



Thailand Model United Nations

Awards and Superlatives

THAIMUN have introduced a system of **Best Delegate Awards** to encourage delegates to raise the standard of debate and enhance MUN collegiality. It is hoped that all delegates will aspire to be best delegates, to be respected by their peers and advisers, and celebrated by their school.

Chairs will nominate Superlatives in their committee but they will be limited to three, for example: Best Dressed Delegate, Most Passionate Delegate, and Delegate Most Likely to be President of the United States!

Best Delegate Awards will be more official: they will be recorded from year to year, published on websites and in the press and by other media, and lauded by the delegate's school.

Throughout the THAIMUN conference Chairs, Secretariat and Advisers will observe delegates in all stages of the MUN process from caucusing to resolution writing and debate. They will follow a list of criteria (see below). Nominations will be collected on the morning of the third day of the conference and final decisions will be made at the advisers' meeting.

There will be a Best Delegate Award for each committee and an overall Best Delegate for the whole conference.

The criteria for Best Delegate will be:

1. **Research:** the delegate demonstrates thorough study of the topic/s, an understanding of past actions by the UN and other bodies, and has a clear position and definite ideas on solutions
2. **Public speaking:** the delegate's speeches are confident and eloquent; speeches are relevant and memorable and are structured, able to clearly frame the topic or break down the topic into manageable issues
3. **Team building:** the delegate demonstrates skills in meeting fellow delegates, is positive in caucusing, shows leadership qualities, reaches out to other delegates, demonstrates rapport and listens to points of view
4. **Resolution Writing:** the delegate is able to participate in drafting a well-written and well-organized resolution, using input from fellow delegates, with common sense operative clauses

5. **Debate:** the delegate mounts a good defense of the resolution, gathers support from fellow delegates and accepts appropriate amendments, noting that the best debater is the best listener

The above criteria will apply to all committees and the Security Council. The ICJ will have its own criteria for best advocate and best judge.

The actual Best Delegate Awards will be in the form of a certificate and a trophy. If possible the trophy may be sponsored.

In the citation given at the end of the conference runners-up in each committee will also be presented with a certificate.