

JMUN 2015: DIPLOMACY ALL THE WAY

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We have all written essays to our hearts' content on "If I were the prime minister/president of my country" when we were kids. But trust me - the easier it is to write our motives down, the tougher it is to implement them. Be the leader of your nation for a day, raise one single point on the floor, and you will find almost everyone opposing it - and that's when diplomacy matters.

Jahangirnagar University Model United Nations Association (JUMUNA) organised its first Model United Nations from August 27 to 29, 2015 on the university campus. The message was: "Stop fighting let's negotiate." More than 250 delegates from home and abroad joined this United Nations simulation.

The opening ceremony was inaugurated by Professor Dr. Farzana Islam, Vice Chancellor of JU. The prominent guests were M. Moniruzzaman, Officer in Charge, United Nations Information Center; Mohammad Tariqul Islam, Lecturer, Department of Government and Politics, and Md. Jannatul Habib, Lecturer, International Relations.

The entire programme simulated six different committees: SAARC, International Press, World Bank,



UNESCO, UNSC and GA6. The sixth committee (GA6) of General Assembly focused on law students. They had the chance to practice formulating international laws.

What do you do when you are given a crisis that involves OIC's banning girls' education except in professions of medicine and teaching? The delegate of Libya, in the committee of UNESCO, tactfully pointed out that since the security of women was threatened, the ban was a way

for the government to protect them. Handling situations tactfully was the challenge as long as the delegates followed their assigned country's policies. The agendas were engaging. While SAARC dealt with opening borders among member countries, UNSC discussed global concern of Violent Non-State Actors.

"The best part for me was when all the delegates applauded the idea I came up with about a new education system for autistic and differently-abled children. I

made them understand that the problem was with us, not children with special needs because we are the ones who fail to understand them," said Talal Hossain after winning the Outstanding Delegate Award in the committee of UNESCO.

The standard was raised to a new level as many experienced MUNers joined the conference. When asked about her experience, Mir Maiesha, who became the Best Delegate in World Bank committee said, "You get to learn something from every delegate you interact with. The Executive Board provided the new participants with directions to improve their skills."

While delegates were busy with crisis sessions, creating draft resolutions and working papers during the day, they also joined in at the Social Nights. All delegation teams had to perform at this event.

The third day was marked by the closing ceremony held at Savar Golf Club. M.A. Malek Mia MP; Professor Abdullah Hel Kafi, Department of International Relations; and Mamun Mia, President, UNYSAB were the guests. Delegates from different committees were awarded on the basis of their performances.

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UNYSABMUN 2015

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The UNYSAB Model United Nations (UNYSAB MUN) was held on September 4-7, 2015 at University of Rajshahi. United Nations Youth and Students Association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB) - Rajshahi Divisional Wing organised this Model UN Conference for the second time in Rajshahi after the successful completion of UNYSAB MUN-2014 with University of Rajshahi and UNIC Dhaka as the strategic partner. The theme of the MUN conference was "Reinstating good governance for equitable and sustainable economic growth", one of the most significant issues in the current world.

The conference began with a grand opening ceremony in the presence of Md. Shahriar Alam M.P., State Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the chief guest while the Pro-VC of Rajshahi University Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Sarowar Jahan; Student Adviser of Rajshahi University Prof. Dr. Sadequl Arefin Matin and Officer in Charge of UNIC, Dhaka, Moniruzzaman were also present as the special guests. Sarit Kayum Talukder, Director General of UNYSAB MUN 2015 and Co-ordinator of



UNYSAB - Rajshahi divisional wing hosted the opening ceremony of the MUN Conference and it was presided over by the Secretary General of UNYSABMUN 2015 and president of UNYSAB, Mohammad Mamun Mia.

The chief guest, in his speech, said, "Bangladesh is going to attend the 70th conference of UN after 3 weeks for the settlement of very significant issues. I am very much optimistic to see you here, because you are going to represent Bangladesh in the future."

The opening ceremony was followed by plenary and committee session. With the participation of 266 students from around 40 colleges and universities, UNYSAB 2015 was the largest international MUN conference outside of Dhaka. The participants gathered as delegates from different countries, under 5 committees, and debated on different agendas. Five committees were United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC),

United Nations Security Council (UNSC), Economic and Financial Council Affairs (ECOFIN) and Specialised Committee for Bangladesh Affairs (SCBA).

The conference included committee sessions, a campus tour and a cultural programme on second and third day of the conference. A general assembly like UN was held on the fourth day at Senate Bhaban to pass the resolution.

UNYSAB MUN- 2015 ended with a festive closing ceremony. Fazle Hossain Badsha, M.P., chaired the event while VC of the university, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mizanuddin was present as special guest. The chief guest highlighted the migrant crisis all over the world and called on the United Nations for adequate steps to meet the crisis.

At the end of the closing ceremony, a certificate awarding ceremony was held where a total of 25 awards were distributed in different categories.

Mahmudul Haque Menom from Dhaka University who was a delegate of Tunisia from SCBA committee shared his feelings, "A platform you stand on with the liabilities of the betterment of the world - UNYSABMUN 2015 is an exact motion to guide you in that path."