



WELCOME TO THAIMUN IX 26-28 MARCH 2022

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THAILAND INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS, Bangkok, Thailand

INVITATION

17 October 2021

The Thailand International Model United Nations (THAIMUN) invites interested school delegations and independent delegates to the 9th annual **THAIMUN Conference**, hosted at **Brighton College, Bangkok (BCB)**, from **Saturday 26 to Monday 28 March 2022**. 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/>

At the end of March 2021, the THAIMUN VIII conference was successfully completed, virtually, with over 300 delegates and chairs from 41 schools in seven countries. A huge thank you to our Secretariat – Fai, Grace, Patrick and Guy – and all of the excellent Chairs; and to the IT technicians at BPS.

We now look forward to THAIMUN IX with the expectation that the worst of the pandemic will be behind us. However, we will make contingency plans. We hope for an actual rather than a virtual conference. However, if international travel remains restricted, we will introduce a virtual component for overseas schools and delegates, with no fee. Also, the length of the conference will be modified if necessary

A delegate fee of approximately THB3000 (this will be confirmed very soon 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 no other fees.

Committees will include UNSC, ICJ, UN Women, ECOSOC, SPECPOL, WHO, Historical Crisis Committee (HCC), Historical Special Operations Committee (HSOC), US Congress (USCC), and National People's Congress (China).

The **Student Management Committee** met for their inaugural meeting on 30 September 2021 and elected the Secretariat (See the SMC list page 6). Since then, the SMC have drawn up the committee topics (See page 7)

Chair positions are available and will be selected in November. A Chair Application form is attached.

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 IX. If you wish to register for THAIMUN IX, or have questions, please email the **Conference Director, John G. Wood** john.bangkok@hotmail.com

John G. Wood (THAIMUN Conference Director)

Timeline for THAIMUN IX Conference Preparation

CRUCIAL DATES FOR SCHOOLS IN BLUE

- May 2021: Invitation sent to schools with Timetable for conference preparation; Hotels and Transport; Chair Application Form; Trips and Excursions
- 1 June 2021: Email reminder sent to schools

• **15 August 2021: schools asked to nominate Student Management Committee (SMC) by 31 August**

- 25 September 2021: 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 2021: SMC finalizes conference schedule and committee topics - sent to schools

• **31 October 2021: SCHOOLS RESPOND WITH APPROXIMATE DELEGATE NUMBERS AND CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

- 15 November: Chair Applications due

• **1 December 2021: SCHOOLS FINALIZE AND RECONFIRM DELEGATE NUMBERS**

- 5 December 2021: countries and committees assigned to schools
- 10 December 2021: Secretariat and available members of the SMC meet for consultation by this date

• **15 January 2022: SCHOOLS SEND IN DELEGATE LIST AND COUNTRY/COMMITTEE ALLOCATION**

• **15 February 2022: Delegate fees - payment due**

- 1 March 2022: committee lists finalized and sent to schools

• **26-28 March 2022: THAIMUN VII conference**

THAIMUN IX CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 26-28 MARCH 2022

Actual In-person Conference (3 Days)

Friday 25th March 2022

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 BCBS

Saturday 26th March 2022

07.15-07.45 Delegates and officials arrive; collect lanyards, escorted to theatre; team photographs
 07.45-09.00 Opening ceremony in the Grand Theatre; grand photo
09.00-09.15 Snack (Breakfast) Break
 09.30-11.00 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 27th March 2022

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 28th March 2022

08.00-10.45 General Assembly convenes – EI briefing commences; USCC, HCC, HSOC, NPC remain in session throughout the day
10.45-11.00 Snack break
 10.15-10.30 New information introduced to EI
 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, NPC
14.00-14.30 Lunch: Countries M to Z, HCC, HSOC
 14.30-16.00 General Assembly EI debate (HCC is required to have a resolution to solve their issue)
14.00-14.15 Advisers' Meeting
 16.00-16.45 Closing Ceremony

Actual In-person Conference (2 Days)

Friday 26 March 2021

16.00-17.00 Room setting up at BCB
16.30 *Chairs meeting at BCB*

Saturday 27 March 2021

07.15-07.45 Delegates and officials arrive; collect lanyards, escorted to Theatre; team photographs
 07.45-08.30 Opening ceremony in the Theatre
08.30-08.45 Snack (Breakfast) Break
 08.45-11.00 Committees convene, position papers and lobbying; vetting resolutions
11.00-11.15 Snack 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 Snack break
 16.00-17.00 Committees reconvene for debate
 17.30 Delegates depart

Sunday 28 March 2021

08.00-10.15 Committees reconvene for debate
10.15-11.00 Snack break
 11.10-13.00 Committees reconvene for debate, conclude and dissolved by 13.00
13.00-13.30 Lunch
 13.30-15.15 General Assembly convenes (HCC, HSOC, USCC, NPC remain in session until 1700)
 13.30-14.00 Advisers' meeting
15.15-15.30 Snack break
 15.30-17.00 General Assembly debate conclude and dissolved by 17.00
 17.00-17.30 Closing Ceremony, delegates depart

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 conclude and dissolved by 17.00

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

THAIMUN IX, 26-28 March 2022

STUDENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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BPS: Bangkok Patana School

EIS: Ekhamai 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".

COUNCIL	TOPIC	SIZE	CHAIRS
UNSC United Nations Security Council	TBD (January) The question of a Nuclear free World	15	2
SPECPOL Special Political and Decolonization Committee	The question of regulating cyber warfare The question of territorial claims and freedom of navigation within the Arctic Ocean	25	2
ECOSOC Economic and Social Committee	The question the implications of the growing cryptocurrency market Discussing problems with microplastic pollution throughout the world	25	2
UN WOMEN 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	25	2
WHO World Health Organization	The question of reforming the global pharmaceutical industry The question of disease control in humanitarian emergencies	25	2
NPC – China National People's Congress Standing Committee	Discussing long-term population policies Discussing foreign IPO of national companies	25	3-4
USCC United States Congressional Committee	The question of the right to vote The question of the growing Federal budget deficit	25	3-4
ICJ 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)	7-8 Judges 8 advocates	2 presidents
HCC Historical Crisis Committee	Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05	27 (3x9)	4-6 1,1,2BR
HSOC Historical Special Operations Committee	Norman Conquest of England 1066 The Liberators' Civil war 44 BCE	27 (3x9)	6-7 1,1,1,3BR
PRESS CORPS	Transparency and anti-corruption Video of THAIMUN conference	12+2	2-4 (Editors-in-chief)

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.

Security at THAIMUN IX

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

The trajectory of this virus changes by the day, week or month. Clearly THAIMUN will observe all the health protection advice required by health authorities.

As the virus situation is not yet stable, strategies for the March 2022 conference will be drawn up closer to the date.

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
- 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/UCAuUUnT6oDeKwE6v1NGOxug>

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_SuEJYD4r796Rs8wpOg

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-NCXA2dOKvEVKDZ7quHw/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**
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