



WELCOME TO THAIMUN X 25-27 MARCH 2023

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THAILAND INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS, Bangkok, Thailand

INVITATION

1 May 2022

The Thailand International Model United Nations (THAIMUN) invites interested school delegations and independent delegates to the 10th annual **THAIMUN Conference**, hosted at **Brighton College, Bangkok (BCB)**, from **Saturday 25 to Monday 27 March 2023**. 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 2022, the THAIMUN IX conference was successfully completed, virtually, with 295 delegates and chairs from 42 schools in 10 countries. A huge thank you to our Secretariat – Kingpai, Patrick, Fong and Bloomy – and all of the excellent Chairs and Student Management Committee.

We now look forward to THAIMUN X with the expectation that the worst of the pandemic will be behind us. However, in this age of uncertainty, 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 THB2500 (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).

A Student Management Committee will be formed in at an inaugural meeting in September 2022 when a Secretariat will be elected and crucial decisions made.

School advisers are invited to **forward names and emails of MUN leaders in your school** who would relish this opportunity to lead THAIMUN.

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

John G. Wood
(THAIMUN Conference Director)

Timeline for THAIMUN X Conference Preparation

CRUCIAL DATES FOR SCHOOLS IN BLUE

- May 2022: Invitation sent to schools with Timetable for conference preparation; Hotels and Transport; Chair Application Form; Trips and Excursions
- 1 June 2022: Email reminder sent to schools

• **15 August 2022: schools asked to nominate Student Management Committee (SMC) by 31 August**

- 25 September 2022: 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 2022: SMC finalizes conference schedule and committee topics - sent to schools

• **31 October 2022: SCHOOLS RESPOND WITH APPROXIMATE DELEGATE NUMBERS AND CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

- 15 November 2022: Chair Applications due

• **1 December 2022 SCHOOLS FINALIZE AND RECONFIRM DELEGATE NUMBERS**

- 5 December 2022: countries and committees assigned to schools
- 10 December 2022: Secretariat and available members of the SMC meet for consultation by this date

• **15 January 2023: SCHOOLS SEND IN DELEGATE LIST AND COUNTRY/COMMITTEE ALLOCATION**

• **15 February 2023: Delegate fees - payment due**

- 1 March 2023: committee lists finalized and sent to schools

• **25-27 March 2023: THAIMUN IX conference**

STUDENTMANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SMC)

Job Description

1. An inaugural SMC meeting will be held in late September. The SMC will elect two Secretary Generals and two Parliamentarians (The Secretariat). Candidates will deliver speeches and there will be a secret ballot.
2. The SMC will make decisions on the conference schedule which will be finalized by 1 October.
3. The SMC will decide on committees and topics, referencing the committees that have worked well in the past and proposing new initiatives. Topics should reflect current issues of concern and not overlap with past THAIMUN conferences or other conferences in the region. Committees and topics should be finalized by early October.
4. The SMC should work as a team under the leadership of the Secretariat. Communication should be by any mutually agreed electronic media.
5. Any email from the Director should be dealt with urgently.
6. The Secretariat selects the Chairs. Chair application forms will be sent to the Secretariat. Members of the SMC should submit applications and also advise on selections.
7. The SMC should consider sponsorship and reach out to contacts who may be willing to sponsor: gavels, podiums, cloth bags, badges, T-shirts, stationery, food, etc.
8. A planning meeting will take place in late January. This is not mandatory for the SMC but the Secretariat will meet.
9. The SMC will advise on matters arising, e.g., virtual platforms, rooming, opening ceremony, etc....
10. The SMC, Secretariat and Chairs are responsible for creating an international THAIMUN conference that is a model of its kind and world class. Any detail that may enhance the conference should be considered

Actual In-person Conference (3 Days)**Friday 24th March 2023**

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 25th March 2023

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 26th March 2023

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 27th March 2023

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 24 March 2023

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

Saturday 25 March 2023

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 26 March 2023

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 24 March 2023

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

Saturday 25 March 2023

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 26 March 2023

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.

Security at THAIMUN X

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/UCAuUUUnT6oDeKwE6v1NGOxug>

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**
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3. **RESEARCH**

THAIMUN X PROTOCOLS

1. **Laptops** are essential. THAIMUN X 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