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From Mesmerizing Dream to Magnificent Reality

Never had I realized my dream as closely as I did as MUN 2011 came to an end. It was a journey, memorable with an end, extremely emotional. The applause, appreciation and all the love was overwhelming and the joy was marked by tears.

Though there were times when it all seemed to be meaningless, all the work, all the stress, all the screaming and what not, but at the end it was all worth it. For I would live through it all for that one moment on stage when reality was surreal.

Three months ago who had thought that RBS MUN 2011 would be such a grand success. In fact, our beginning was marked by so much chaos, confusion and pressure, that MUN seemed like an impossible accomplishment. Initially, it was like a totally tangled up ball of strings with no way to untangle it. But gradually, the knots untangled one at a time and here we are proud of the result of our collective efforts.

From arranging the table cloths to writing speeches to representing the Taliban RBS MUN 2011 was an experience whose memories, of joy and despair, frustration and relief, I will cherish all my life. Three months of hard work and dedication did give all of us three days that we shall all remember till the very end.

- Apekshya Prasai (Secretary General of RBS MUN 2011)



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UNLEASHED!



The blasting of beats and lyrics from the speakers marked the beginning to the very first RBS Delegate Dance. What started out as a small group of rather enthusiastic girls dancing in the centre of the basketball court soon evolved to be much, much more. Like the way the energy from the heated discussions converted into heated dance moves we all saw the delegates who were raising motions and passing resolutions change into the dance monster that showed us how to get “low”.

A full on Dance Off soon began between Rohan, Sheran, Deepak and Hiroto, grabbing the attention of everyone present, and receiving cheers, applauses and many dropped jaws. They showed off their commendable B-Boying skills complete with a pinch of humour. The crowd dispersed back and the girls continued to sway and swing the continuously changing music.

Many of the executive members, *ahem* Apekshya *ahem* seemed to be letting their hair down and dancing away the stress of the past few months. Seriously though, our SecGen proved to be as capable of rocking the dance floor as she can the podium. Among the delegates, Tingi, Sarthak and Sajal managed to carry on their competition from the SPECPOL debates to the dance scene. Delegates who were previously presenting their country's stances were now showing us how to get “low”.

Pandemonium broke out as a couple of *dais* walked in with our food; white boxes from Hermann Helmers were being handed out and emptied in haste, as hungry delegates recharged their batteries. Bonfires were lit, and although the sky was fairly bright, they did manage to light up the mood.

When we thought that the delegate dance was over after eating pies and burgers and after sipping on the juice that was brought, the delegates surprised us by ball dancing in the Taylor Swift song that was played. After a run of romantic and starry-eyed dancing, the mood was promptly transformed by the hammering thumps of "Single Ladies" where the delegates were trying to emulate the popular dance steps from the video.

Later our very beloved Principal, co-ordinators and teachers joined and showed us how to disco. Ms Rajini was seen flaunting her disco steps as Ms Reena swayed along the music. The delegate dance completely lived up to its expectations (thank you organizers) and tossed all of us in a whole diverse universe where debating, arguing, accusing and advocating didn't exist. It had dancing, great food, a bonfire, friends, and teachers dancing with us; it was tremendously enjoyable and a tremendous success.



WE SEE YOU



DANCE DANCE!



Hey, don't worry my mom uses tide to wash my clothes.



THE JACKSON BOY!



Just give this innocent boy his food!



I FEEL BLISSFUL.

WE SEE YOU (cont.)



I'm a bit lost. HELP?



STOP! THE CHAIR
HAS HEARD
ENOUGH!



CHITTI :P



I THINK I'M HAVING
HAIRFALL. :(



The Delegate of USA is strong out-
side the committee as well and has
proven that with valid pictures.

Crisis in the MUN!



Crisis in the SC

As the delegates in the SC were intently discussing the aftermath of the resolution declaring the end of terrorism in Afghanistan, the secretary general walked in giving off an aura of alarm, announcing an epidemic of an unknown disease spreading around the coasts of Western Africa and Southern Europe. As the countries pledged their aid to the affected countries and discussed the option of rehabilitation of the victims, an update stating that the U.S. and French tankers which were attacked by an unknown force may have been responsible for the epidemic came in. At this point the committee urged the US and French delegate to disclose the contents of the ship, to which



the U.S. delegate complied by disclosing that the contents were raw materials for the manufacture of medicine. Unfortunately for the US, the next few updates revealed that the ship actually held materials for the manufacture of metals used in missiles. The updates also said that it was a Chinese Aircraft which shot down the ships. At this, the Delegate of China immediately defended her country saying that while the aircraft was state-manufactured, it wasn't state owned, and the Chinese Government did not order the aircraft to be sent, and China would undertake full investigation on the matter. After the much anticipated joint-statement of US and France was given, a new piece of information that the Russian Federation had a cure for the disease, but was not willing to give it up until the US and France got rid of all 10 missile bases they planned to initiate. The US and France were pressurized to give in to the Russian Condition and the Crisis was peacefully resolved.

Tackling the Crisis: DISEC

The news of the dangerous epidemic on Portugal, France, Italy and the nations of the northern and western Africa created an alarming situation in the DISEC committee. The spread of chemicals from the US tankers that caused the epidemic was being transported to the European Union for establishing ten missile bases throughout Europe. Though US Delegate assured that the missiles will be used for safety purpose, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Libya, Iran and several other nations remained unconvinced.



Later it was found that Russia possessed the antidote for the epidemic; it agreed to give it to the epidemic struck areas only if the USA and EU agreed to close the missile bases. It was because the production of missiles possessed threat to Russia. This news brought another clamor of discussion where USA and EU member countries tried to convince Russia that the missile were only for safety purpose but Russia kept its condition. Finally, there arose consensus among the EU members and Russia and the crisis ended with a good note and the delegates moved towards the resolution writing.

Crisis in the MUN! (cont.)



SPECPOL: Crisis well tackled

The intense debate in the SPECPOL was interrupted by the crisis situation. The determined members of the committee handled the situation very well indeed.



The crisis situation states about the deaths around the coasts of Western Africa and Southern Europe. Further updates claim that the US was transporting the toxic chemical to the E.U for the production of missiles, which was then followed by various perceptions. The delegates' seriousness towards the topic is very much appreciated.

There were firm statements made by the delegates of China, US, UK, Jordan, Netherlands and Germany. Suggestions about deploying experts and providing humanitarian and financial aid were put forward. In the end, the resolution was passed and SPECPOL was definitely a success!

CRISIS IN THE ECO AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Another crisis struck in the ECOFIN which left the delegates bouncing in their seats, leaving them ever more energetic to debate. An epidemic struck, taking lives of thousands people in Western Africa and Southern Europe. Causes remained unknown until an update exposed that missing cargos carrying hazardous chemicals bound to France from USA were destroyed by aircrafts made in China. Ports have been closed down and countries, specifically China, can possibly face severe economy downfall. Russia, being the only country with an antidote, formed conditions for USA and EU countries to give up artillery, which was agreed to. The delegates responded quickly to the crisis at hand. The Chair constantly tried to look for possible solutions, reminding the delegates that the ECOFIN committee must discuss the economic aspects and even come up with some solid resolutions. Sensible points made by Portugal, Germany, Libya, Australia and India were well appreciated. The committee finally moved onto produce apt solutions and a great resolution indeed.



All in all, in what was perhaps one of the best designed crisis situations in Rato Bangala's entire history of MUNs, and ECOFIN handled it very impressively. The engineer of this crisis definitely deserves a huge round of applause!

Crisis in the MUN! (contd.)



Crisis: Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee

Crisis struck the Social Humanitarian and Cultural committee as five-tankers going towards France were attacked. Reportedly, the airplanes that attacked the tankers were specially manufactured in China. The cargos were said to have contained industrial chemical, which had already spread through the soil and water destroying marine life and agriculture in the process. Propositions were given by the delegates to evacuate the people and create barriers to stop the chemicals from spreading throughout the ground but none of them proved viable because the situation demanded an immediate solution. An emergency was declared



and all the sea ports in West Africa were closed, which affected the economy of China and Africa as well. With an instantaneous solution required, the delegates finally started to come up with ideas such as providing food aid, doctors, etc. to provide relief to the victims. Mass contamination of shorelines and soil in countries like Egypt, Nigeria and Libya has led to an influx of refugees in Ethiopia also causing an escalation of crime rates, rape and gang violence. In an astonishing breakthrough, UN investigators found out that the US was transporting the toxic chemicals to the EU for the production of high-grade metal used in the construction of missiles. Further investigation revealed the US in collaboration with the EU planned to establish ten missile bases through Europe that could potentially reach the Middle-East and parts of Asia. A joint statement was issued by the US and EU that the missile bases were not intended to threaten any state.

Crisis in the NATO

The crisis situation in the NATO was a dramatic and rather amusing affair complete with fierce arguments, endless blame games as well as some long, awkward silences. Article 5 of the NATO treaty was invoked, which states that an attack on one NATO nation is an attack on the sovereignty of the entire organization. In the quest for the search for the best way to tackle the emergency situation, some countries got so passionate about their country's stance that an aggravated delegate ended up shouting "Guys, this isn't even really happening!" All in all, NATO handled the crisis quite impressively.



Crisis in the MUN! (contd.)



Crisis: Human Rights Council

In the HRC, the discussion of the crisis was moving at a slow pace. A cargo carrying toxic chemicals highly important for the economy of the EU was destroyed, generating a lot of harmful consequences, taking many people's lives; there was a scarcity of food as well as water. Yet, the delegates of the HRC were not being able to reach to a solid conclusion. Just then, the Secretary General entered the hall and seeing the delegates unconcerned she bellowed at the delegates making them aware of the magnitude of destruction that had been created.



Just then acknowledging the fact that the fighter plane belonged to China, USA along with its allies spurred like mad men and heaped up all the culpability upon China. While Ethiopia pleaded for justice, Kenya stated that the culprit must be punished so that other countries do not have to suffer from the same consequence in the near future. In the end, the delegates came to a commendable agreement, with USA and China promising to help the affected countries.

UNEP: FACING THE CRISIS “UNIQUELY”

The crisis situation hit the UNEP with a great deal of excitement, enthusiasm and a lot of discussions. The delegates seemed really energized and tackled the crisis very well indeed. It brought laughter, joy and escapade in the committee.

During the discussion USA was attacked by many countries. USA, however, numerously tried to convince the delegates that the missiles weren't for war; but, just for “SELF DEFENCE!”

As solutions for the crisis, the delegates of UNEP came up with very smart as well as unique ideas like “planting the unaffected plants of the forest in pots!” and “dipping sponge into the ocean to soak all the chemicals spilled into it...”

Keep up the spirit UNEP!



Crisis in the MUN! (cont.)



Crisis in the PRESS!

We also had our own private crisis in the press. The first crisis was the continuous grammatical errors and spelling errors (thank god for spell check) and the second one was the virus; the stupid virus that invaded our pen drives and ate up all our files. The virus was so terrible that whenever we inserted the pen drive in the computers all the files in the pen drive would change into shortcut folder and would refuse to open. It was quite an unpleasant experience but somehow we managed to tackle it (we are a strong, very strong press) and we came up with the chronicles and we know it's not good to praise ourselves but we think we did a good job. ;)



Four Glorious Years and More:



MUN has been more of a fantasy for about a lustrium now. I cannot exactly justify the dreamlike experience MUN has been in this article but I surely know that it is one of the best things that have ever happened to me and for many others. Running committee sessions, answering EASY to VERY DEMANDING questions of delegates and guiding the delegates to pave the way for a better society has made this year's MUN very memorable, edifying and self-satisfying. Getting accolades and cheers from respected teachers and hardworking delegates who acknowledged the efforts that went into making this conference successful felt extremely emotional, encouraging, and all in all, extraordinary.



Ever since my first MUN in grade 9, I have had an immense fascination towards MUN conferences.

However, there has been a colossal transition from me being a delegate for the first time to being the chair of Security Council and the key to this evolution has unquestionably been my huge appetite for this art of deliberation and discourse. I still recall myself nervously raising placards during the first few practice sessions of my first MUN and blatantly reading the text from my notebook during moderated caucuses. I also remember myself getting flustered with questions demanding modest competence. But all those moments of struggle were for a positive future as today I see myself confidently leading a panel of delegates: extremely smart delegates, who have not just learned and fortified their skill in the Security Council, but have given me the most valuable experience. All delegates researched thoroughly, analysed the information meticulously and voiced their opinions craftily and articulately in the practice sessions. I have to admit, the pressure we put them under throughout the course of the practice sessions might have been exhausting but as was displayed in front of our own eyes, the delegates of the Security Council have proved their abilities. They have proved how capable they are of assuming roles of delegates and completely submerging themselves in that role, they have not just demonstrated their proficiency in writing in the numerous position papers that were demanded, but more importantly they have proved their concern for global issues while they explored possible solutions to desperate regions of the globe. With the nuances of society, and the many aspects surrounding the discussions in the SC, I would consider this the "ideal" Security Council where delegates are strong-willed yet ultimately altruistic, and are able to put forth great solutions without compromising their national integrity and sovereignty. And, I am certain that this is not just the case in the Security Council, but in every single committee of RBS MUN 2011. If all discussions proceeded in this ideal state, the world would be, without a doubt, a few burdens free at the moment. I am extremely grateful for having been able to lead delegates from whose attitudes towards MUN and global issues as a whole we can derive a great deal of inspiration.

Though this MUN experience has been beyond any other experience for me, my journey in MUN is obviously not going to end here! I am still hungry to upgrade my skills in this art of diplomacy for I still see a long way to go. As I left my house in the first day of MUN, people in my surrounding were astonished to see me going to school in a professional suit. I said I have a conference at school. But within me, my mind was constantly asserting a point: NO! This is not a mere conference; this has been ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT parts of my life, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT parts of our lives.

(OUR: all the executive members and delegates who have been so passionate about MUN).

- Siddharth Pant (Chair of the Security Council)

The Committees



ALL IS WELL: DISEC

The session in the DISEC committee today began with presenting the resolution of the crisis and making amendments. The resolution sponsored by USA, UK, France and Russia passed with unanimous votes. This resolution was forwarded to the Security Council and as also approved with undisputed votes.



The committee then progressed to amending the resolution on “Nuclear proliferation and the threat of nuclear terrorism.” The sponsors of the resolution were UK, USA, France and Ethiopia. The efficient participation shown by Somalia, France, Syria, Italy, Brazil and China in amending the resolution was praise-worthy. The committee rose into claps when the resolution as passed with majority votes signifying that the committee as successful. **JOB WELL DONE!**

The End, ECOFIN.

The Eco Fin committee was way ahead of the other committees and before the tea break successfully produced two resolutions approved both by the Security Council and the committee members. Sponsored by Israel, Libya and Indonesia, the resolutions were thoroughly amended and with 32 yes and 1 no, the resolutions were voted for. After two long days of the session, the delegates raised a motion for entertainment. Experiences were shared and even those who had remained silent throughout the sessions seem to enjoy themselves. It was evident from their smiles that everyone was having fun including the Dias and the pages. The press would like to congratulate every delegate of this committee and the Dias members for their hard and passionate work.



NATO Recharged!

After yesterday afternoon’s rather dreary session, delegates of the NATO came today with renewed vigor and were determined to come up with concrete resolutions about their topic. The first moderated caucus passed with a clear majority, and the discussions about improved relations between the SCO (the organization consisting of big players like Russia and China) and NATO were of an impressive, mature level. Some countries like Spain and France were very clear in their view that good relations with Russia are extremely important for future NATO endeavors but other delegates were far more apprehensive. Delegate of USA motioned for a moderated caucus on the postponement of Georgia’s membership into the NATO, but Delegate of Costa Rica was more concerned about Nepal’s membership (which was, of course, dismissed by the chair as absurd). All in all, the NATO session today was interesting, and fruitful.



The Committees (cont.)



Bang in the HRC

Eyes of gloom widened, and breaths were held back, as the much awaited resolution encountered a devastating failure. With only one approval and five oppositions for the resolution, the sponsors, i.e. Ethiopia, South Africa and Kenya were deeply dejected. The main foundation of the failure is allegedly the disapproval of the sponsors to accept the demands of France and U.S.A., who were enduring economic recession themselves, and were thus incapable of financially supporting the affected nations.



However, with even more zeal and passion, the delegates came back with a bang. Their fresh dynamism was pioneering. As a result, the delegates of HRC enthusiastically, self-motivated, put forward an even better resolution, which passed. The small mistakes have been like milestones for the formation of an astounding resolution.

SOCHUM through the eyes of the press:

Being involved in the MUN as the press was just as exciting as it was for everyone else. It definitely stood out from the rest all thanks to the chair, vice-chair and the moderator. The chair was very entertaining, and was really charismatic (a real charmer) and kept the session from turning monotonous. The vice-chair was stern yet she didn't disappoint because you could see that she had a funny side to her as well. The moderator was very soft-spoken but she was the one who brought the committee in order. The delegates of the committee were mix of different people from the ones who never stopped reasoning, the quiet ones and the witty ones, which made the entire session more thrilling. We also do not want to forget the adorable pages that were at some point irritated by the tedious tasks of delivering all the conversations, love letters and who-knows-what-was-written-in-there chits yet they still did their job quite well. The chair seemed to be really impressed by the performance of delegates, "To be honest, we have become like a family now! We have enjoyed each other's company thoroughly. I made some great friends." And why not be impressed when the delegates were so disciplined and so active in this committee. At the end of the day all the running from one place to the other, listening to each and every speech with intense concentration and typing everything out was all worth it.



The Committees (cont.)



The Third Day of History

The day in Historical Security Council started off with the United States of America making a statement about the crisis situation which took place yesterday evening. The council had received a video situated in the Guerilla base of the North Vietnam. This video showed American marine soldiers being tortured and forced to play Russian Roulette against their will and beaten into submission when they refused. Later the council was informed that the video was taken from hidden cameras by the CIA. However, they were also informed that this was a setup by the CIA. The unexpected arrival of "Mrs.Cong", the widow of one of the marine who was shot, made the delegates realize that the situation was even more intricate than they had believed it to be. It was obvious that Mrs.Cong was deeply traumatized and yet she had still come to encourage the delegates to end the war as soon as possible and bring about peace.

Upon hearing this, the delegates seemed to become more enthusiastic and were even more determined to end the war. They started to debate upon the various ways in which peace could be re-stored and frequently lobbied with their allies to come to a conclusion. They also succeeded in making communiqué's. In the middle of the discussion of the communiqué's the chair disclosed that there had been yet another crisis. This time the crisis involved the bombing of the North Vietnamese factory by the American aircraft which resulted in the death of about two hundred and fifty workers and several hundred civilians were injured.

On the whole, the security council has been a rather fun committee for us, press to be in and has been a great learning experience for us. The press would also like to encourage delegates to be as active, confident and disciplined everywhere.



The Committees (cont.)



Security Council

The third day of the Security Council was not something that would raise the reading in the thermometer, but neither was it the complete opposite but since SC has been very active (VERY, perhaps the most active among all the committees along with SPECPOL) for the past two days we can overlook this. The morning started with two failed motions for moderated caucuses on two important topics. However, when Brazil raised a moderated caucus, the motion was passed by the discretion of the chair. The delegate of Germany took care to entertain us with his ringtone, culminating in him being suspended from the SC for 5 minutes. Delegates from the UNHRC presented their resolutions in the SC, which failed when nine delegates abstained from voting. The delegate of Russia was ridiculed by the delegate of India by asking him if the delegate of Russia was substantiating 'The Economist' magazine, but it turns out that the delegate of Russia was referring to the "Economists, the experts." Soon after, the air of SC was very competitive. The level of debate rose very high. An SALW resolution passed unanimously.

Not long before lunch, the SC transformed into a semi-formal committee. The delegate of Nigeria proposed a moderated caucus on the topic "Using Brazilian supermodels as weapons of mass distraction." Someone (I'm dying to name who) stated that the "great curves" would be an asset to their mass distracting ability. Soon after, the press was called to dance, as a form of apology to compensate for an innocently misunderstood but wrong fact printed on the MUN Chronicles. The press was immune to shyness, however and danced so well that the whole SC erupted into cheers. The delegate of Brazil entertained us with "Samba" dance and the moves displayed by the delegates of Lebanon and India was also commendable. Even the Moderator and Secretary General did not hesitate to show a few moves.

All in all, the SC was a successful committee thanks to the VERY active participation of the delegates the really prepared, knowledgeable and commanding chair.



The Committees (cont.)



UNEP- ON ITS THIRD DAY

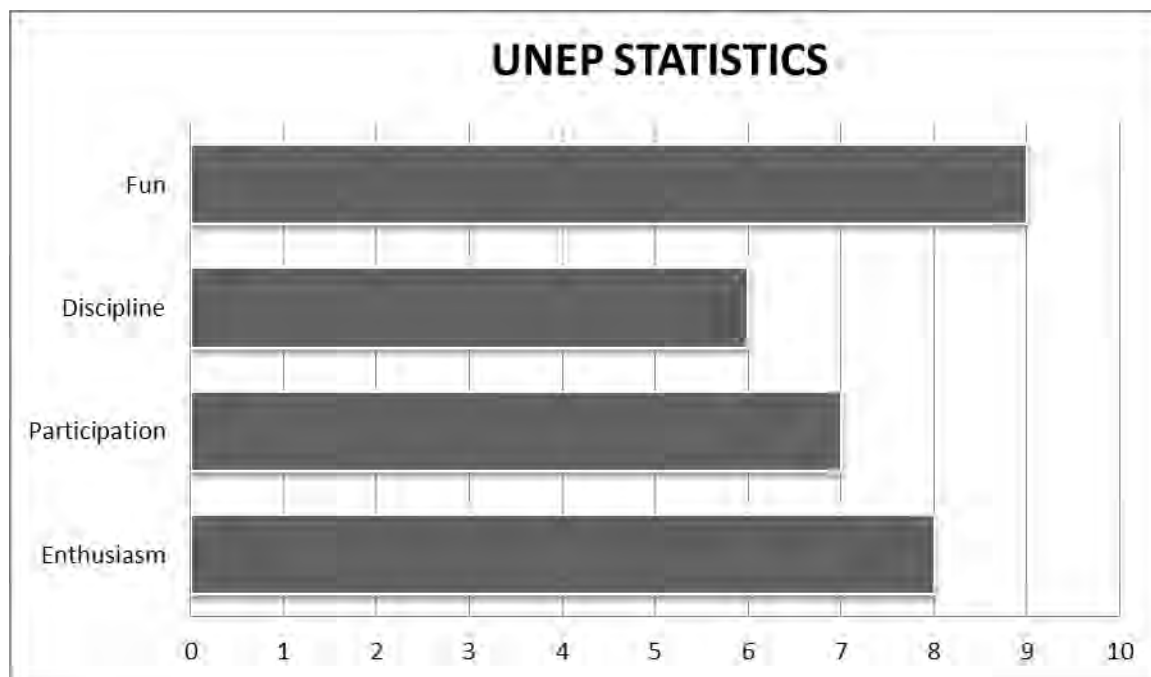
The UNEP continued its session similarly like the previous days. It entertained moderated caucuses and a speakers list. The delegates came up with interesting discussions. USA, Norway and Afghanistan were the most commendable delegates of the session today. These delegates proposed questions, gave confident answers and tackled their stances really well.

An argument between Norway and USA based on USA funding Brazil heated up when these delegates defended themselves quite well and their questions never ended. USA has given Brazil money so that each citizen of Brazil gets a dollar each to run their family. This discussion grew more and more when Norway, unsatisfied with the fund asked “Is giving one dollar to every citizen of Brazil enough to run their family?” to which USA replied that Norway is talking of the times of George Bush. Norway really annoyed replied to this by requesting Barrack Obama to change the statements of Bush if so.

The session today got informal at times and delegates of one corner of the room were shouting to delegates in the other corner. Moreover, the chair got really irritated and fed up when the EU based countries sat quiet when they were suppose to answer the accuses they were passed for illegal timber trade. It seemed like the EU countries admitted accused and approved that they did trade timber illegally. However, the United Kingdom kept on shouting for support and continuously defended itself.

Us, press people have seen the dias members of this committee grow as well and how they have helped their delegates grow. Especially the chair, with her amazing patient behavior and preparation has helped the delegates of the committee grow into more confident and well-versed delegates.

All in all, UNEP has been an extremely entertaining and fun committee to be in with a very knowledgeable Dias members and enthusiastic delegates. KEEP IT UP!



The Committees (cont.)



TRIUMPH IN THE SPECPOL

After the chair declared that the resolution had passed in the SC (with almost unanimous votes), the enthusiastic delegates responded with celebrative table banging, and the day at the SPECPOL began. The delegates seemed eager to get the committee off to an avid start. Discussing the future of the Gaza strip, the delegates never seemed to be out of points of information. (Keep up the excellent work with the research delegates!) There was never a moment in the SPECPOL when placards weren't in the air and when the delegates weren't eager to express their views. In fact, due to the excess of placards raised in the air, the Dias had a difficult time deciding who to pick.

Discussing the fate of the Gaza Strip, the committee was divided in two: those supporting Israel and those supporting Palestine, each wanting the Gaza Strip for their country. According to the delegate of UK, Israel should have the Gaza-strip to further develop the area but later return it to the Palestinian government. Further diplomatic suggestions were put forward by the delegate of USA and Jordan. The Delegates of China, UK, Netherlands, Germany and Israel never seemed to be out of words.

Any enthusiastic committee needs an equally enthusiastic chair. The press has observed that the chair of the SPECPOL is perhaps the most authoritative and influential. There is a visible difference in the atmosphere in the committee in her absence, not that the committee is any less ardent.

After the heated debate on whether the Gaza Strip should be given to Palestine or Israel, the committee came to the conclusion that the Gaza Strip should be monitored by both Israel and Palestine for 3 years and be given to Palestine after the time period. Also the West-Bank should be given to Palestine and the East Jerusalem becomes international.

The committee which was in all time decorum even while a fierce debate was going on turned out to be a huge success making it one of the best committee in RBS MUN 2011!!



Moment of Humour



ERROR ERROR!

Us, press people have made several errors in the names of delegates and other members of the MUN, here are some of them (correct names are in the brackets):

Raghav Poddan (Raghav Poddar) – France

Rajashwee Upadhyay (Rajshree Upadhyay) – China

Jai Gola (Jai Golchha) – Russia

Sabal Lausal (Sabal Lamsal) – South Africa

Bimal Singh Rajbhandari (Bimalsen Rajbhandari) – Cuba

Shaibhyaa Rajbhandaray (Shaibyaa Rajbhandari) – China

Agrit Madhwani (Akrit Mudvari) – South Africa

Tings Gurung (Tingi Gurung) - China

Yashashashi Shrestha (Yashashwi Shrestha) – Egypt

Sasha Sharma (Sashank Sharma) - Vice-Chair of ECOFIN

Anushree Panday (Anushree Pande – She gets really angry when you misspell her name, we're saved) – Chair of DISEC

So delegates you should really thank us for not putting your names as the ones listed above.

Other Stuff (Page Notes):

“Our chair blushes like an apple!”

Russian Federation: “If this issue occurred two months ago, why are we discussing this now?”

France: “Because the UN meeting wasn't held then”

Chair -“Russiaa has the best hair in the history of the UN”

USA : “maile kantha pareko chhu yo” (the UN charter)

“Study Guide sarera hero banna khojdai thiss, daro flop khaiss, khuching ”

Chair : “Delegate of China ho not Chinese delegate“

Delegate (MUN First Session, 15th December): Can you please write me down the topic?

A delegate in the ECOFIN Committee: Could the Secretary General come quietly and not give us a heart attack?

“To protect the workers from the toxic spill, USSR will provide special suits with enzymes all over the suit.”

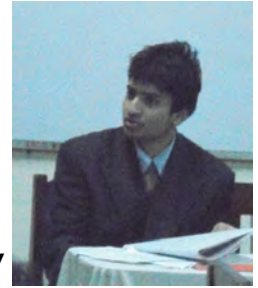


Your Say on the Vice Chairs



ECO-FIN: **Shashank Sharma**

“He has an evergreen smile. Very helpful, wouldn’t have been so successful without him”



HSC: **Amber Upraity**

“He loves to BANG the hammer! And he talks really well. Iron-handed.”



SPECPOL: **Samikshya Siwakoti**

“Lively, a laptop-lover!”



SOCHUM: **Shreepriya Poudel**

“She promises the delegates chocolates if they strive to make the committee fun!”



NATO: **Nirabh Koirala**

“Passionate and threatening! Very, very good at being the vice-chair.”



SC: **Prakriti Shrestha**

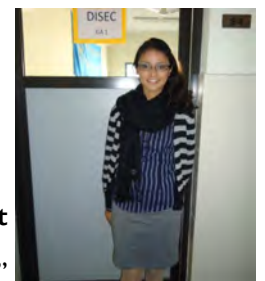
“She’s an amazing vice-chair. Shouts when required and is mostly really nice

to us.”



HRC: **Niharika Pant**

“Helpful and ‘atti’ formal”



DISEC: **Aarya Dixit**

“JOLLY!”



UNEP: **Ankita Simkhada**

“Deserving and responsible”



Your Say on the Moderators



ECO-FIN: Lisa Maharjan

“Cheerful and really sweet.”



HSC: Shreya Pokhrel

“She’s sweet and ready to lend a hand.”



SPECPOL: Rakesh Burathoki

“He’s funny and helpful.”



SOCHUM: Arya Poudel

“She’s the best I could ever ask for! Extremely helpful and respected me as the Chair!” (the Chair)



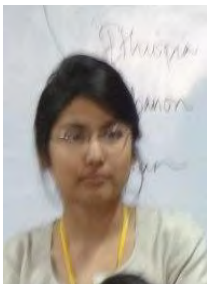
NATO: Parina Shrestha

“She’s very quiet but really good.”



SC: Prakriti Sapkota

“She was very helpful.”



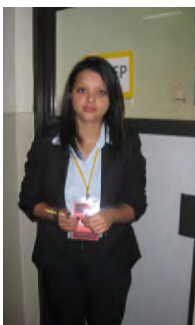
HRC: Porcia Manandhar

“She was quiet and she didn’t even sit a lot in the committee, kept standing and working throughout.”



DISEC: Avinab Shrestha

“Quiet but nice.”



UNEP: Abhilasha Thapa

“Cool and talks in the committee as well”



Our Awards

And so the award (our own awards, after three days of inspecting and scrutinizing the committee's and everything in the MUN) goes to...

Overall Awards:

Most active committee: Security Council and Special Political and Decolonization Committee

Most disciplined committee: Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs Committee

Most fun committee: Historic Security Council and UNEP

Most convincing and commanding chair: Veda Khadka and Siddharth Pant

Most funny and quick-witted chair: Veda Khadka

Best dressed chair: Aishwarya Kansakar, Aadyaa Pandey and Aswasan Joshi

Best dressed vice-chair: Nirabh Koirala and Prakriti Shrestha

Best dressed moderator: Abhilasha Thapa and Avinab Shrestha

Most prepared chair: Siddharth Pant and Sonish Raj Pant

Most prepared vice-chair: Nirabh Koirala

Most knowledgeable chair: Aarjit Adhikari

Most knowledgeable vice-chair: Ankita Simkhada and Nirabh Koirala

Most cheery chair: Sonish Raj Pant and Aswasan Joshi

Most cheery vice-chair: Samikshya Siwakoti

Most deferential chair: Aadyaa Pandey

Most deferential vice-chair: Prakriti Shrestha and Shashank Koirala

Most powerful and potent chair: Anushree Pande

Most powerful and potent vice-chair: Amber Upraity (very iron-handed also)

Most altruistic chair: Aswasan Joshi

Most altruistic vice-chair: Shreepriya Poudel

The sweetest chair: Neeva Shrestha

The sweetest vice-chair: Prakriti Shrestha

Best MUN EVER: RBS MUN 2011 ;)

Best speaker of MUN: Apekshya Prasai (the person behind it all, awesome-EST Secretary General ever)



Our Awards (Cont.)

Security Council (SC):

Best Dressed (Male): Anav Pradhan

Best Dressed (Female): Shaibyaa Rajbhandari

Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC):

Best Dressed (Male): Wangden Sherpa

Best Dressed (Female): Rajshree Upadhyay

Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN):

Best Dressed (Male): Chirayu Thapa

Best Dressed (Female): Shriti Joshi and Evaniya Shakya

Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM):

Best Dressed (Male): Aloukik Pant

Best Dressed (Female): Satyam Ghimire and Jyotsna Gautam

Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (SPECPOL):

Best Dressed (Male): Tingi Gurung

Best Dressed (Female): Tsering ZL Shrepa

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO):

Best Dressed (Male): Sonam Shrestha

Best Dressed (Female): Shrena Nangia

Historic Security Council (HSC):

Best Dressed (Male): Saubhagya Deoja

Best Dressed (Female): Isha Raut



Our Awards (Cont.)

Human Rights Council (HRC):

Best Dressed (Male): Rohan Lama

Best Dressed (Female): Aishwarya Shrestha

United Nations Environment Program:

Best Dressed (Male): Siddhant Begani

Best Dressed (Female): Saudamini Sigdel and Dipashna Acharya

Logistics:

Best Dressed (Male): Dibyamshu Shrestha

Best Dressed (Female): Garima Shrestha

(*CLAPS* *CLAPS* *CHEERS*)





The Awards

CONGRATULATIONS DELEGATES:

Security Council (SC):

Best Delegates: Shrabya Timisina (USA), Aayush Poudel (France)

Special Mention: Rajwol Joshi (Russian Federation), Shaibyaa Rajbhandari (China), Agrima KC (Brazil)

Verbal Mention: Akrit Mudvari (South Africa)

Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC):

Best Delegates: Raghav Poddar (France), Wangden Sherpa (USA)

Special Mention: Pratistha Rijal (Syria), Brihat Rajbhandari (UK), Rajshree Upadhyay (China)

Verbal Mention: Nirupan Karki (Israel), Kunga Shrestha (Italy), Jai Golchha (Russia)

Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN):

Best Delegates: Saurav Sharma (Israel), Ural Mishra (Portugal)

Special Mention: Shirish Khatri (Libya), Chirayu Thapa (India), Ayush Acharya (Germany)

Verbal Mention: Bishesh Bajracharya (Gabon), Richen Dolma Ngokhang (China)

Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM):

Best Delegates: Neha Rajbhandary (USA), Satyam Ghimire (Israel)

Special Mention: Aloukik Pant (Colombia), Sampurna Basnet (China), Jyostsna Gautam (South Africa)

Verbal Mention: Max Clark (Japan), Rahul Shrestha (Afghanistan)

Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (SPECPOL):

Best Delegates: Tingi Gurung (China), Sajal R. Satyal (UK)

Special Mention: Karan Sharma (Ethiopia), Sarthak Sharma (USA), Devanshu Prasad (Germany)

Verbal Mention: Nirantar Yakhumba (Netherlands), Ishaan Sharma (Israel)



The Awards (cont.)

Historic Security Council (HSC):

Best Delegates: Swecchya Rajbhandary (USA), Bimalsen Rajbhandari (Cuba/East Germany)

Special Mention: Saubhagya Deoja (West Germany), Shrema Shree Bista (Soviet Union), Somaj Shrestha (Turkey)

Verbal Mention: Aayam Poudel (UK), Aanchal Agrawal (USA)

Human Rights Council (HRC):

Best Delegates: Rohan Lama (France), Kaustuv Bhattarai (Lebanon)

Special Mention: Kritika Yadav (Japan), Subekchya Shrestha (Ethiopia), Nisha Bhatta (Kenya)

Verbal Mention: Sabal Lamsal (South Africa), Yashashwi Shrestha (Egypt)

United Nations Environment Program:

Best Delegates: Abhaya Gauchan (USA), Siddhant Begani (Afghanistan)

Special Mention: Rinchenla Lama (Syria), Pranaya Shrestha, Pema Lama (Japan)

Verbal Mention: Pranaya Chand (Egypt)

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO):

Best Delegates: Sonam Shrestha (Norway), Yondeen Sherpa (France)

Special Mention: Ashraya Upadhyaya (Spain), Swastika Khunjeli (Greece), Ananda Gauchan (USA)

Though I hardly think that these awards will be questioned but in case somebody thinks that these people shouldn't have got what they got (deserved) then let me remind you that these awards are only given after analyzing and grading the following things: participation in the official session, position paper, country profile, how prepared you are, participation in the practice sessions. So therefore all of these aspects have been considered and decided and those who won deserved it.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Doodles





MUNs Got Talent





The Closing Ceremony: Systematic Chaos!



All is well that ends well, and the RBS MUN 2011 ended exceptionally well with a grand closing ceremony that is sure to be a cherished memory for all attendees. Keeping aside the fact that the ambassador for the USA to Nepal, his excellence Mr. Scott De' Lise could not grace the ceremony with his presence due to an unfortunate Nepal Bandh, everything went very smoothly, including the Secretary General's poignant speech, moving comments by the chairs on their committees, and who can forget, the uncontrollable bouts of excitement from delegates who managed to win awards. It was a bitter-sweet occasion for the delegates as well as the organizers, because other than growing as global citizens and expanding intellectual horizons, MUN also served as a platform to meet new people, befriend strangers, spend half a dozen Sundays with friends, and simply have loads of fun. The closing ceremony was filled with adrenaline pumped teenagers (who were, by the way, making more noise than a room filled with crying babies), but amidst the raw energy, you could sense that everyone was genuinely happy about having accomplished something in these extraordinary three days. When the Secretary General walked to receive her certificate the whole auditorium stood up including the Dias members (very rare), she was given a huge roar of claps and the audience exploded with cheers, she calls it "her most proud and emotional moment" and we call it "the moment she deserved". The MUN was a product of her relentless hard work and she fully deserves every clap, every cheer heard in the auditorium. As the secretary general pointed out in her speech, the food crisis may not be solved, arms may still be proliferated, and Afghanistan may still be war-torn, but after three days of accusing, debating, compromising and negotiating, we can all say with great certainty that it isn't impossible to change this. Hence, it is an end to another chapter of the deep rooted MUN culture of the Rato Banglian lifestyle, but come the chilly mornings of December 2012, we all know what everyone is going to be looking forward to!





EDITORIAL (A FINAL GOODBYE)



I first participated in the MUN in 2008. I used to find it extremely boring and deemed it to be a complete waste of time), though I have always wondered about the feeling of winning a best delegate. Then since we weren't allowed to participate in 2009 the next MUN we got to participate was 2010, last year and unfortunately and unthinkingly I didn't participate. I wondered around places for entertainment, and laughed at how hard people were working in MUN (researching the whole night and preparing whole day), little did I know that I was an imprudent idiot who hadn't realized how remarkable MUN was and is. In 2011, I finally participated as an Editor and because this is what I wanted I do not regret not being a delegate, though I realize that experience is a spectacular one. As an Editor, I went around committees and stayed in two committees for an hour or so each (DISEC and SPECPOL) and I was very impressed. Besides the fact that both the committees were really active I was impressed by the effectiveness of MUN in shaping people's attitudes and ambitions. I learnt so much of important current in affairs in the hour I stayed in both committees; imagine how much people learn by being there all the time! Then it struck me, MUN helps, I was blind not to see how it changes people into hardworking and more efficient delegates and how it helps them realize issues of global importance. Its ability to teach people become confident, prepared, and powerful and shrewd is indeed very amazing. It isn't merely just a mock United Nations session; it really is influential and mighty. The three days went in a blur; I really enjoyed myself as an editor, as a member of the MUN who got the opportunity to witness this appealing art form called MUN.

Editing numerous articles in the pressroom was a hectic job but "cheddar cheese pringles" and the really amazing reporters was really fun along with being very irksome sometimes (just sometimes). From the first day – getting into a suit and coming to school and "bossing" a team of reporters was a enjoyable job. Though it was a bit muddled the first day, we still grabbed and threw away that stumbling block and got the newspaper out and voila controversy! Haha. Every newspaper needs its bit of controversy, in this real world we need a bit of everything (criticism is our Chemical X but after spilling the wrong one we did apologize for that and gave a more factual paper the next day).

MUN has brewed patience and confidence in me and I surely think that has done the same for hundred others. It must have given many (including me) the muscle growth required to move ahead and I'm charged up. You don't need to drink "Redbull" to give you wings, grow one on your own. How hard is it? You need to gather up the potency to do something (obviously something good) and join the MUN and be very active in it. So for people who get to join next year please do join and work hard I assure you that the experience will be worthy of the time and effort you will spend.

So finally I'd love to thank everybody, the reporters, photographer, cartoonists, fellow editors for making this a success and working so well. Oh and Miss Secretary General thank you for everything, especially the Delegate Dance, everything. You dance really well and proved yourself in the delegate dance along with the delegate of UK (SPECPOL), our very own cartoonist Hiroto and our beloved vice-chair of NATO, Nirabh Koirala. I will definitely miss MUN. Bye-bye MUN *makes sad face*. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Miss Milan, Miss Rajini, Miss Rekha, Miss Shova, Miss Archana for all the help.

I really don't want this article to end since it would mark the end of our journey and the continuation of life, on a whole different planet, where there's homework, no biryani for school lunch, no photographs, and no gadgets allowed and no MUN. This feeling of sadness refuses to abate but whatever I do I can't stop this from ending. SO I'm going to go and abandon you in the monotonous aftereffects of the MUN though I have to suffer them myself. Bye bye readers! It has been quite a journey.

Take care.

Kindly, Raunak



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