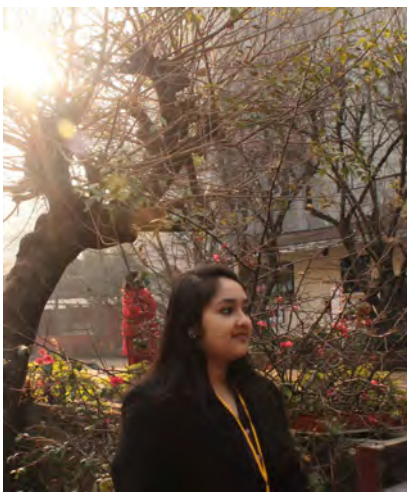


# RBSMUN CHRONICLES

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## Interviewing the Secretary General of RBS MUN 2011



### Interview with the Secretary General of RBS MUN 2011

1) Starting off with a clichéd question, what does it feel like to be the Secretary General of RBS MUN 2011?

It feels good. But with power comes responsibility (haha).

2) What were the preparations like for this year's MUN?

The heavy preparations have been going on since the past months. It has been a little stressful but everybody has been extremely helpful so I can't really complain.

3) Anything to say about the organizers? (Dias, Logistics and Pages)

Yes, we had the best logistics department ever. They did everything from scrubbing the floor to carrying the chairs so I am extremely grateful towards them. The Dias members were very understanding as well, and it made management of this event a lot easier.

4) Any tips to the delegates to get closer to the 'Best Delegate' award?

Hmmm....most important is that you have to have the facts at your fingertips. Then perhaps, you have to show your confidence and be spontaneous. You know, all these things.

## iMUN

Despite the capitalized 'HISTORIC' strewn across the front of the committee, the Dias of the HSC seemed decades ahead of the Soviet invasion with their tables cluttered with Laptops, smartphones, a projector and an iPad. The projector's only purpose in the committee seemed to be displaying the Speaker's list, highlighting the current speaker and striking out the country's name once their speech has concluded. Up in front, the Vice Chair's finger was constantly flicking, clicking and spinning his Apple touch screen whereas the Delegates were busy 'twirling their flags'. The already congested room was further muddled with wires and power cables, forcing the delegates to duck under and step over them as they make their way to the podium. In NATO, although the delegates were deprived of proper desks, the Executive Board appeared to be well equipped with their technological devices. In SPECPOL, I came to notice that the laptops remained



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unplugged, but the Delegates of USA, UK and CHINA definitely seemed to make up for it with their full on, charged debates. There came a turn of events in the Disarmament and International Security Council where the DIAS were instead using their computers as a hard surface for jotting down notes, rather than taking advantage of their technological capabilities. In the HRC, the Vice sported a zangy blue Dell, which served as

a powerful contrast to the Chair's conspicuous red lipstick. In the SO-CHUM, despite the debate revolving around the overuse of bio fuels, the executive members seemed least bothered when consuming electricity for their laptops. So, along with a commendable rise in the levels of heated discussion, Rato Bangala has graciously welcomed the use of the 21<sup>st</sup> century inventions in the Model UN.



## Charge of the Youth Brigade: NATO



A tiny room filled with tens of people and all of them very well acquainted with each other, the NATO looked like a family gathering filled with laughter and inside jokes. The debate got off to a slow start, when Spain proposed a moderated caucus on 'Al Qaida in all its manifestations' but slowly caught pace and soon enough, there were lots of levelheaded proposals from many countries. The withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan was a topic that garnered the most interest, but it was quite monotonous to see how the countries went round and round about the same idea that the Afghans are not yet ready to sustain themselves and the Americans need to stay for a few more years. The chair was expecting more from the delegates, and was quick to point out flaws in the speeches so that the delegates could bring improvements.

The delegate of France spoke with fiery passion, and the delegate of the USA too was very shrewd, but his inability to follow formal procedures enraged as well entertained the Dias members. The Vice chair was extremely involved in the delegates' arguments and made substantial contributions in order to raise the level of debate. Bin Laden's death was a topic that never failed to interest all, and at some points, the committee looked like a condolence gathering for the late Al Qaida mogul rather than a discussion on the eradication of terrorism from South Asia. The delegates of Germany and Italy were quiet performers, whereas the delegate of Norway came up with interesting ideas on the few occasions that he spoke. All in all, the NATO was a successful committee filled with fresh minds that are sure to emerge as fine diplomats in the future.

# SPECPOL on Fire!



The clamour and the clatter coming from the excited delegates were muted by the chairs, “Delegates! The committee is now in formal session.” The speeches on the conflict regarding Israel and Palestine continued as the Delegate of Netherlands raised a motion to open the speakers list. The level of research the delegates did was clearly shown through their confidence and enthusiasm. Almost all placards were raised high, desperately wanting to be recognized by the dais.



While the delegate of USA was presenting the country’s stance, the committee was busy accusing Israel, which forced the delegate himself to admit that presently, he is the ‘villain’ of the committee. This was followed by the moderate caucus on the topic “Involvement of terrorist organizations in the Israeli-Palestine conflict” motioned by the delegate of UK. As expected, heated discussions followed and this time, a lot more delegates actively participated. The delegate of Israel even had to be requested many times to be seated since the delegate was standing and swaying his placards almost

every time.

As the delegate of Israel got aware of the fact that most of the countries were going against him, he announced in the committee that he would cut off all his supplies to India, when his own country was being cut off from the supplies coming from Jordan. To add, China mentioned that the country immediately wanted other nations to clear the debts, especially pointing to UK.

Later in an interview, the chair stated, “The committee is breathtaking and the level of debate is sky-rocketing. The dais is very proud and is also very close to resolving the question of Palestine.”

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## ECO AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

“Delegates the committee is now in formal session” – the soft spoken chair, with poise, addressed the apprehensive delegates.

Day two proved to be exciting for the delegates, who were pumped up for the much awaited “Delegate Dance”. Our much loved pages: Yash Poddar and Anuraag Karki were kept busy throughout the session as they had to go around passing on the scores of chits. While some were floating in air, Delegates of Libya and Israel got down to business and merged the two resolutions the committee had approved yesterday. This resolution was passed with unanimous votes.

On the sunnier side, in comparison to yesterday, the delegates were in higher spirit. It was evident that they were



## EFC ( contd. )



more prepared than yesterday and even those who weren't much active yesterday were more involved in the discussions and debates today. In all, with the equal participation of the delegates and the valuable contributions made, the spirit of the committee was maintained.

The committee moved on to the other topic which was a continuation of the mock session- "Effectiveness of Foreign Aid". Fierce words were exchanged between Kabul and India until the Dias stepped in.

As the committee came to a steady race of motion, the crisis topic was raised. No trade what so ever was made against Israel, and all arm trades were set to a ban including all Israel assets which was sponsored by China, India, Jordan and Palestine. Best of luck Israel!

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## Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee

It's the second day of MUN and the session gets off to a lively start. China started off with the speakers' list and we could clearly see he had stepped up his game, along with South Africa.

On the topic of one child-policy the delegate of Bosnia comically replied," What if twins are born? ", which had the entire committee in fits of laughter.

The whole session today was undoubtedly enjoyable and all delegates were enthusiastic and committed to the cause. But one episode that stood out from the rest was an un-moderated caucus in which the delegate of the USA proposed a plan to make Somalia self sufficient. When Somalia refused the offer as the US would not be funding it, the delegate of the USA, caught up in a moment of madness, got up on the chair and started barking orders at the other delegates.

Standing on the chair, she seemed absolutely determined to convince the other delegates to support her. Chaos!! Amidst all the commotion, some delegates were adamant to find their allies and did so by looking intently at the globe.

As things settled down, the chair unexpectedly found a belt on his desk and exclaimed "I didn't do anything!" And once again the room burst into laughter.

Moving onto more serious matters, the delegates of the committee didn't seem to be getting to a concrete resolution, as there were no majorities on any topics. The delegates kept going back to GM food and bio fuels and were having discussions that lead to nowhere.

All in all, it was in the Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee where the delegates were eager to impress.



## Happenings of the SC



The silent murmurs turned into a full-fledged outburst as soon as the hammer struck the gavel for an un-moderated caucus. Delegates, is this just an excuse to talk in Nepali? Only after the roll call did we realized the presence of Portugal.



So what conclusion did the delegates come to after the 30-minute un-moderated caucus? In the presence of the Representative of Taliban (Amber), the committee came up with a resolution with the approval of the Taliban, proclaiming that the Taliban were now a part of the Afghan Army. The termination of terrorism in Afghanistan was declared.

The Delegate of Bosnia accused the Delegate of China that it had been illegally supplying arms to Western Africa, which was detected by the US. Quite offended, the Delegate of China demanded substantiation, to which the Delegate of Bosnia proudly replied, "New York Times." This was one of the many times the vice-chair had to shout on top of her voice to plead for order. However, the chair of DISEC later came up with an authentic source. Even after the Executive Board and the Secretary

General proclaimed that this source was cent-percent authentic and no other comments regarding its authenticity would be entertained, the delegates continued to proclaim that the information was hacked.

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## UNEP: Tarzan and Avatar to the rescue!

The second day of the debate at the UNEP kicked off with a short informal session followed by lots of moderated caucuses. During the course of discussion and little arguments, delegates came up with really notable points. The delegates seemed quite enthusiastic and prepared, but the chair was not quite satisfied and was quick to point out "it is not enough!"

The debates between some countries against Indonesia and Brazil heated up a little as both countries were unable to answer the questions asked to them. There was also a situation when the delegate of Lebanon could not pronounce the word 'indigenous' and simply replaced the word by saying "...whatever the word was." So much for being formal, delegate!

The delegate of Norway proved to be quite an entertainment when the delegate suggested that the indigenous people should move to city areas like in the movie "Tarzan" to which USA replied that the indigenous people should move to places like 'Pandora' like in the movie "Avatar". However, delegate of Russia had to say that 'Tarzan' never made it to the city! This tiny discussion certainly re-freshed the session of the UNEP.



## 'Flabbergasted' in the UNHRC



The second day at the UNHRC began with the speakers' list starting with the delegate of Gabon. The topic of discussion for today was 'Human Rights violations in conflict stricken nations in the Middle East and North Africa.' But soon after that, lively moderated caucus began to be more frequent, although not much delegates participated. As expected, the Arab Spring was a recurring topic. The delegate of Syria, who was required to answer many questions, as a result of the internal protests in its country, did not want any countries to interfere Syria's internal affairs. South Africa, who had formed a bloc with France, wanted the United Nations to ban all forms of monarchy in the world. In no time, the chair declared herself "flabbergasted" when South Africa stated that it had been giving military aid and monetary aid to protestors with the help of France. It was not too long before the vice-chair of NATO graced the committee. The delegate of Pakistan

expressed dissatisfaction at the fact that NATO's air strikes killed Pakistani people. Later, the delegate of South Africa told the committee that there would no longer be any military interventions in other countries.

The chair was so frustrated by the constant point of orders against using personal pronouns that any delegates who used personal pronouns were sent to sit behind the Press!

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## HSC

The first crisis of this year's RBS MUN took place in the HSC and caused great confusion and chaos when a man who called himself Che Guevara came in and attacked the United States of America. Although initially everybody was in a state of confusion, unable to defend themselves, they soon figured out their ways through the chaos. The committee, over viewing the sayings of most of the delegations, decided to write amendments. Soon amendments were made by Turkey, Soviet Union, Argentina and France. However, only three of them were passed. Finally the resolution was agreed upon unanimously.



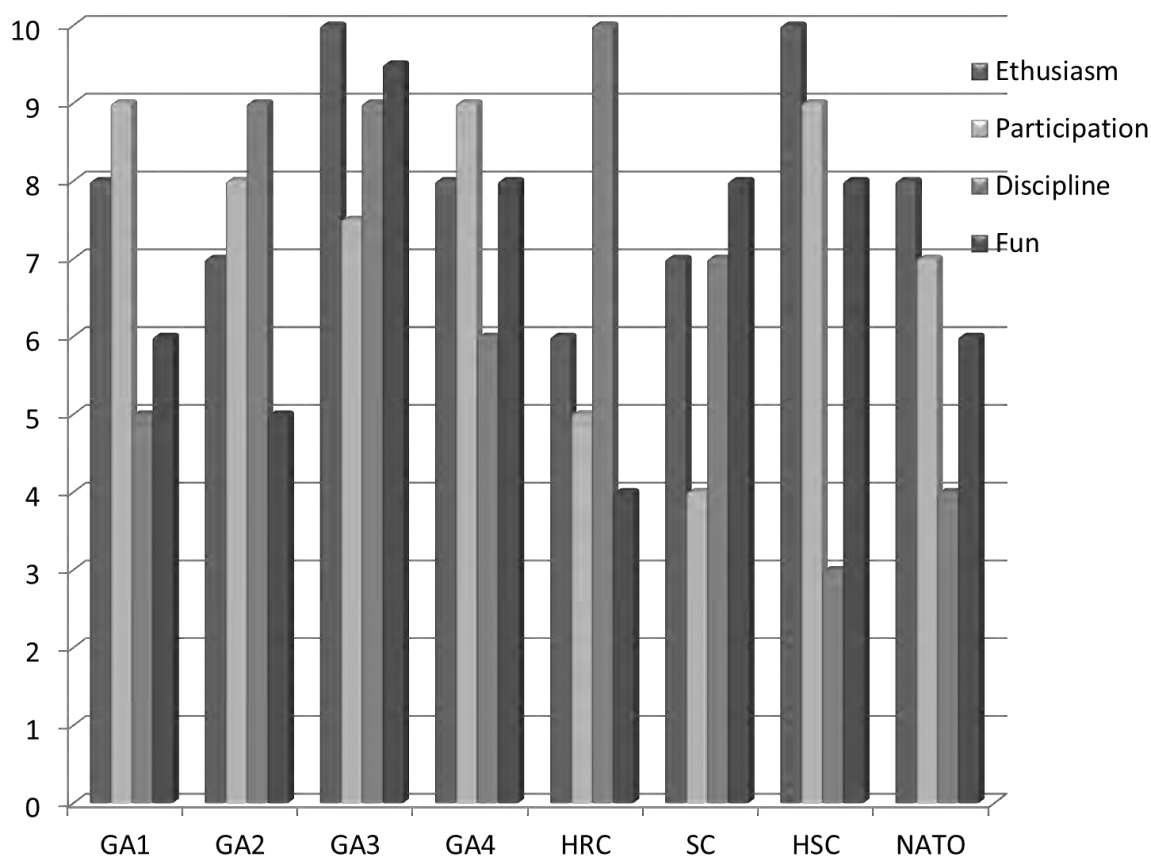
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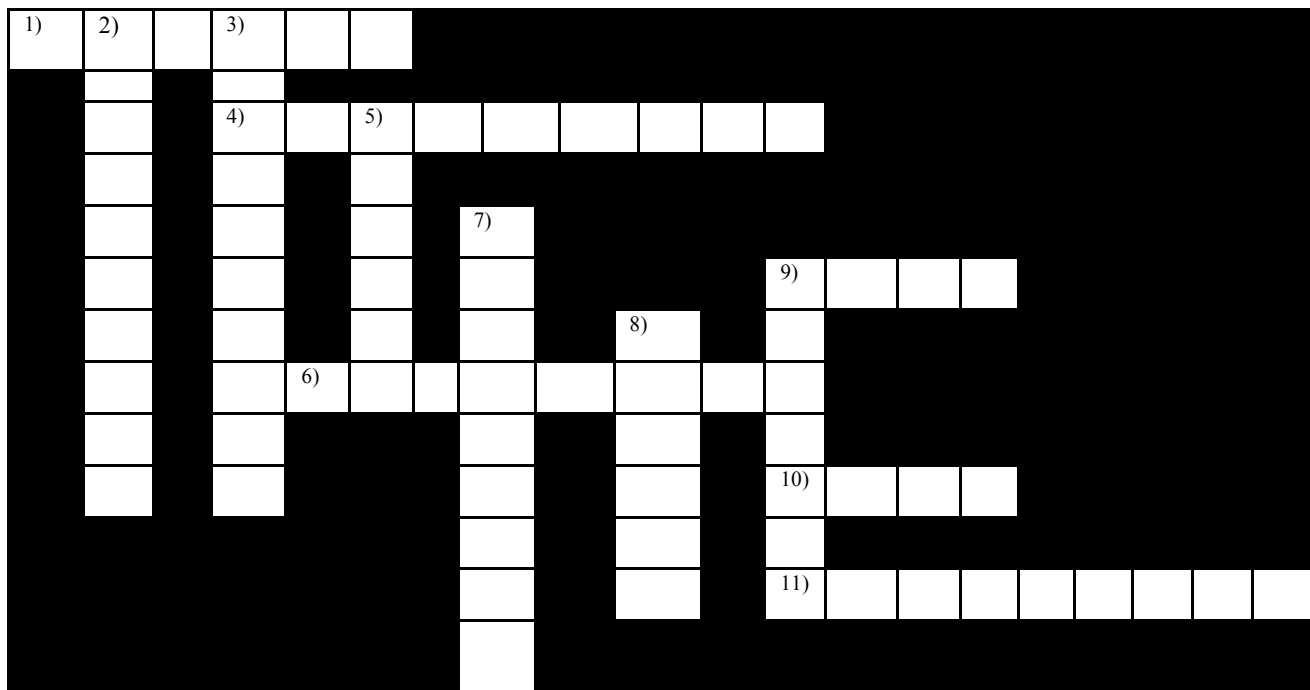
"The formal session begins", the Chair announced when she noticed that all the delegates were seated and were waiting for the Chair's approval. The formal discussion began with the majority votes for the motion raised by the Delegate of Syria. The countries that did not give their speech yesterday were given priority. Delegate of Israel raised a motion for the moderated caucus on the topic "Illegal weapons in South African nations and the ways to control them." The delegates got so involved in the discussion that the motion to raise the time limit for the moderated caucus was raised twice and both times the motion passed with majority votes. Participation and enthusiasm shown by certain delegates

was commendable. There were certain moments when the big countries were dominant over the smaller ones and vice-versa. To sum it all up, the session went well and interesting. But of course, further involvement of all the delegates is encouraged.

## MUN Statistics



# MUN Crossword



## ACROSS

- The emergency situation that everyone threatens (6)
- 4) Member of the Dias (9)
- 6) Those person who represent countries (8)
- 9) Compulsory attire for men in MUN (4)
- 10) The messengers in the committees (4)
- 11) Those who work behind the scene (9)

## DOWN

- The final written solution ( 10)
- MUN is the \_\_\_\_\_ of UN. ( 10)
- 5) Discussions in the committees (6)
- 7) Second most powerful person in the committee (9)
- 8) A formal or informal form of debate (6)
- 9) Special Political And Decolonization Committee (7)

## Elves among shoemakers.



For the first time in Rato Bangala's 6 year history of holding MUN conferences, pages of ages as young as 12 are participating with admirable energy and vigor that makes them one of the most integral parts of the entire conference. Regardless of the fact that they are often deprived of credit of any kind, they work tirelessly, running up and down the stairs and back and forth between the rooms, torn between whether to answer to China who called them first, or Israel, who is nearer. They deliver anything from the most important secret negotiations to the trivial love notes and numerous requests of personal privilege. However, credit should be given where it is due and the pages certainly do deserve a lot of credit.



# The Real WoMUN

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## **Ms Milan:**

From students and teachers alike, praises for our principal just seem to keep flooding in. Said to be the very heart and soul of our MUN, she has nurtured and honed Rato Bangala's debating skills to the fullest. Ms Rajini describes her to be encouraging, ambitious and accommodating; allocating roles to even the young students of Grade six.

## **Apekshya Prasai:**

The executive members say she is strict when she has to be and lenient when she can; no matter what, she won't rest till all the details are absolutely spot on. "She makes for an excellent representative of the Taliban too", states the Vice Chair of HSC. I believe she's the type of Secretary General actually worth rising for every time she enters the committee.

## **Aishwarya Kansakar:**

"This chair knows MUN procedures down to the last letter", say the delegates of SPECPOL. She demands respect from everyone, but is well capable of earning it too. "Our committee is what it is because of Aishwarya", says the delegate of UK. Experienced, approachable and in command, she is definitely a woman of power.

## **Anushree Pande:**

Imposing and even rigorous at times, Anushree comes across as the most prepared of all participants in this conference. "She's even printed out some protocols for me", says the Vice Chair of Security Council.

"She definitely strives to make sure our committee is the best one", says the US Delegate.

## **Aadyaa Pandey:**

Behind her soft spoken exterior, Aadyaa has a commanding, powerful and firm personality. "She knows what she's doing and has every little thing under control", says the committee's Press member. The delegate of Pakistan shares that Aadyaa is always ready with a smile and very understanding when it comes to even the most unreasonable of statements. Most of all, she maintains her graceful poise and elegance effortlessly throughout the conference.

## **Veda Khadka:**

Bold, energetic and colourful, Veda's socks seem to condense her personality in a nutshell. She is an articulate chair, who manages to make the process of personal growth through debate a fun one. Veda, who's already proved herself at the prestigious HMUN, is the perfect chair, casual yet commanding.

## **Agrima KC:**

The Brazilian delegate of the Security Council, Agrima, is receiving praise from the Dias and her member delegates for both her meticulous research as well as advocating skills. Making extempore speeches with almost a professional touch, she readily takes control of discussions and resolution writing, setting herself apart within the committee.

## **Neha Rajbhandary:**

When asked about Neha, Ms Rekha simply said, "Oh wow". She's dynamic and confident, and her level of maturity exceeds that of her age. She puts her mind into what she says, and comes up with rather realistic solutions to even the most convoluted of problems. "Whenever I come in, she seems to be fully involved, open and focus in whatever she's doing", says our Unit Two Coordinator.

# Interviewing Miss Milan

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## **What motivated you to start the MUN 6 years ago?**

I think it's obvious, with the MUN, the students gain multiple skills.

## **Why MUN? Why not SAARC?**

Because MUN encompasses the whole world. They learn so much, you know, in terms of speaking, research, learning about world affairs, current affairs, being able to debate, understanding differing points of views. The learning involved is immense in the MUN. It is designed by the UN and it has worked out well. Even kids who are cynical get into it and enjoy it; so it's very empowering.

## **What are your expectations for this year's MUN?**

Actually I'm very happy because it's going very smooth. Yesterday was great, everyone was doing their work, they were all engaged and they were enthusiastic and people were very focused. Even the little ones were focused and they were doing their best. So, I'm quite happy. My expectation is that the conference should be successful and the learning should be meaningful.



## **When you think of MUN, which is the part you look forward to the most? Which is the most interesting aspect of MUN?**

The debates.

## **Which is the memory you treasure most? From the MUN?**

I just enjoy the kids having a good time and learning. It's really fun. Every year is special. Every time when we start practicing we'll say 'oh my god this year won't be as good as last years' but it turns out to be as good and sometimes even better. I'm happy that the kids enjoy.

## **Do you have any tips for the future? How can we improve?**

We really want to expand it a little bit more than we are doing. There are pros and cons. In Rato Bangala, all the kids participate in the MUN. In other schools, only selected students participate; just the MUN club, maybe twenty kids have groomed really well but here everybody from grades seven to nine, every single child has participated. But we make it optional in A-Levels because maybe some of them don't want to do it. So we'll lose that if we expand it to outside schools and make it regional. We will have to balance the two. So we are talking just now amongst the coordinators. What we're saying is maybe one year we should include other schools and alternate years we should just focus on RBS so that all the kids get the opportunity to participate. If we have outside schools in, then we have to select kids from Rato Bangala; we can't have all the kids, it will be too crowded, so that's our dilemma: whether to have all the kids from here or also have other kids. We think this is primarily to train our own kids, so we need to make a balance. Because it's our 20th (Anniversary) next year, if the kids who are organizing the MUN are really dynamic and want to expand it out of Rato Bangala, we will be happy to do that. But because it is a student-run programme, we want the students to say 'we want to expand it outside and take the ball and run to really get into it' because we can't do the work for them, we can only inspire them and help them, support them and scaffold them, but in the end it's the children's conference so they have to be excited about it

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# Japan—Netherlands

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Netherlands: What are you going to do to me? Japan! LOL!

Japan: Murder sounds good.

Netherlands: What ever! Like I care!

Japan: Lame :P

Netherlands: I curse you! You are not going to get to dance with the girl you want to.

Japan: I am going to get to, idiot :P

Get your facts straight Netherlands.

Netherlands: I bet you don't even have a date :P

How lame is that ?

Japan: You lost! I have a date! :P

And I bet you won't get the girl you were talking about, with Afghanistan.

And you can't even dance! LOL

Netherlands: I'm not after that girl, idiot. Can you even think? I'm beginning to seriously doubt it.

And I know how to improvise so I'm okay with dancing. :P

And can you dance, you brainless? :P

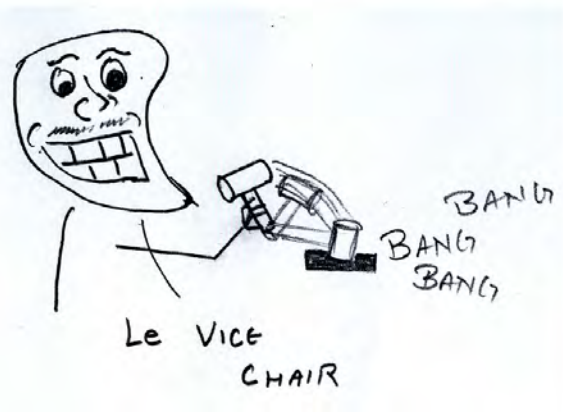
Japan: I can surely dance better than you. Like I care about who you're going with?

This argument you've made, bores me to death. Your level of thinking is beneath me. Don't expect any more replies from me, you idiotic girl/boy (not so sure).

Netherlands: Whatever. And your level of thinking is worse than mine. I won't accept any replies either, I'd rather tear it.

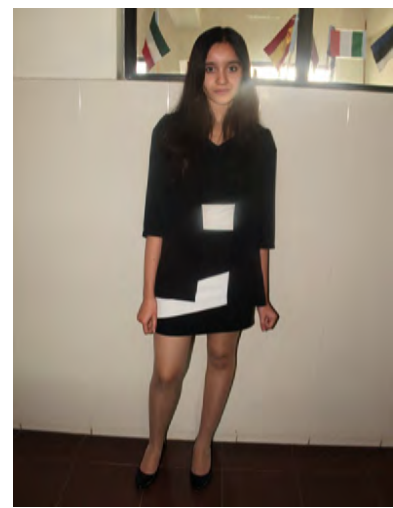
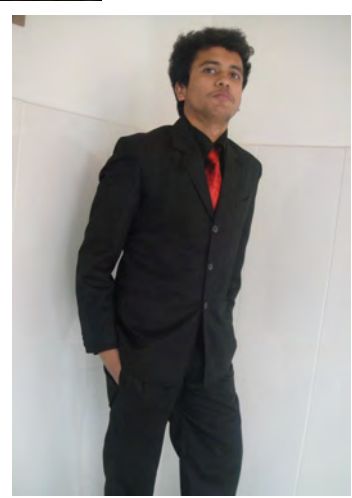


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**TALK GOOD, LOOK BETTER**



# Logistics



The logistics department plays a major part in every RBS MUN. Although they do most of their work before the MUN, there is no doubt that without the logistics department MUN would not be possible. It is because of them that delegates get to sit in well-organised committees. Even, the placards, which the delegates take for granted, require hours of work from the hard-working logistics department. Even after the preparations are over, they are still involved in ushering the parents and guests and taking them where they want to be. The MUN is like an enormous clock in which logistics department are the cogs that mesh together, allowing the clock to run smoothly and without a hitch. Although the logistics department remain largely unnoticed, the greatest of works are always discreet. The success of the MUN is a slap-in-the-face to those sceptics who casually laugh away the logistics' contribution. **WAY TO GO!!!**



## From the Editors:

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After fixing endless grammatical errors and spelling mistakes (and after approval from the teachers on every article) we've finally been able to come up with something, something good (\*crosses fingers in utter hope that you guys enjoyed scrolling and perusing through our MUN Chronicles\*). We somehow managed to enjoy the chaos happening in the press room (you can come and look at the mess we've made there) and also managed to bear the shouts, screams, accusations and countless "this is horrible" statements that were flung across the room by I don't know how many people. Us, press people had our own private MUN happening in the tiny room labeled "press". We had discussions, debates and "unmoderated caucuses" throughout the day so you guys don't get to say that the only thing we do is take out the newspaper.

MUN a concoction of allies and wars, finger pointing and advocating, has been nerve-wracking yet somehow gratifying process till now and we're positive it will be tomorrow as well and obviously we can't wait to see Mr. Scott De'Lisi (the American Ambassador) giving a speech tomorrow. What we've learnt till now is patience and how hard it is to handle numerous reporters and photographers in the kindest ways even with our fists clenching while we do it (sometimes, only sometimes). So we hope tomorrow we'll be able to give a VERY pleasing and engaging newspaper criticizing (when we need to) and praising (when we want to, hehe but we're impartial). Thank you. Kindly Raunak and Priyanka (Oh we have two more editors; you'll be seeing their work tomorrow, don't worry).

And an apology goes out to NATO and SC members for the turmoil we caused yesterday and sorry for decrying about certain things in your committee. Even though we do understand the whole concept of freedom of speech I do think the article was a little too much so we apologize but don't expect us to be really nice in the future, we're not prejudiced (we're the press), we'll just be a little more correct in our criticism. And I hope you got over it after the delegate dance, the very (VERY) enjoyable delegate dance.





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