UNYSAB- Leadership through Volunteerism

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THE United Nations Youth and Students association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB) is a voluntary youth and student movement for United Nations. It is dedicated to convey the voice of young generation regarding current global issues such as MDG, CoP, human rights and development, environment, disarmament and social justice. It is an excellent environment for development of organizational and leadership skills, intellectual abilities and research orientation. UNYSAB started its journey in the year 2001. The founder president of UNYSAB Shaikh Imtiaz Shimul obtained the concept of UNYSAB from the Model United Nations Conferences which are organized in the country with much success to promote the UN ideals, system and way of life. This youth association has today become one of the leading platforms for youth to convey their voice both in national and international arena. UNYSAB's vision is to create a self reliant youth that volunteer for their own causes and come forward to help and mitigate problems and create awareness. It works on mobilizing a socially conscious section of society aimed at making things better for next generation's youth by changing mindsets of these generations' leaders.

As a student's movement for the United Nations, UNYSAB aims to construct the views and the ideas in cooperation with the purposes and principles of the U.N. movement and for the promotion of public awareness in the activities of the United Nations and its agencies. It also aims to motivate and sensitize the youth in taking positive concerted actions for the global harmony, cultural interactions and the knowledge exchange.

Organizing MUN (Model United Nations) at the school, college and university level is one of the principle activities of UNYSAB. UNYSAB also organizes seminars and workshops and other promotional activities on the issues concerning major global problems or on personal development. Teams from UNYSAB regularly participate in MUN around the world to enhance the diplomatic abilities. Other key activities include commemorating major UN days and organizing cultural exchange programs.

The Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. While playing their roles as ambassadors, student 'delegates' make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the Model UN conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing 'international cooperation' to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

Before playing out their ambassadorial roles in a Model UN simulation, students research on the issue that their house will address. Model UN participants learn how the international community acts on its concerns about topics including peace and security, human rights, the environment, food and hunger, economic development and globalization. Model UN delegates also look closely at the needs, goals and foreign policies of the countries they will represent at the event. The insights they gain from their exploration of history, geography, culture, economics and science contribute to the authenticity of the simulation when the role playing gets under way.



