



# WELCOME TO THAIMUN IX 26-27 MARCH 2022

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THAILAND INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS, Bangkok, Thailand

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THAIMUN IX 26-27 March 2022

## INTRODUCTION

The Thailand International Model United Nations (THAIMUN) welcomes school delegations and independent delegates to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual THAIMUN Conference, from Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 March 2022.

# Virtual THAIMUN IX

THAIMUN is strictly a conference for secondary school students aged from approximately 13 to 18.

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

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

**THAIMUN IX will be two full days.** The conference will operate through the **Microsoft Teams** platform: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-ww/microsoft-teams/download-app>

**Committees** are: UNSC, ICJ, ECOSOC, SPECPOL, WHO, UN Women, Historical Crisis Committee (HCC), Historical Special Operations Committee (HSOC), US Congress (USCC), NPCC China and the Press Corps.

The THAIMUN conference follows rules and procedures adapted from the IASAS group of schools and commonly used in this part of the world. These rules are significantly different from THIMUN (The Hague) and can be found on the THAIMUN website: <http://www.thaimun.org/procedures.html>

Chairs will post reports by mid-February, to help delegates with their research:  
<http://www.thaimun.org/committees--topics.html>

Also, below, please see some guidelines for delegates' preparation with some useful websites listed.

We look forward to welcoming you to Virtual THAIMUN IX.

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**Friday 25 March 2022**

17.00 Chairs' meeting and dinner (an actual event!)

**Saturday 26 March 2022**

08.30-09.00 Opening ceremony

09.00-11.00 Committees convene, position papers and lobbying; vetting resolutions

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.15 Committees reconvene for resolution caucus and debate; vetting resolutions

13.15-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.45 Committees reconvene for debate

15.45-16.00 Break

16.00-17.00 Committees reconvene for debate

17.30 Close of Day 1

**Sunday 27 March 2022**

08.30-10.30 Committees reconvene for debate

10.30-11.00 Break

11.10-12.30 Committees reconvene for debate, conclude and dissolved by 12.30

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.15 General Assembly convenes (HCC, HSOC, USCC, NPC China remain in session until 17.00)

15.15-15.30 Break

15.30-17.00 General Assembly debate concludes and dissolved by 17.00

17.00-17.30 Closing Ceremony, Best Delegate/Chair awards; delegates depart.

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BPS: Bangkok Patana School

EIS: Ekamai International School, Bangkok

ICS: International Community School, Bangkok

IPS: International Pioneers School, Bangkok

HIS: Harrow International School, Bangkok

HSB: Home School, Bangkok

ISB: International School, Bangkok

## THAIMUN IX COMMITTEES and TOPICS

Overarching theme: “In search of Truth”.

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>CHAIRS</b>
<b>UNSC</b> United Nations Security Council	The question of Ukraine’s border security The question of a Nuclear free World	15	2
<b>SPECPOL</b> Special Political and Decolonization Committee	The question of regulating cyber warfare The question of territorial claims and freedom of navigation within the Arctic Ocean	29	2
<b>ECOSOC</b> Economic and Social Committee	The question the implications of the growing cryptocurrency market Discussing problems with microplastic pollution throughout the world	30	2
<b>UN WOMEN</b> United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	The question of domestic violence Addressing gender disparities and promoting gender equality in education	29	2
<b>WHO</b> World Health Organization	The question of reforming the global pharmaceutical industry The question of disease control in humanitarian emergencies	28	2
<b>NPCC – China</b> National People's Congress Standing Committee	Discussing the rights of Uyghurs in Xinjiang Discussing foreign IPO of national companies	25	3
<b>USCC</b> United States Congressional Committee	The question of the right to vote The question of the growing Federal budget deficit	27	3
<b>ICJ</b> International Court of Justice	Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan: New Zealand intervening) Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)	7 Judges 8 advocates	2 presidents
<b>HCC</b> Historical Crisis Committee	Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05	27 (3x9)	4
<b>HSOC</b> Historical Special Operations Committee	Norman Conquest of England 1066 The Liberators’ Civil War 44 BCE	27 (3x9)	4
<b>PRESS CORPS</b>	Transparency and anti-corruption	20	2 (Editors-in-chief)

THAIMUN IX CHAIRS

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## THAIMUN IX Participating Schools

Overseas schools in blue

	<b>School</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Chairs</b>
APU	APU International School, HCM City, Viet Nam	David Hillstrom Bill Pham	13	
ASB	Amnuay Silpa School, Bangkok	Wayne Rogers	11	
ASBG	American School of Bangkok, Green Valley	Boyd Gossett	6	
BCB	Brighton College, Bangkok	Robin Wood	11	
BISB	Berkeley International School, Bangkok	Shobhit Pathak	11	1
BKP	Bangkok Prep	Thomas Dixon	7	
BPS	Bangkok Patana School	Mike Brooks	5	SG +3
CIA	CIA First International School, Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Julie Walker	8	3
CIS	Concordian International School, Bangkok	Aaron Curmi	11	1
CISB	Charter International School, Bangkok	Neil Elrick	6	
CIST	Canadian International School, Bangkok	Gerard Connolly	5	
EIS	Ekamai International School, Bangkok	Shovit Dhakal	4	Parl +3
GJS	Global Jaya International School, Bintaro, Indonesia	Dannanadyatti Priambodo	8	
GKC	GK Consultants, Bangkok	Nattakrit (Sun) Thaicharoenporn	1	
HHIS	Hua Hin International School	David Coulson	8	
HIS	Harrow International School, Bangkok	Matthew Gribbon	6	SG+2
HSB	Home School, Bangkok	Alisbah Saleem		1
ICS	International Community School, Bangkok	Dayton Kannon	10	3
IPS	International Pioneers School, Bangkok	Maria-Louis Pante	11	1
ISB	International School, Bangkok	Sarah Sutherland	4	Parl +5
KCB	King's College International School, Bangkok	Matthew Grace	5	
KIS	KIS International School, Bangkok	Shelley Wowchuk Anbie Lee	8	1
NIS	Nagoya International School, Japan	Nate Gildart	7	
PTIS	Prem International School, Chiang Mai	Steve Parfitt	5	
RIS	Ruamrudee International School, Bangkok	Sarah Boulware	12	
RPSK	Reliance Public School, Kathmandu, Nepal	Dilip Nepal	12	
RAS	Raffles American School, Bangkok	Mark Mitchell	4	
SKIP	Satit Kaset International Program, Kasetsart	Eric O'Meara	12	
SKJ	Seisen High School, Kamakura, Japan	Chikako Futatsugi	4	
SNSEP	Nakorn Sawan	Irisa Rojsuwanishakorn	1	
SSIS	St Stephens International School, Bangkok	Tim Abraham	10	2
SSM	Shattuck St Mary's, Forest City, Jahore, Malaysia	Chris Quarrie	4	
STA107	St Andrews, Sukhumvit 107, Bangkok	Bongsavijaya (Ohn) Onkcharoen	1	
TCIS	Thai-Chinese International School, Bangkok	Felicia Jien	2	
TSB	Thai-Sikh International School, Bangkok	Mary-Jane La Torre	5	
TSIS	Thai-Singapore International School, Bangkok	Jonalyn Marcojos	2	
TUS	Triam Udom Suksa, Bangkok	Phatadhol Rojrahsombat	15	1
UNO-R	University of Negros Occidental Recoletos, Integrated School, Bacolod, Philippines	Recca Klien Sevilla	1	
VIS	VERSO International School, Bangkok	Chrissy Nagle	5	
WIS	Wells International School, Bangkok	Nikki Willhoit	2	
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## THE PRESS CORPS

We are excited to introduce The Press Corps to THAIMUN IX. This year's overarching theme for our conference is “In Search of Truth”, hence we believe that the implementation of a media committee is very appropriate to promote the notion of transparency and open discussions. The press corps will also serve as a linkage between THAIMUN committees, through news articles and press statements, interconnecting the conference more than ever.

### **What is the Press Corps?**

In the Press Corps, delegates will assume the role of a journalist representative from world renowned news agencies, for instance: The BBC, CNN and Aljazeera. Delegates will be provided with a list of all committees and topics in the conference. Press Corps journalists are then free to go around different committees, listen in on debates and investigate a topic of their interest in accordance with this year's Press Corps' theme: “Transparency and Anti-Corruption”. Journalists will also be allowed to interview delegates from other committees regarding their opinions, stances and course of actions, in their investigation. After the initial investigation, journalists are required to compile the result of their findings into a full-length news article or political journal.

### **Articles**

Articles are the main instrument of debate in the Press Corps. All Press Corps journalists are required to produce and submit a full-length short article or political manuscript to express their findings. An article may include: a headline, a brief overview of a topic, accounts from debates, statistics, verbatim from interviews, photographs and the journalist's own opinions and predictions. Articles produced by the press corps will be published on the official THAIMUN Instagram account and other outlets, accessible to all THAIMUN delegates. This will also serve as the conference's newspaper; delegates can get an idea of what is going on in other committees through these articles written by the press corps' journalists.

### **Editors-in-chief**

Editors-in-chief are student officers tasked with overseeing the Press Corps, akin to chairs in conventional committees. They are mainly responsible for approving Press Corps' journalist headlines and vetting Press Corps articles. Before a Press Corps journalist heads off to conduct their investigation, their topic or headline must be approved by the Editors-in-chief. The Editors-in-chief must ensure that the topic a journalist is choosing is related to the press corps' theme. Furthermore, the Editors-in-chief must vet journalists' articles for their formatting, standard of writing, quality of research and integrity as a reliable news article. The Editors-in-chief will then submit the article to THAIMUN media officers to publish them to the conference. To be chosen as an Editor-in-chief, students must have high command of the English language, are comfortable with political rhetoric and display passion for journalism.

### **Interviews**

Press corps journalists will have the main responsibility of conducting interviews with delegates from various committees. These interviews will mainly be conducted during recess and unmoderated caucuses. However, if needed, press corps journalists may also occasionally pull delegates out of committee to conduct interviews, although it must not intervene with the committee in session and must include the consent of the delegate to be pulled out. Delegates are strongly encouraged to give interviews, but also have the right to refuse journalists' interviews. Questions journalists may ask should include the delegate's stance, opinions or any courses of action regarding the topic being discussed in committee. After conducting interviews, journalists should transfer the information in writing. The article or political manuscript should reference the country and committee of the delegate



interviewed. Press Corps journalists will also be provided with an identification item (possibly a PRESS armband or lanyard).

### **Press Conference**

Press conferences will be motioned by the editors-in-chief. Delegates will be invited to sit at a panel when a press conference is motioned for. The panel will consist of a moderator (the editor-in-chief) who will moderate the discussion and call on journalists to ask questions. Journalists have the option of asking a question directed to one delegate seated at the panel, a cohort of delegates, or to all delegates at the panel. If intending to ask a question directed to one delegate, journalists should directly state who the question is intended for. With questions directed to multiple delegates, delegates will take turns answering. Follow-up questions may be granted upon request to the moderator, but may also be denied due to time constraints. Journalists are encouraged to take press conferences as a chance to “quick fire” their questions, seeing that, unlike one-on-one interviews, multiple delegates may be addressed at once.

### **Best journalist**

Similar to ‘best delegate’ in other committees, the Press Corps will award a ‘best journalist’ award. Journalists will be chosen based on three criteria: 1. Communication 2. Content 3. Questions. Good communication includes fluency, concision, and grammar in writing. It will also consist of the standard of the articles written compared to real-world, published articles. Good content will be based on the quality of findings through research and interviews. Content should be evidenced in the article. Good questions include relevancy to the topic being discussed in committee, clarity and concision, specificity, and insight. The judging of the quality of questions will be based on questions asked during press conferences and possibly those asked during individual interviews with delegates if the editors in chief are observing. All three criteria should enhance each other; good questions lead to good content and good content should be expressed through good communication.

## Preparing to be a THAIMUN IX Delegate

As a delegate you have to 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 on a daily basis 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.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.6115947/k.8D6E/Official\\_Site.htm](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/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](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](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](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**
- 2. Research**
- 3. RESEARCH**

## THAIMUN IX PROTOCOLS

1. **Laptops** are essential. THAIMUN VIII 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