as we did, as Geography means many schools will attend a conference more local than in the Netherlands, this is a pity, but economically understandable.

Nathaniel Doty, Delegate of Egypt, Sustainable Development Sub-Commission 1

Having hosted a foreign exchange student, I have learned the importance of exchanging cultures for all parties involved. While I am surrounded by those who share my culture in my daily life, to have the opportunity to share it with others at THIMUN is truly a privilege and honor.

When I leave the conference, I hope to take away a new understanding about the way others around the world think and live. I do believe that THIMUN embodies the UN's goals for international unity. In fact, THIMUN's work in uniting the world's youth to deliver youth perspective is the very foundation required for a strong future of the UN.

Vignesh Sreedhar, Deputy Secretary General

As an Indian who has lived most of his life in France, I have always been at the intersection of two very different cultures, always learning about different customs, different histories, different values. And it will be a true honor to share with others my culture and my outlook on my life and continue this journey of learning.

It is a common misconception that Model UN is just a refined form of debating— a form of debating that does not include personal pronouns and that requires formal solutions. Public speaking skills and awareness of issues are very small— albeit critical— components of MUN. However, MUN teaches communication: only a good communicator with the ability to compromise on certain things can become main submitter of a resolution. MUN teaches acceptance: only an open delegate can perfectly represent the views of a nation with stances that oppose those of the delegate. MUN teaches leadership: only a leader with the ability to maintain an equilibrium between being assertive and lenient can effectively chair a commission. MUN has the ability to instill in us qualities that we should all aspire to have, and THIMUN's mission does exactly that. THIMUN, unlike most conferences, puts such a large emphasis on lobbying, improving communication and sparking intellectual conversations. THIMUN, unlike most conferences, has delegates who are eager to learn, eager to grow, eager to voice their countries' opinions. THIMUN, unlike most conferences, has student officers who are truly passionate about MUN and wish nothing but to ensure the flow of debate. THIMUN is not one of the most if not the most prestigious high school MUN conference in the world because of its size or name; that is because it is MUN at its finest.



From Hsinchu City to St. Louis: A Global Tour of THIMUN Preparation

by David Wolfe Bender

THIMUN 2020 brings together students and schools from all around the world, along with different strategies for conference preparation. In the face of such diversity, students may ask: how do different students and schools prepare students for THIMUN?

Each school provides its own set of training programs to ensure successful performances.

Victoria Lee from Pacific American School (PAS) is a member of her school's International Court of Justice team. She highlighted an element of her school's preparation process: putting important deadlines in place, which helps them plan ahead, and hosting mock debates.

"We have multiple deadlines [for] position papers, resolutions, and additional clauses, that are followed by round robin sessions," she said. These sessions allow students to discuss the resolutions. "There are... main

submitters each week, so we can run our draft resolutions."

Sun, also from PAS, added that a level of personal preparation is also required.

"I believe the best way to prepare for a MUN conference is to be well versed in the current events of the world," he said. "Current events could serve as indicators for the policies of certain countries, and could be very useful in MUN when evidence is needed to support speeches or amendments."

Sun does not yet know his delegation or committee, but he has already created research plans to deal with whatever the future may hold.

"I often use news articles or official reports by IGOs or NGOs," Sun said. "When using media outlets, however, I try to use ones that are more credible or trustworthy by also looking at other works that are written by the authors/reporters."

Ethan Kalishman, a senior at John Burroughs School and a delegate of Egypt, shared Sun's position.

"I value journalistic articles [the] most, especially in the beginning of the research process," Kalishman said. "I generate a sort of 'research wormhole.'"

To craft policy statements from his country's point of view, Kalishman features Egyptian sources, specifically government releases and regionally-based media, in his research.

Given the conference's vast geographic diversity, delegates will find that in their individual committees, the person sitting next to them may have used completely different strategies to prepare for THIMUN.

How to Crush Your First THIMUN: Advice from Senior Delegates

by Natasha Faruqui
Photograph by Tamar Kreitman

Delegates serve as the backbone of the THIMUN conference, debating solutions to global issues; the more they understand how to do their job, the better the debate, the better the chance of solving real global issues. Furthermore, over 3,200 students will partake in the conference, the majority of whom serve as delegates. Thus, the importance of a delegate understanding their role cannot be overstated.

When a newcomer attends a THIMUN conference for the first time, it is beneficial to consider the advice of more seasoned conference goers. President of the General Assembly, Bill Michalis, encourages first-timers to consider the issues with a broad perspective, noting the implications, causes and realistic solutions. He further states that delegates should attempt to take ownership of the topics and research to the point where they desire to see changes enacted. Michalis said, "THIMUN will

be a life-changing experience, but intellectual engagement with the issues on a personal level doesn't come by simply being there."

When debating a topic, many voices are contributing to the same conversation, and a delegate may find that their opinions are drowned out. Jason Liu, Deputy President of the International Court of Justice, encourages delegates to focus on developing their MUN skills.

"My very first amendment in my first conference was shut down with zero support. Do not be discouraged if your amendments/resolutions aren't passed or if you cannot answer questions by other delegates. It is perfectly normal for these types of situations to happen in your first few conferences."

Deputy Chair of General Assembly 5 Vanessa Lin also offered advice on finding success at the conference. She urges delegates to focus on learning to fulfill their roles

rather than to note how many times they are recognized.

"Performing well in the conference is evaluated based on how much you learned and improved, not on how many POIs or speeches you made," she said.

While experienced MUN students put a great deal of work into the conference, they also know how to have fun.

"Don't take everything so seriously that you don't enjoy yourself. Get to know other delegates during lobbying and don't be afraid to laugh when something funny happens during committee," said President of the Human Rights Commission Rhea Kapur. "Take everything you can from the experience because it really is a unique conference that is unlike any other."

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Samantha
Edwards



Stay EnvironMUNtally Friendly at The Hague

By Yunrong Chen

From buying plastic straws to using disposable toiletries, we're often unaware of how unsustainable we are while traveling. Here's a guide to help reduce your carbon footprint that will save both your money and the planet.

During the day:

- Have your THIMUN reusable water bottle with you.
- Recycle or reuse the paper lunch bags provided each day during the conference.

Free time:

- Keep the bus and tram pass you receive on you at all times, and take advantage of public transportation.
- If you're more athletically inclined, bike rentals are suggested. We especially recommend MOBIKES, which charges based on how far you ride, has multiple pick-up locations and accepts credit cards, debit cards, and cash.
- Have more "for here," less "to go." Since 2016, free plastic bags have been banned in the Netherlands, so "to go" would cost extra and consume disposable containers. If you order takeout, you can reuse your paper lunch bags or bring your own reusable bags.
- Our spending habits can make a big difference, just like in the

elections, so "vote" your money wisely. When purchasing souvenirs, consider local over imported products, since shipping them uses a large amount of fuel. Edible souvenirs such as stroopwafels and speculaas are highly suggested due to their bound-to-be-consumed nature.

In your hotel:

- Use your own toiletries and tableware.
- If you didn't bring your own towel, reuse the hotel's towels.
- Try to utilize every second your hair dryer is on, as it uses more electricity than you'd imagine!
- Shower for only three minutes each day and ask the hotel staff to not change your bedsheets. The cold in The Hague eliminates the need for showering for an extended period of time, thus the practice won't compromise cleanliness. In addition, expert microbiologists recommend changing bedsheets once a week.

Photographs cited by Selina Demaré



Vegan-friendly restaurants:

It has been scientifically proven that a vegan diet will reduce food production's land use and greenhouse gas emissions. By visiting these restaurants, you can both eat healthier and help the environment.



Veggies On Fire

- This restaurant provides everything from burgers to desserts made with all organic ingredients.
- Address: Beeklaan 385, 2562 AZ

Foodies Lab

- Want to have dinner with a friend who is not a vegan? This restaurant provides dishes that accommodate both vegans and meat-eaters.
- Address: Korte Molenstraat 11A, 2513 BM



Quench

- This cafe is a must-visit for vegan chocolate cakes.
- Address: Weimarstraat 49c, 2562 GR

Amazing sustainable sites to visit:

Bij Priester

- This is a "library" for clothes, aiming to promote sustainable fashion and raise awareness for the environmental impact of over-consumption.
- Address: Zoutmanstraat 12a



The Louwman Museum

- This museum has the world's oldest private collection of automobiles; its management system functions at maximum efficiency and has over 1,000 rooftop solar panels.
- Address: Leidsestraatweg 57, 2594 BB

WEEK OF THIMUN 2020

SUNDAY Jan. 26th 2020

09:00 – 17:00 Registration
 09:00 – 17:00 Student Officer Workshop (mandatory)
 15:00 – 16:30 ICJ Briefing (North America)
 12:30 – 16:30 MUNITY Briefing (Europe 1 & 2)

MONDAY Jan. 27th 2020

08:30 – 10:00 Late Registration
 09:00 – 17:00 Preparatory meeting, lobby (see page 7)
 09:00 – 17:00 HSC, ICJ, APQKR and Security Council in Session
 11:30 – 14:00 Lunch available (Pacific)
 13:00 Ambassadors and Heads of Delegation meeting (WF Theatre)
 14:00 Approval Panel training (for MUN-Directors) (Oceania)
 15:00 – 16:30 FORMAL OPENING (WF Theatre) (Live Transmission) (Atlantic)

TUESDAY Jan. 28th 2020

09:00 – 13:00 Extended lobby and Opening Speeches in GA Committees and Sub-Commissions
 09:00 – 17:00 HSC, ICJ, APQKR, Security Council and ECOSOC in Session
 09:00 Approval Panel opens (Oceania)
 09:00 – 17:00 Best Delegate workshop Level 1 (for MUN-Directors/Chaperones only) (Asia)
 11:30 – 14:00 Lunch available (Pacific)
 14:00 – 17:00 Committees and Sub-Commissions in Session
 19:00 Reception (for MUN-Directors and Student Officers only) (City Hall)

WEDNESDAY Jan. 29th 2020

09:00 – 13:00 COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMISSIONS, ICJ, HSC, APQKR, SC and ECOSOC in Session
 11:30 – 14:00 Lunch available (Pacific)
 14:00 – 17:00 NO SESSIONS (ICJ and MUNITY in session!)

THURSDAY Jan. 30th 2020

09:00 – 17:00 COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMISSIONS, ICJ, HSC, APQKR, SC and ECOSOC in Session
 09:00 – 17:00 Best Delegate workshop Level 2 (for MUN-Directors/Chaperones only) (Asia)
 11:30 – 14:00 Lunch available (Pacific)
 13:00 Ambassadors and Heads of Delegation meeting (WF Theatre)
 19:30 Movie Night (WF Theatre)

FRIDAY Jan. 31st 2020

09:00 – 15:45 COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMISSIONS, ICJ, HSC, APQKR, SC and ECOSOC in Session
 11:30 – 13:00 Lunch available (Pacific)
 16:00 CLOSING CEREMONIES (WF Theatre)

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ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

APPROVAL PANEL Oceania	PRESS ROOM Kilimanjaro	WORKSHOPS Asia	PHOTOGRAPHER WFT Foyer 2nd Floor (right)	MUN-DIRECTORS WFT Foyer	LOUNGE 2nd Floor (left)
GENERAL ASSEMBLY:	GA 1 Onyx	GA 2 Oceania Foyer	GA 3 WF Theatre	GA 4 Mississippi	GA 5 Europe
GA 6 Amazon	SECURITY COUNCIL Central America	ECOSOC Ariane	ICJ North America	HSC South America	APQKR Antarctica
SPECIAL CONFERENCE:	Sub-Commission 1 Everest	Sub-Commission 2 Amazon Rotonde	HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSION:	Sub-Commission 1 Atlantic Left	Sub-Commission 2 Atlantic Right
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:	Sub-Commission 1 Alexia	Sub-Commission 2 Lobby 2	ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION:	Sub-Commission 1 Yangtze 1	Sub-Commission 2 Yangtze 2