



## The Ahmedabad International Model United Nations

**Motto: "IT TAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCES TO MAKE A DIFFERENT WORLD"**

### **Objective**

The Ahmedabad International School Model United Nations (AIMUN) aims to mould students as peace loving, global citizens who engage in dialogues, discussions, negotiations and debates to reach consensual goals. A student 'delegate' would be better informed through research, involvement and interaction, of views and interests of other country delegates thereby gaining better understanding and moving towards the larger goal of world co-operation and peace which is the ultimate objective of the United Nations

### **Event - I**

The AIMUN started functioning from June 2006 under the guidance of Dr. Namita Agrawal our MUN coordinator. MUN meetings were held on Saturdays where in we were introduced to the objective and working of an MUN. We were proud to be able to introduce AIMUN, to the whole school, through a 15 minutes skit in the morning assembly in September. Parents too got an opportunity to see our new venture in the Cambridge Orientation Programme held at school .

### **Event -II**

#### **Dhirubhai Ambani Model United Nations Conference:**

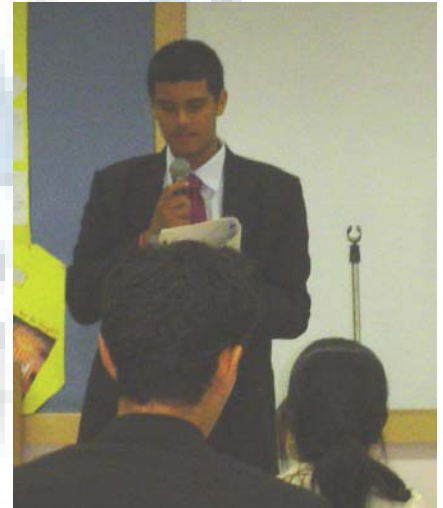
Date: 14th September 2006

Venue: The Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS), Mumbai  
Countless hours were spent researching the given topics for the Dhirubhai Ambani International Model United Nations Conference (DAIMUN). The delegates had to understand the topics and prepare their given topics thoroughly from their country's point of view. Our 26 students represented delegates of Japan, Brazil, France, Zimbabwe, Zambia, China, Human Rights Council (HRC) and non-government organizations (NGOs) like High

Commissioner for Refugees (HCR). Draft resolutions had to be prepared on at least two of the given topics before leaving for Mumbai. There were six committees in all, each with their own topics. The students had to be perfectly clear with all their country's objectives, as well as their stands on the topics. They had to know their country's foreign policies, their allies, the poverty level of their country, and its economic status. Knowing the important officials of the country did not really help in the debates, but came useful as some of the reporters at DAIMUN wanted to know who had done their research thoroughly. All delegates had to study how to address the committee and chair, and what 'points' or 'motions' could be put in motion. The students had to get used to referring to themselves in the third person. The whole MUN this year was based on The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) procedure.



Some of the topics in the General Assembly (GA) 1, the Economic and Financial Council were-strategies to reverse the “brain drain” from developing countries and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development: progress in implementation and international support. In GA2, the committee on Disarmament and International Security they worked on cooperation between member states in maintaining international security in the face of international terrorism and the situation of nuclear security in Iran. In GA3, the committee for Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Affairs they discussed religious discrimination, racism, xenophobia, and the right to culture, and Globalization and its impacts on the full enjoyment of human rights. For Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC),the topics were crime prevention and criminal justice including international drug control, and trade opportunities besides the traditional financing support for LDCs. For Security Council, there were issues of nuclear proliferation in Iran, and the security situation in Somalia with reference the border dispute with Somaliland. In the Human Rights Council (HRC) the topics were-the convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings and the Human Rights violation at the Abu Ghraib prison by U.S troops, Our delegates maintained a diary which brings a first hand experience to you. Read on .....



**Day one - 14th September – Gather, lobby, merge!**

The students were briefed by Saahil Karpe, the president of the General Assembly (GA). They were given the names of the committees they were assigned to, as well as their plaque cards, and official badges. Speeches were given by the aviation minister- Mr. Praful Patel, and Mrs. Nita Ambani- the director of the school. The delegates then proceeded to their own committees, where they had to first give a concise speech stating the name of their country as well as their stand on each of the topics. They were allotted a certain amount of time for lobbying and merging their pre-made resolutions, and sending them to the approval panel via the logistics members . The draft resolutions had to be read and approved by the panel before they could become an active resolution, and/or be debated on in the committees. The delegates broke into groups depending on their topics.



**Day two- 15th September – Discuss, amend, approve!**

Resolutions were proposed and debated on. A certain amount of time was allotted for delegates to speak 'for' the resolution, and the same amount of time 'against'. Delegates could propose amendments, but they had to be voted on before they were accepted. Delegates could put forward motions to extend or reduce the debate time. Points of personal privilege were put forward if the delegate was unable to hear the speaker, or for any other personal reasons. Whenever voting took place, all the members of NGOs, along

with members of logistics, press members, and observers had to leave the room. This was followed by an interactive session. After this session, they went back to solving world issues.

### **Day three- 16th September – The plenary!**

In the morning, the delegates were given an enlightening speech by the ex-head boy of DAIS on the crisis of racism and general discrimination. The delegates of Economic and Financial Council (GA1), Committee on Disarmament and International Security (GA2), Committee for Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs (GA3), HRC, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) then assembled in the school auditorium for the General Plenary. Here, the best resolution from each individual committee was put forth and voted upon by all the members of the committees collectively. The only resolution that failed to be passed was from GA1. The resolution for the ECOSOC was not discussed, as it was too long and there was not enough time. This form of debate was the first of its kind in India. At the end of the Plenary, a member of THIMUN addressed the committee, saying he was proud to announce that DAIMUN was now an official THIMUN affiliate. The ceremony was then came to an end, and certificates were received by each student for their participation in DAIMUN. Following this, we collected for a school photography session with our MUN coordinator Ms. Namita Agrawal !



### ***Learning experiences:***

The students thought that coming to the conference was a wonderful exposure. It helped them improve their communication and public speaking skills. It gave them an opportunity to interact with the people and to be confident. The conference was fun, as students got to meet people from different parts of the country and of the world. They learnt how to debate and speak in front of a large crowd. The students were impressed by the DAIMUN newspaper, The Pulse, which was given to them every day. DAIMUN was extremely informative, and the overall experience was really good, as it helped students become familiar with world issues. They were impressed by the organization of everything and the confidence of the delegates, and the heads who conducted things so well.

### ***TIT BITS :***

- ☞ The delegates soon learnt that their chairs' favourite words were 'Delegates', decorum! These words were constantly repeated in each and every committee at least 10 times in half and hour!
- ☞ The delegates had a dance party on the 15th, where they had a chance to mingle, and socialize with one another, in an informal atmosphere. Everyone got a chance to know each other better.

↳ The school cafeteria, was a place where they learnt how the school ran, and what kind of food was served. The speeches made formed an indelible impression..

### **EVENT-III**

#### **ODDYSEY MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE**

Date: 18th November

Venue: St.Xaviers Loyola, Ahmadabad

The countries participating were Japan, South Korea, USA, Australia, New Zealand, China, and Saudi Arabia. The topics discussed here were fictional.

The conference finally began at 10 25 when the delegates took their seats. The 'issues' on the agenda were:

1)A epidemic in South-east Asia which was caused by a virus VR6 originating from a specific species of trees, Acacia Sinensis - The delegated had to find a solution on how to control this disease and finding out ways to cure it.

2) PACRIM agro, a conglomerate of companies from Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand which had been developing artificial food substances but some of these products were stolen and the delegates had to find out ways of safeguarding the interests of PACRIM agro and the countries associated with it.

After an hour of discussion and debating the delegates reached the decision that China should stop producing oil from the trees and research should be done on the virus Saudi Arabia should agree to supply China oil at subsidized rates was also decided.

The debate ended with the judges giving out prizes based on the confidence of the delegates and the way they presented their points and views. Australia came in first with the UK and China in the second and third places respectively . Delegates of AIS represented Saudi Arabia and South Korea. The judges did mention that the delegates of Saudi Arabia and South Korea began with really strong points but didn't build up on them. It was a learning experience for AISians and prepared them to become future organizers.