

WELCOME TO THAIMUN VIII

27-28 MARCH 2021

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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 8th annual **THAIMUN Conference**, hosted at **Brighton College, Bangkok (BCB)**, from **Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 March 2021**. 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/>

Because of the covid pandemic, **THAIMUN VIII will be limited to two full days**. Committees will be limited in size and **the conference will be restricted to 220 delegates and chairs**.

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 are UNSC, ICJ, UNHRC, ECOSOC, SPECPOL, WHO, Historical Crisis Committee (HCC), Historical Special Operations Committee (HSOC), US Congress (USCC), and UK Parliament (UKPC).

Chair positions will be available and selected in November. Please use the Chair Application form attached to the email.

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.

The coronavirus pandemic's affect on flights and quarantine makes it extremely unlikely that schools outside Thailand can attend THAIMUN VIII in person, so we are working to include **a virtual element for overseas schools**. There will be no fee for this and details will be advised. If your school outside Thailand wishes to be involved virtually, please let me know.

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

We look forward to welcoming your school to THAIMUN VIII.

John G. Wood (THAIMUN Conference Director)

Timeline for Conference Preparation

CRUCIAL DATES FOR SCHOOLS IN BLUE

- May 2020: Invitation sent to schools with Timetable for conference preparation; Hotels and Transport; Chair Application Form; Trips and Excursions
- 1 June 2020: Email reminder sent to schools
- **15 August 2020: schools asked to nominate Student Management Committee (SMC) by 31 August**
- 25 September 2020: 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 2020: SMC finalizes conference schedule and committee topics - sent to schools
- **31 October 2020: SCHOOLS RESPOND WITH APPROXIMATE DELEGATE NUMBERS AND CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
- 15 November: Chair Applications due
- **1 December 2020: SCHOOLS FINALIZE AND RECONFIRM DELEGATE NUMBERS**
- 5 December 2020: countries and committees assigned to schools
- 10 December 2020: Secretariat and available members of the SMC meet for consultation by this date
- **15 January 2021: SCHOOLS SEND IN DELEGATE LIST AND COUNTRY/COMMITTEE ALLOCATION**
- **15 February 2021: Delegate fees - payment due**
- 1 March 2021: committee lists finalized and sent to schools
- **27-28 March 2021: THAIMUN VII conference**

THAIMUN VIII CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 26-28 March 2021

Friday 26 March 2021

16.00-17.00 Room setting up at BCBS
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, UKPC remain in session until 1700)
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

THAIMUN VIII Committees & Topics

Overarching Theme: *Multilateral Unity in Times of Uncertainty*

GA Topic: To be based on the overarching theme and general ideas of the other committee topics.

Committee	Name	Topics	Delegates In-Person	Delegates Virtual*	Chairs
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council	The question of combating systemic racism and injustice at a national level. The question of minority group re-education to achieve cultural homogeneity.	17	5	2
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council	The question of supporting refugees in European refugee camps (EU heavy). Question of economic interdependence in the face of COVID-19	17	5	2
SPECPOL	Special Political and Decolonization Committee	The question of the sovereignty of the Western Sahara and the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. The question of unexploded ordnance in active and former war zones, as well as border regions.	17	6	2
WHO	World Health Organisation	The question of effective implementation of nationwide and multilateral measures to combat COVID-19 The question of effective implementation of social distancing confined in areas with low income (slums, LEDCs, etc.)	17	6	2
UNSC	United Nations Security Council	The question of foreign intervention in combating insurgency and maintaining stability in the Maghreb region of West Africa. Resolving Turkey-Syria border conflicts.	15		2
ICJ	International Court of Justice	Division of Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region and the Artsakh Region (Armenia vs Azerbaijan). Relocation of the United States Embassy to Jerusalem (Palestine vs The United States of America).	4 Advocates 9 Judges		2
HCC	Historical Crisis Committee	The Mongol Invasion of Japan (1274-1281).	22	2 Mongol 2 Japan 2 Neutral	4
UKPC	United Kingdom Parliamentary Committee	Negotiating economic and diplomatic terms in leaving the European Union. The question of restructuring the NHS in light of COVID-19.	23	6	3
HSOC	Historical Special Operations Committee	The CIA Tibetan Programme (1958-1972). The Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989).	24 (8 per cabinet)	6 (2 each per cabinet)	6
USCC	United States Congressional Committee	TO BE DECIDED	23	6	3

THAIMUN VIII 2021
STUDENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SMC)

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BPS: Bangkok Patana School

CISB: Charter International School, Bangkok

HS: Home School, Bangkok

ICS: International Community School, Bangkok

ISB: International School Bangkok

MIS: Mentari Intercultural School, Jakarta

STAE: St Andrews international School, Ekamai, Bangkok

TSIS: Thai-Singapore International School, Bangkok

WIS: Wells International School, Bangkok

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THAIMUN VIII

Security at THAIMUN VIII

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 2021 conference will be drawn up closer to the date.

Preparing to be a THAIMUN 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.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/>

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 VIII 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:

Boys should wear a business shirt and tie (short or long sleeves), tailored trousers, leather shoes (not sports shoes). Suits and jackets are permitted.

Girls should wear a shirt with collar, short or long sleeves; or a dress with sleeves so shoulders are covered; skirts and dresses should reach the knee or lower; leather dress shoes, low heels, closed toe (no sports shoes); slacks are permitted.

In order to not cause offence 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