

## TWO DECADES OF DIPLOMACY

**A GRAND KICKOFF: DIPLOMACY DEBUTS, AND COMEDY NIGHT !**



### **Welcome to LUMUN20!**

LUMUN's return is marked with sleepless nights spent planning, and this extends beyond the host team to the delegates, who, if we may venture to say so, must have thought about and planned their upcoming four days. Yesterday morning was, in fact, a realization of everything that we have all been working simultaneously toward achieving. At the precipice of the twentieth edition of LUMUN, the host team operated as a unified unit, prepared to propel the delegates through the check-in procedure. We would like to express our appreciation for the delegates' patience as they eagerly awaited their registration packages and were graciously welcomed to the twentieth iteration of LUMUN.



### **Gavel in, Laughs Out: Day 1 ignites!**

Every journey must have a beginning, and in true LUMUN tradition, we mark this beginning with an Opening Ceremony highlighting our utmost commitment to diplomacy and passion for change that has characterized the two incredible decades of LUMUN's history. We honor LUMUN's historical legacy as we welcome our keynote speakers, who enlightened us with their valuable insights. Since we are all too familiar with procrastination, we're sure you might even be able to use some of it in your speeches.

However, the curtains cannot be raised on LUMUN20 without recognizing the consistent efforts of the Executive Council, who have diligently helmed this ship to get us right to this moment, seconds away from the official commencement of debate, and what are sure to be the four most exciting days of your life (And no, the concert may not have anything to do with it!). Once again, dear delegates, welcome to LUMUN20, and we hope this edition of LUMUN sets the stage for another twenty years of excellence and collaboration.

## From Treaties to Trivial Pursuits: LUMUN20's side hustle.

Forget dry treaties and fiery debates, MUN got a dose of Desi giggles this week! "Tehreek e Comedy" stormed the stage with their side-splitting sketch "Sasti Baat," a laugh-a-minute talk show where political satire met masala mayhem.

Imagine Imran Khan (with just the right dose of swagger), Shehbaz Sharif (complete with a mischievous twinkle), and Bilawal Bhutto (don't forget the hair!) all vying for your vote in the most unorthodox way possible. Each party rep played with hilarious accuracy, laid out their platform in true "jugalbandi" style and promises, weaving in and out of witty barbs and audience-roaring one-liners. But the fun didn't stop there! The sketch morphed into improv gold, with audience suggestions fueling hilarious scenarios and side quests.

By the end, cheeks ached from laughter, and political stances were momentarily forgotten in the universal language of comedy.



## Committees in Session

At the heart of LUMUN lie its committees, which are each unique with their own potential for diplomacy and resourcefulness. It's only the beginning, but here at Publications, we've got you covered with all the important updates!

True to its reputation, in UNSC, delegates wasted no time to engage in heated debate over the topic. Stress levels in the room were high until the delegate of Germany, a victim of the notorious Lahori smog, burst in just two minutes before the end of the session and, with a bright smile, complimented the chair's beard. This got the delegates laughing, but this was short-lived as the chair let them know that there were things he loved and hated about the day's session. When questioned, he refused to elaborate further to "keep the competition alive," leaving the delegates scratching their heads for what's to come next.

Over in the moot court, DISEC was in full swing. With delegates furiously scribbling away and crossing out speeches, the atmosphere seemed tense to say the least. The chairs made an effort to ease their worries, constantly providing them with reassurance and addressing any concerns as soon as they were brought up. At some point in the session, delegates complained that the ten second delivery time for chits was far too much. If this waiting period seemed long, we can not imagine how delegates would react to the delivery time at Jammin.

From the icy halls of Geneva to the scorching sands of refugee camps, UNHCR fights tirelessly to provide a safe haven, a flicker of hope, for those who have lost everything. Today, we witness their crucial work unfold as nations clash and collaborate, seeking solutions to mend the broken tapestry of human lives. Delegates of numerous countries, e.g., Russia, Iraq, Djibouti, etc., have made their stances known, and we can only wait and watch as this debate develops.

PNA, as always, was a crowd favourite with delegates going above and beyond to ensure a spot in it. Although this was an extremely competitive committee, the chairs were warm and welcoming, particularly towards delegates with no previous experience in MUNS. They spent most of the first session going over rules and procedures to ensure every participant understood what was required of them and so, everyone had an equal shot at victory.

The sterile confines of the UN chambers are unaffected by the icy howls of the wind outside as another storm brews within SPECPOL as it takes center stage, grappling with the icy frontiers of delimitation. Delegates, seasoned and fresh-faced, lock horns in a battle of rhetoric and diplomacy. From the glacial peaks

of national interest to the thawing currents of compromise, the floor crackles with the heat of debate.

In the electrifying air of UNCSTD, delegates from every corner of the globe hack into the future, their fingers dancing on keyboards, sculpting a world shaped by AI. Forget dusty treaties; here, lines of code weave dreams of progress, each resolution a pixel in the grand mural of tomorrow. But the brushstrokes aren't all binary - ethical anxieties whisper concerns, reminding us that AI's symphony needs human harmony and responsible orchestration. Will these digital pioneers pave the way for a utopia or paint a dystopian canvas? Join us as they navigate the tangled web of AI, pixel by pixel, laugh by laugh, towards a future brighter than any silicon sunrise.

In the dimly lit underbelly of the criminal world, a different kind of committee session unfolds. Welcome to UNODC, where delegates shed the skins of nations to don the trench coats of detectives, forensic analysts, and undercover operatives, locked in a thrilling global pursuit - the fight against organized crime and illicit drugs. In the dimly lit underbelly of the criminal world, a different kind of committee session unfolds.

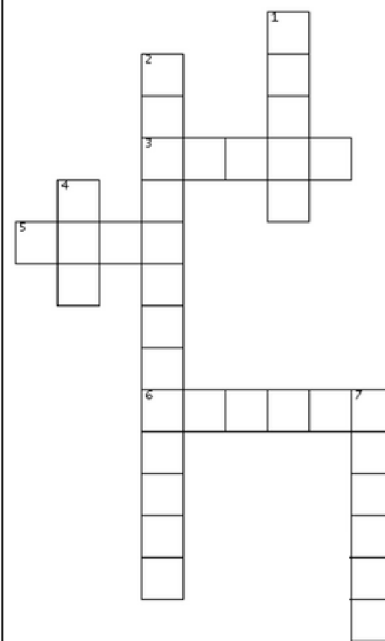
Beneath Bangkok's glittering crown, UNESCAP hums with the pulse of Asia-Pacific progress. Here, collaboration trumps clashes, as delegates weave a future where prosperity and sustainability intertwine. From Japan's AI vision to the Maldives' climate plea, dreams take flight, fueled by regional cooperation and shared determination. Stay tuned as UNESCAP charts the region's vibrant future, thread by thread.

Forget clashing gavels, SOCHUM sings a different tune. Voices, brushstrokes, and symphonies weave understanding across cultures, from Amazonian chants to Syrian pleas. Art sparks dialogue, silencing divides with dance circles and film reels. More than celebration, SOCHUM builds: education, cultural preservation, artist activism. Each story, a brushstroke in a brighter future, painted with empathy and hope. Stay tuned, for in SOCHUM's vibrant canvas, every voice shapes a world where justice dances with beauty.

It is said that "two can only keep a secret if one of them is dead," however, ADHOC's topic remains LUMUN20's best kept secret. From the Chair's address to delegates being confused by the Pirates of the Caribbean theme song, the committee was filled with anticipation. But nothing is certain as we step into Blackbeard's war committee to talk about the Fall of The Pirate Republic! Yes, that's right, we're going back in time, and we cannot wait to watch this debate unfold as we touch again on the golden age of piracy!

## LUMUN Crossword

Think you know LUMUN? We invite you to put your skills to the test with this crossword!



### ACROSS

3. LUMUN's primary International Conference
5. His socks don't miss (EC Member)
6. LUMUN20's Head Delegate

### DOWN

1. LUMUN's secondary International Conference
2. Keynote speaker
4. No. of Committees in LUMUN20
7. The city where the first MUN took place