



WELCOME TO THAIMUN XI 23-25 MARCH 2024

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INVITATION

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The Thailand International Model United Nations (THAIMUN) invites interested school delegations and independent delegates to the 11th annual **THAIMUN Conference**, hosted at **Brighton College, Bangkok (BCB)**, from **Saturday 23 to Monday 25 March 2024**. This is a conference for **SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**.

THAIMUN website: <http://www.thaimun.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThailandMUN/>

BCB website: <https://brightoncollege.ac.th/home/>

Delegation size: As a general guide, Bangkok schools may have a delegation of no more than 10 (delegates and chairs); schools in Thailand, outside of Bangkok, no more than 12; overseas schools may have a delegation up to 14. In each case special considerations may apply.

A **STUDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT)** (see page 3) was formed at an inaugural meeting on 28 September 2023 (thank you for Bangkok Prep for hosting the meeting). The Secretariat was elected:

Secretary Generals: Sara Landy (ISB), Akira Keene Teotrakool (TUS)

Parliamentarians: Ravipat Rodphothong (Proud) (ISB), Ritesh Gollamandala (KPIS).

Committees will be UNSC, ICJ, ECOSOC, SPECPOL, WHO, UNOOSA, UNHRC, DISEC, Historical Crisis Committee (HCC), Historical Special Operations Committee (HSOC), Historical Security Council (HSC)US Congress (USCC), Press. See page 5-8 for committee topics and committee explanations.

A delegate fee of approximately THB3000 (this will be confirmed when our costs are clarified) will cover meals and snacks at the conference, insurance, stationery, staff salaries, conference venue facilities, etc. **There is no advisers' fee** and there are no other fees.

Delegations and independent delegates will require **adult chaperones or advisers**. THAIMUN is a largely paperless conference and **all delegates will require a laptop or tablet with a keyboard**. Resolutions will be formatted in Microsoft Word.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you and hosting THAIMUN XI. If you wish to register for THAIMUN XI, or have questions, please email the **Conference Director, John G. Wood** john.bangkok@hotmail.com

John G. Wood
(THAIMUN Conference Director)

Timeline for THAIMUN XI Conference Preparation

CRUCIAL DATES FOR SCHOOLS IN BLUE

- May 2023: Invitation sent to schools with Timetable for conference preparation; SMC Application Form; Hotels and Transport; Trips and Excursions
- 5 June 2023: Email reminder sent to schools
- **18 August 2023: schools asked to nominate Student Management Committee (SMC) by 1 September**
- 25 September 2023: Student Management Committee meets by this date, two Secretary Generals and two Parliamentarians selected; Email to schools: requests for Chair positions, schools asked for topic suggestions and approximate delegate numbers
- 15 October 2023: SMC finalizes conference schedule and committee topics - sent to schools
- **31 October 2023: SCHOOLS RESPOND WITH APPROXIMATE DELEGATE NUMBERS AND CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
- 15 November 2023: Chair Applications due
- **1 December 2023 SCHOOLS FINALIZE AND RECONFIRM DELEGATE NUMBERS**
- 5 December 2023: countries and committees assigned to schools
- 10 December 2023: Secretariat and available members of the SMC meet for consultation by this date
- **15 January 2024: SCHOOLS SEND IN DELEGATE LIST AND COUNTRY/COMMITTEE ALLOCATION**
- **1 February 2024: Delegate fees - payment due**
- 1 March 2024: committee lists finalized and sent to schools
- **23-25 March 2024: THAIMUN XI conference**

THAIMUN XI STUDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT)

23-25 March 2024

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ASBGV: American School Bangkok, Green Valley

BPS: Bangkok Patana School

CIS: Concordian International School

ISB: International School, Bangkok

KMIT: King Mongkut International Demonstration School

KPIS: Keerapat International School, Bangkok

LFIB: Lycée Francais International de Bangkok

NIST: New International School, Thailand

PTIS: Prem Tinsulanonda International School, Chiang Mai

RIS: Ruamrudee International School

RISB: Regents International School, Bangkok

SIS: St Stephens International School, Bangkok

SISB: Singapore International School, Bangkok

TUS: Triam Udom Suksa

WCIB: Wellington International School, Bangkok

THAIMUN XI CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 23-25 MARCH 2024

Friday 22 March 2024

- 06.00 onward Overseas delegations arrive at Suvarnabhumi Airport and Don Mueng Airport
16.00-17.00 Room setting up at BCB
16.30 Chairs meeting at BCB

Saturday 23 March 2024

- 07.15-07.45 Delegates and officials arrive; team photographs; escorted to the Theatre
07.45-09.00 Opening ceremony in the Theatre
09.00-09.15 Grand photo
09.15-09.45 Snack (Breakfast) Break
09.45-11.00 Committees convene, position papers and lobbying; vetting resolutions
11.00-11.15 Snack Break
11.15-13.15/13.45 Committees reconvene for resolution caucus and debate; vetting resolutions
13.15-14.00 Lunch: Group A – committees reconvene 14.00
13.45-14.30 Lunch: Group B – committees reconvene 14.30
14.00/14.30-15.45 Committees reconvene for debate
15.45-16.00 Snack break
16.00-17.00 Committees reconvene for debate
17.00 Delegates depart

Sunday 24 March 2024

- 08.30-11.00 Committees reconvene for debate
11.00-11.15 Snack break
11.15-13.15/13.45 Committees reconvene for debate
13.15-14.00 Lunch: Group A – committees reconvene 14.00
13.45-14.30 Lunch: Group B – committees reconvene 14.30
14.00/14.30-15.15 Committees reconvene for debate
15.15-15.30 Snack break
15.30-17.00 Committees reconvene for debate, conclude and dissolved by 17.00

Monday 25 March 2024

- 08.00-10.45 General Assembly convenes – EI briefing commences; USCC, HCC, HSOC, UKPC remain in session throughout the day
10.45-11.00 Snack break
10.30-12.00 General Assembly caucus - finalize EI resolutions, vetting, sharing
12.00-13.30 General Assembly EI debate
13.30-14.00 Lunch: Countries A to L, USCC, UKPC
14.00-14.30 Lunch: Countries M to Z, HCC, HSOC
14.30-16.00 General Assembly EI debate (HCC and HSOC are required to have a resolution to solve their issues)
14.00-14.15 Advisers' Meeting
16.00-16.45 Closing Ceremony

THAIMUN XI TOPICS AND COMMITTEES

	Committee	Topics	Delegates	Chairs
UNSC	UN Security Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of the self-proclaimed republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia 2. <u>To be advised after December</u> 	15	2
UNSC II	UN Security Council II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of the self-proclaimed republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia 2. <u>To be advised after December</u> 	15	2
UNOOSA	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of preventing man-made space debris and space-pollution 2. The question of outer space territories between nations 	30	2
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of job security in response to AI 2. The question of pro-natal population policies in developed economies 	30	2
WHO	World Health Organization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of genetic manipulation and CRISPR 2. The question of regulatory measures to enhance healthcare accessibility through pharmaceutical company accountability 	30	2
UNHRC	UN Human Rights Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of addressing ethical concerns related to the kafala system 2. The question of responding to Myanmar's ongoing genocide 	30	2
SPECPOL	Special Political and Decolonization Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of the annexation of occupied territories by Israel (Palestine v. Israel) 2. The question of achieving economic decolonization in Francophone Africa 	30	2
DISEC	Disarmament and International Security Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of the illegal arms trade between Latin America and the USA 2. The question of the use and regulation of private military companies (PMCs) in international conflicts 	30	2
ICJ	International Court of Justice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The interpretation and application of UNCLOS in the South China Sea (Philippines v. People's Republic of China) 2. Jadhav (India v. Pakistan) 	8 Advocates 7-9 Judges (17 Total)	2
USCC	United States Congressional Committee (House of Representatives)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The question of banning members of congress' access to investing into stocks and crypto currency to prevent insider trading 2. The question of rotation in term limits 3. The question of student loan forgiveness 	30	3
UKPC	United Kingdom Parliamentary Committee (House of Commons)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scottish Independence Referendum: Terms and Implications of a Second Scottish Independence Vote 2. The question of the electoral system 3. The question of migrant boat prisons 	30	3
HCC	Historical Crisis Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August Coup, Soviet Union (1991) 2. Russian / Bolshevik Revolution (1917) 3. Iranian Hostage Crisis (1979) 	24	4

HSOC	Historical Special Operations Committee	1. The Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC) 2. Battle of Dien Bien Phu (1954) 3. The Malayan Emergency (1948 - 1960)	24	5
HSC	Historical Security Council	1. Congress of Vienna (1814-1815) 2. July Days (1914)	15	2
Press	Press Corps	Addressing media bias and the role of public opinion on international diplomacy	30	3
Total	15 Committees		380	38

About THAIMUN XI Committees

GENERAL/TRADITIONAL COMMITTEES: General committees at THAIMUN XI provide a platform for delegates of all experience levels to engage in diplomatic discourse and debate on diverse global topics. These committees offer a supportive environment for beginners to develop their MUN skills and for more experienced delegates to further their knowledge.

UNSC - UN Security Council

The UN Security Council (UNSC) is the most authoritative body in the United Nations system, responsible for maintaining international peace and security. Delegates in this committee engage in direct and high-stakes discussions about global conflicts, debating resolutions section by section to propose solutions for resolving issues.

UNSC II (ESL)

The UNSC ESL is an adapted version of the UN Security Council designed for delegates whose primary language is not English. It provides a platform for participants to engage in the same discussions and processes as the traditional UNSC but in a supportive and inclusive environment.

UNOOSA - Office for Outer Space Affairs

UNOOSA is a specialist unit under the UN Secretariat which dedicates itself to assist all nations, particularly developing countries, in gaining access to and using the benefits of space to promote sustainable development.

Other committees:

- **ECOSOC – Economic and Social Council**
- **WHO – World Health Organization**
- **UNHRC – UN Human Rights Council**
- **SPECPOL – Special Political and Decolonization Committee**
- **DISEC – Disarmament and International Security Committee**

SPECIAL/NON-TRADITIONAL COMMITTEES: Special committees are simply Model UN committees that are not traditional. Special committees are designed for experienced MUN delegates seeking intellectually stimulating and challenging experiences beyond traditional committees. These committees operate with their own Rules of Procedures and gimmicks:

- **The International Court of Justice** deals with contentious cases, where delegates simulate advocates and judges from past cases.

- **Parliamentary committees** like the United States Congressional Committee replicate a legislative body, providing delegates the opportunity to act as members of Congress.
- **Press corps** allows delegates to form sensibility of a journalist, creating accessibility to truth and slander as a third-party actor in THAIMUN committees.
- **Historical committees** (e.g., HCC and HSOC) delve into pivotal events in history, allowing participants to assume the roles of key players in these historical scenarios as it evolves and reacts to the action of delegates in the committees.

THAIMUN XI Committee Difficulties

Main Organs	Committee	Level of Difficulty
Specialized Agencies	ECOSOC	Beginner
General Assembly	DISEC	Beginner
Security Council	SPECPOL	Beginner/Intermediate
General Assembly	UNHRC	Beginner/Intermediate
Specialized Agencies	WHO	Intermediate
Secretariat Office	UNOOSA	Intermediate
Security Council	UNSC I	Intermediate
Security Council	UNSC II (ESL)	Intermediate
Press Corps	Press	Intermediate
Intl. Court of Justice	ICJ	Intermediate/Advanced
Security Council	HSC	Intermediate/Advanced
Parliamentary	UKPC	Advanced
Parliamentary	USCC	Advanced
Crisis	HCC	Advanced
Crisis	HSOC	Advanced

(*) = Special Committee

Levels of Difficulty

General/Country Committees

Beginner: Participants in beginner-level committees are typically new to Model United Nations (MUN) or have limited experience. These committees provide a structured and supportive environment for learning and building foundational skills in research, public speaking, and resolution drafting. Topics are usually straightforward and well-defined.

Intermediate: Intermediate-level committees are suitable for participants with some MUN experience. These committees involve more complex topics and require a higher level of research and debate. Participants should have a good understanding of MUN procedures and be prepared for more dynamic discussions.

Advanced: Advanced-level committees are designed for experienced MUN participants. These committees tackle challenging and multifaceted topics, often requiring in-depth research and negotiation skills. Delegates in advanced committees should be comfortable with complex resolutions and prepared for rigorous debates.

Special/Crisis Committees

Intermediate: Participants in intermediate-level special committees should have some prior experience in MUN. Preparing for these committee may require participants to learn or adapt to a new domain/discipline for discussion. Delegates may expect a higher dependency on their knowledge of the committees to be active.

Advanced: Participants in advanced special committees are suited for delegates who have confidence with their MUN experience. Delegates may represent a character in a scenario or a senator in congress. Characters represent distinct interests and initiatives within their assigned roles. Many of the committees may involve a crisis or a developing situation which skills of improvisation and strategic problem-solving is expected.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THAIMUN XI

Security at THAIMUN XI

Brighton College is tightly secured with a fully trained staff of security officers. Entrances are secure and passes are required for entry and exit. Fire precautions are of the highest standard.

Nurse on Duty

The resident nurse at Brighton College will be on duty throughout the THAIMUN conference. BCB has a fully equipped infirmary.

Hospitals

In the event of an emergency the patient will be taken to the hospital advised by the nurse on duty and approved by Brighton College.

Covid 19 Pandemic

BCB and THAIMUN will observe all the health protection advice required by the government of Thailand public health authorities.

A Statement on Covid and masks from BCB Head of School

Masks at Brighton College Bangkok have been optional since October 2022. If you are wondering, we have had very few incidents of Covid in the school since that time. We suggest that we adopt the school's current policy and say that masks are optional. We would add that since mask-wearing has a documented impact on effective communication, collegiality and social interaction we would recommend that delegates and teachers feel very comfortable not wearing masks. Unless of course they would like to. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Nick Gallop, 17 March 2023

Travel and Health Advice for Overseas Guests

Late March is near the end of the dry season, which begins in November. The rainy season officially begins in mid-April. This does not mean it will not rain while you are visiting Thailand.

Heat and Sun: The hot temperatures (30-34°C) will be the most immediate impact if you are coming from a cold climate. Your body may take a few days to adjust. It is crucial to **keep hydrated**. Drink plenty of bottled water and avoid too much tea and coffee – they are diuretics.

Water: Do not drink water from the tap (faucet), although cleaning your teeth in tap water is usually okay. Always carry a supply of **cold drinking water** with you. Ice served in hotels and good restaurants is usually safe but avoid ice if you buy drinks on the street.

Food: Food and not water is the main cause of stomach problems. In your short stay in Thailand, it is best to avoid food served in the ubiquitous street kitchens. Food served in hotels, shopping malls and at the THAIMUN conference is usually safe, including salads. However, to play safe it is best to eat only hot food – but make sure it is cooked right through. Anything raw could be a threat. Bakery goods are regarded as safe.

Clean Hands: Ideally you should wash your hands before and after eating. Always carry medicated hand-wipes or hand spray with you.

The Sun: Avoid exposure to the sun for long periods. Use sun protection and carry an umbrella.

Useful website for health advice:

[Health advice when you arrive | Travel health | Before You Fly | Emirates Thailand](#)

[Staying Healthy in Thailand's Rainy Season - BKK Kids](#)

[How To Stay Healthy And Safe On Holiday In Thailand \(bangkokairporttrain.com\)](#)

Recommended Hotels near Brighton College

Ricco Residence Suvarnabhumi

[Ricco Residence Suvarnabhumi, Bangkok | 2022 Updated Prices, Deals \(agoda.com\)](#)

B2 Bangkok Srinakarin Boutique and Budget Hotel

[B2 Boutique and Budget Hotels in Thailand | โรงแรมบีทู บูติก แอนด์ บั๊ดเจท, ประเทศไทย \(b2hotel.com\)](#)

The Grand Fourwings Convention Hotel (BCB's favoured hotel)

[The Grand Fourwings Convention Hotel Bangkok - Guest Reservations](#)

Alexander Hotel

[Alexander Hotel Bangkok](#)

Mintel Huamark

[HOME | Mintel \(themintel.com\)](#)

Transport

BCB will, if requested, arrange transport to and from the Bangkok airports and to and from the hotel and conference, through their transport provider Montri, Co. Ltd.

TRANSPORT: AIRPORT - HOTEL - BCB						
	Details	Type	Van 10-13 seats	Coach 27 seats	Coach 30 seats	Coach 40 seats
1	SUV Airport – Grand Four Wings hotel, Srinakarin, or hotel near BCB (Including gasoline, tollway, parking, and coordinator staff fee)	O/W	THB2905	THB5095	THB5395	THB6695
2	DMK airport - Grand Four Wings Hotel, Srinakarin, or hotel near BCB (Including gasoline, tollway, parking, and coordinator staff fee)	O/W	THB3055	THB5240	THB5540	THB6840
3	Grand Four Wings Hotel, Srinakarin, or hotel near BCB - BCB - return Hotel (Including gasoline and tollway fee)	T/W	THB2650	THB5650	THB6150	THB7650
4	Grand Four Wings Hotel, Srinakarin, or hotel near BCB - SUV airport (Including gasoline and tollway fee)	O/W	THB1855	THB4005	THB4305	THB5605
5	Grand Four Wings Hotel, Srinakarin, or hotel near BCB - DMK airport (including gasoline and tollway fee)	O/W	THB1955	THB4140	THB4440	THB5740

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Preparing to be a THAIMUN XI Delegate

As a delegate you must be prepared to speak. The most effective delegates are the ones who are **well prepared**.

As a well-prepared delegate you will be confident and ready to **speak at every opportunity**.

To be a confident delegate you need to be well informed about the issues to be discussed in the committee.

Being informed is a long-term process which involves **THOROUGH RESEARCH** and daily reading of online newspapers like *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* or *The Washington Post*, and viewing reliable cable news bulletins on television, such as CNN, BBC World, Al Jazeera, Channel News Asia or ITV. Beware of FAKE NEWS channels, i.e. *Fox News*

Following the news daily is very important. **Read a newspaper every day.**

If you have a smart phone, downloading apps like BBC World or CNN keeps you in constant touch with world news.

A highly recommended website to help delegates prepare for a MUN conference is: <http://bestdelegate.com/>

In the weeks prior to the conference, you should **contact your chair and other delegates in your committee by email or otherwise**, and discuss issues. Remember to seek out delegates representing countries likely to share your country's policies and predicaments. Your adviser at school will have been sent a list of delegates and chairs in all committees, with emails.

Be sure to read the **Chairs' reports** on the THAIMUN website (under BRIEFINGS) for valuable guidelines to follow in your research.

Every delegate should prepare the following items for THAIMUN:

1. **Position Paper (Opening Statement)** – a one-minute speech setting out your country's position on the committee question. This is the first item in the Committee stage of the conference.
2. **A Resolution** – or at least some ideas for a resolution. Every delegate should have their country's name attached to one resolution as a submitter/co-submitter or a sponsor/co-sponsor. Resolutions have two sections:
 - (i) Pre-ambulatory clauses which set out the nature of the problem, and
 - (ii) Operative clauses which set out the UN's solutions to the problem

Resolutions must be set out strictly according to the rules. See the THAIMUN website for guidelines for setting out a resolution. A **vetting committee** made up of MUN coaches will check each resolution for appropriate wording, correct presentation, respect for bloc groups, a maximum of 80 lines, and clarity.

Delegates will get time for **caucusing** which means looking for other countries who are likely to have a resolution you can support and **collaborating** with them to combine ideas. You should not support a resolution which is not in the interests of your country. Groups of similar, like-minded countries are called **blocs**.

3. **Research** – this is crucial if you are to have a successful conference and not make a fool of yourself. Your research should be mainly on the committee question, but you should also have a strong understanding of your country’s position. Research takes several weeks if not months of work.

It is recommended that you create a **research folder** – see: <http://bestdelegate.com/mun-research-made-easy-15-things-every-delegate-should-have-in-their-research-binder/>

Other useful sources for research are:

- UN web-sites – <http://www.un.org/en/> WHO, FAO, UNESCO, UNHCR, IMF, World Bank, Human Rights Commission, International Court of Justice, ESCAP (Bangkok)
- CIA Factbook <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- WTO (World Trade Organization) - <http://www.wto.org/>
- The Economist – one of the best weekly news magazines and website – in your school library - <http://www.economist.com/>
- New Internationalist – especially useful monthly magazine which investigates a major issue and devotes most of the copy to it – in your school library - <http://newint.org/>
- TIME magazine and website - <http://time.com/>
- BBC World - <http://www.bbc.com/news/world/>
- CNN - <http://edition.cnn.com/>
- International Committee of the Red Cross - <https://www.icrc.org/en>
- Save the Children Fund - http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGlpI4E/b.6115947/k.8D6E/Official_Site.htm
- Oxfam - <http://www.oxfam.org/>
- CARE - <http://www.care.org/>

The THAIMUN website:

<http://www.thaimun.org>

provides essential data for your preparation and understanding.

Under the heading THE CONFERENCE, see...

- PROCEDURES, where you will find conference rules and procedures, resolution guidelines, committee handbooks, chairs’ manual, etc.
- CONFERENCE SCHEDULE for a detailed timetable of the three-day THAIMUN conference
- BRIEFINGS, reports from chairs on issues to be debated in each committee

SPEECHES

One of the main purposes in attending a MUN conference is to speak. Gaining confidence in front of a group of your peers by delivering a speech is a valuable and wonderful skill that will set you up for life. To some people this comes easy...sometimes too easy...and such people may be full of confidence but have little to say.

Remember, at a MUN conference you are among friends, sharing a unique experience. At the same time, it is an immense challenge. I have seen extremely shy people make a deliberate decision, that they will once-and-for-all, overcome their shyness and break the barrier. Once you deliver your first speech you will be on your way. But you will not be able to deliver that speech unless you follow the advice above about research and preparation.

MUN speeches do not have to be “I Have a Dream Speeches”. Martin Luther King, one of modern history’s great speech makers, did not have a few minutes to prepare his speech, like you have. He had many weeks and the help of dozens of his supporters. At MUN you have just a few minutes to prepare a speech.

Do not write a speech word for word, or even detailed notes. A **list of key words** should be enough to remind you of the main points you want to make once you get to the podium.

Most speeches will be delivered for, against or to a resolution. The speech is already written for you. **Your speech is the resolution.** Go through the resolution outlining the good or bad points and why you support or do not support the clauses.

Useful websites on speech-making:

<https://www.thestudygurus.com/perfect-speeches-and-presentations-at-high-school/>

<http://www.aresearchguide.com/3tips.html>

<http://sixminutes.dlugan.com/speech-preparation-1-how-to-prepare-presentation/>

<https://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/technical-writing/oral-presentations-tips/>

YouTube

YouTube provides a rich source of historical, political, geo-political, economic, environmental and other videos. Some recommended YouTube channels:

CaspianReport: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CaspianReport>

742k subscribers. Outstanding, thorough and intelligent reports on issues all over the world with special sections on geopolitics, history and economics using striking graphics and maps, and interesting footage. Some examples: Origins of the Taliban; Europe's plan to checkmate Russia; Origins of the Somali civil war; Geopolitics of Southeast Asia; China has border disputes with 17 countries, Lebanon's confusing civil war; Ethiopia lurches towards civil war; New Zealand at the centre of big power play.

TEDTalks: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAuUUnT6oDeKwE6v1NGQxug>

19 M subscribers. A vintage channel for nearly 20 years has presented 18-minute talks by the world's leading thinkers and doers. Recent talks from the Pope, Bill Gates, Al Gore and Prince William.

DW News: <https://www.youtube.com/c/dwnews/featured>

2.12 M subscribers. The German Deutsche Welle channel is one of the world's most respected news sources. They produce excellent documentaries with valuable background on many current issues.

Al Jazeera English: <https://www.youtube.com/c/aljazeeraenglish/featured>

7.02 M subscribers. The highly respected news channel based in Qatar has produced outstanding reports on global issues on topics that often go unreported.

The Economist: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheEconomist/featured>

1.82 M subscribers. The Economist weekly magazine is one of the world's most respected news sources. They also present authoritative video reports on international news, politics, business, finance, science, technology and the connections between them.

KJ Reports: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxKw_SuEJYD4r796Rs8wpQg

113k subscribers. Similar to CaspianReport. Reports on current issues, excellent and insightful with a focus on Europe and economic issues. Presented by Kasim Javid, a marketing graduate from Liverpool. Examples: Will the EU Collapse? US-Iran War, will it happen? US-China Trade, impact on the EU.

Good Times, Bad Times: <https://www.youtube.com/c/GoodTimesBadTimes/featured>

9.55 subscribers. Initiated in 2020 by a young Polish scholar, the channel presents excellent documentaries on global issues, international relations, economy, technology, which shape the world today. Recent reports on the Myanmar coup; Himalayan Clash, India v. China; Hydro-politics of the Nile.

History of China: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLY-NCXA2dQKyEVKDZ7quHw/featured>

23.4k subscribers. Classy videos on the ancient and modern history of China, bring the past to life

LSE Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/lsewebsite/featured>

181k subscribers. The London School of Economics presents interesting and scholarly takes on many on social sciences, economics, law, sociology, anthropology, etc. The LSE was founded in 1895 by Sydney and Beatrice Webb and has built an outstanding academic reputation.

UsefulCharts: <https://www.youtube.com/c/UsefulCharts/featured>

560k subscribers. Matt Baker PhD, explores history through the use of charts. Can be fun and fascinating.

History Time: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HistoryTime/featured>

545k subscribers. Pete Kelly, a UK historian, presents interesting and scholarly documentaries on historical events.

WonderWhy: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WonderWhy7439/featured>

698k subscribers. Interesting and fun videos on countries and geopolitics, e.g., Fun Facts about Every Country in the World, Part 1, 2 & 3; A Geopolitical Tour of the World; The Most Complex International Borders in the World.

Videos about MUN conferences:

International Global Network - How to be the Best Delegate at MUN:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWU_9hh6OA4

Model UN Institute – Resolution Writing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLoktLNfXRo>

Model UN Institute – Opening Speeches: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-t8qqi_vO8

TEDx Youth Chiang Mai – Learning through the MUN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqx-C8tmeYw>

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Good luck at THAIMUN and in your MUN career. Remember the three rules for a successful MUN delegate:

1. Research
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3. RESEARCH

THAIMUN XI PROTOCOLS

1. **Laptops** are essential. THAIMUN XI is largely paperless. Resolutions will be composed, vetted, read and amended as a soft copy. However, note-passing will be with paper and notepads will be provided for delegates. The Internet will be available and delegates will be provided with passwords. iPads with Microsoft Word, or similar tablets, are suitable if they are the device of choice by the participating school and a detachable keyboard is recommended.
2. **Mobile phones:** Chairs will not permit the use of mobile phones in committee for texting or calls, unless in an emergency. Texting between delegates is a violation of note-passing protocols.
3. **Opening Statement (or Position Paper):** all delegates must prepare a one-minute opening statement for delivery in their committee's first session. The statement should clarify the country's position on at least one of the committee topics. Delegates will be called to speak in alphabetical order beginning with Afghanistan...
4. **Topics:** each committee has been assigned two or three topics. However, these topics are debated separately and resolutions should deal with only one topic at a time.
5. **Resolutions:** all delegates should bring to the conference, either, a completed resolution, or some clauses for a resolution. The best resolutions are a collaborative effort and time will be given in the first morning for caucusing and merging of resolutions. Delegates are not expected to work alone on resolutions. Prior to the conference committee delegates may communicate with each other through email or other means.
6. **Vetting:** completed resolutions will be vetted before they are debated. Advisers will be asked to vet resolutions. Only spelling, grammar and layout will be corrected. Veters will not change the intention or meaning of the resolution. Vetting will be carried out on the delegate's laptop. Vetted resolutions will be sent to the committee chair. They will not be printed.
7. **THAIMUN Rules of Procedure** are based on IASAS rules and procedures and are used throughout the conference (See THAIMUN website). Some significant highlights:
 - a. Chairs will determine the number of co-sponsors and co-submitters for resolutions depending on the size of the committee
 - b. The main submitter reads the Operative Clauses only
 - c. The main submitter delivers a two-minute opening speech
 - d. Delegates should know "Points of Clarification", "Points of Information" and Yields
 - e. Speeches can be "For", "Against" or "To". Speeches are set at **two minutes** but the chair may extend or curtail speeches depending on the circumstances
 - f. Amendments can be "Friendly" or "Unfriendly"
 - g. **No speakers' lists** – debate will flow best when delegates deliver speeches in response to the previous speech, not when set speeches are prepared in advance
 - h. **Leading questions** are permitted if they enhance debate but they are not always desirable
8. **Note passing:** please note the following from THAIMUN Rules of Procedure...

Delegates will be permitted to pass notes during session, but only through one of the pages. Notes must be signed on the inside by the country sending the note and properly addressed to the country which is to receive it on the outside.

There will be no note-passing during voting or speeches. If sent to the Chair, any notes ruled Dilatory, Absurd or Frivolous will be sent to the Advisers' Room and the sender may lose his/her note-passing privileges. Notes will be censored. No note passing is permitted during formal speaking.

9. **UNSC, HSC and HCC:** The Security Council, Historical Security Council and Historical Crisis Committee may at any time summon delegates from another committee to answer questions on issues related to the delegates' country. Please be prepared for this.

10. **Dress:** professional dress should be worn:

- Shirt with a collar and short or long sleeves (and a tie).
- Tailored trousers, slacks or skirts (should reach the knee).
- Leather shoes (no sports shoes, should be low heels and closed toe).
- Suits and jackets are permitted.
- In order to not cause offense to other delegates, national dress, military uniforms, sunglasses, armbands and other accessories are not permitted.

11. **Procedures:** consult the THAIMUN website <http://www.thaimun.org/> under "Delegate Prep" and "Procedures" for:

- Rules of Procedure
- Streamlined Rules of Procedure
- Simplified Procedures
- Security Council Procedures
- Historical Crisis Committee Rules of Procedure
- HSOC Rules of Procedure
- USCC and UKPC Rules of Procedure
- ICJ and ICC Manuals
- Resolution Checklist

12. **General Behaviour:**

Although the THAIMUN Conference is an educational exercise intended for young people, delegates are simulating the councils and committees of the United Nations. Thus, for the period of the conference, they are regarded as diplomats and ambassadors for the country they are representing, as well as representatives of their schools. This demands a high standard of personal conduct and behaviour from all delegates, both during the conference sessions and outside the conference venue.

It is extremely important that delegates behave appropriately at all times. This is important for the good name of the school concerned. Attendance at the THAIMUN conference is by invitation and this invitation may be withheld in the future if students do not conform to accepted standards of behaviour.

13. **Advisers:** it is against MUN protocol for advisers to coach delegates on the floor of the committees or the General Assembly.

An **Advisers' Meeting** will be held on the last afternoon of the conference, for the purpose of:

- a. Reviewing Chairs' nominations for Best Delegates and the Secretariat's nomination for Best Chairs
- b. Reviewing the conference overall and suggestions for the next THAIMUN conference