THE SPIRIT OF THE HAGUE: Waving the Flag of Tomorrow

K’naan’s iconic line “...they’ll call me freedom, just like a wavin’ flag.” Meanwhile, delegates hailing from across the globe proudly carried the flags of countries stretching from Timor-Leste to Mexico to joyous cheers radiated throughout the auditorium. Everyone sat on the edge of their seats smiling and feeling the incredibly global scale of THIMUN.

While it has been tradition to play Wavin’ Flag at THIMUN for years now, the song’s message about finding security and unity resonates with this year’s conference theme “Work in a Globalized World” in a unique way. Many delegates have already begun to resolve issues unifying work, globalization, and democracy. Although daunting, the speakers at today’s ceremony provided some helpful insights in both conducting oneself as a delegate and unpacking these issues related to THIMUN as a whole, sometimes in ways one might not have expected.

In his welcoming address, Co-Chair of The THIMUN Board of Directors, Alain Meidinger, stressed the importance of the media in seeking these goals. “To argue and debate, to distinguish between a truth and a lie, we need to be well informed. A well informed society is surely the best counter-power to authoritarian regimes, corruption, and fake news!” Clearly, Mr. Meidinger addressed a point where globalization and democracy face a threat.

We also heard from THIMUN’s two keynote speakers. The first, alderman and Deputy Mayor of The Hague Saskia Bruijins, stressed the importance of empathy in collaboration. “We need to work together. We have no other choice.” Bruines said. She then continued “I don’t believe in the idea of every man for himself. I believe in being open and honest. I believe in the power of new generations.” She concluded optimistically by encouraging delegates to “Train the capacity for empathy. It will serve you well for the rest of your life.”

THIMUN’s second speaker Guy Standing, a professor of Economics at the University of London, spoke about how the “globalized inequalities and insecurities started to multiply. And the winners began to organize around a new class structure...” distorting democracy. He warned delegates of the “political monster” of alt-right conservatism that does not care for the common worker. Additionally, he stressed the value of work and empathy in order to generate a new income system and progressive economic policies. These skills are essential to working in a globalized society.

This spirit of a globalized society was exemplified by the choir performance as Director Idan Goldwasser hoped. As mallets struck the marimba and Ghanaian djembes added syncopation to colorful voices, chills swept across the room once again. Just like the collective spirit of THIMUN, the choir was a collaboration between The American, British, and International Schools in The Hague. In an interview prior to the performance, Goldwasser said “the reason I chose the song is that it has more of an international feel to it that relates to everyone...It really gives a feel that music is a universal thing and can bridge through everything.”

Concluding the opening ceremony, Secretary General Davina Stamp addressed the three most challenging components of work and globalization: the polarization of the workforce, the globalization of virtual work environments, and the perpetuation of the transnational worker. “We are a representation of the extraordinary connectivity that currently facilitates the evolution of the global workforce. When debating remember that one day we will be valued for our transnationalism our ability to have discussions,” Stamp said. These words could not be truer for the next few days.

By Jasper MacLean

IMPORTANT events

Tuesday, 29th January
09:00 - 17:00 Best Delegate Workshop Level 1 (for MUN Directors Only)
19:30 Movie Night of Trumping Democracy

Wednesday, 30th January
09:00 – 12:00 UNODC E4J Workshop (for MUN Directors Only)

Thursday, 31st January
09:00 – 17:00 Best Delegate Workshop Level 2 (for MUN Directors Only)
12:00 Present by T. Royaards: The Power of Cartoons
13:00 Ambassador’s and Heads of Delegation Meeting
17:00 MUN Directors Meeting with Board of Directors

Friday, 1st February
16:00 Closing Ceremonies

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A Film by Thomas Hutton

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Contrary to popular belief, "MUN as we know it is about more than drafting policy and shifting res- olutions. At THIMUN, for example, with an absence of any form of awards or official recognition, I often questioned a delegate’s incentive to participate sin- cerely. Research into the history of the con- ference, however, has practically tripled, with a focus on poverty, education, health issues and mal- e development. Thailand, for example, is one of the few countries that is making great strides in reducing poverty and improving the well-being of its citizens. At this year’s conference, it was noted that the poverty rate in Thailand has decreased from 30% in 1995 to 5% in 2018, which is a significant improvement. In- spite of these efforts, however, the poverty rate remains a major concern, particularly in rural areas. Many young people from these areas struggle to find employment and earn a living wage. This is a problem that needs to be addressed, as it affects not only the individuals involved but also the broader society. It is crucial that we work together to find solutions that will improve their lives and help them achieve their goals.

Wage Gap

While the wage gap may not be immediately obvious to some, it is a reality that affects many people around the world. The wage gap refers to the difference in income between men and women, or between different racial or ethnic groups. In the United States, for example, the typical woman earns about 80% of what a typical man earns. This gap is not only a result of gender discrimination but also of systemic factors such as education, experience, and opportunity. It is important to address this issue, as it affects not only the individual but also the broader society. It is crucial that we work together to find solutions that will improve their lives and help them achieve their goals.

On the Differences Among Human Rights Definitions and Child Distress

The first step is none other than understanding the terminology. Many people believe that the terms "human rights" and "child rights" are interchangeable. This is not the case. Human rights are defined under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was adopted on December 10, 1948, by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The UDHR states that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." This includes the right to be free from torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment. It also includes the right to freedom of expression and religion.

Child rights, on the other hand, are defined under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which was adopted on November 20, 1989, by the United Nations General Assembly. The CRC states that "to enjoy the human rights defined in the UDHR as to promote the general welfare of hu-

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Although we live in a world in which there is an increasing awareness con- cerning global issues, THIMUN being a perfect example, severe inequality per- sist, ingrained in the basis of economic structure. In industrial countries, average labor productivity tends to increase at a rate as much as average wages did between 1999 and 2017, according to the Inter- national Labour Organization. In higher economically developed countries, glob- al wage growth has stagnated, decreas- ing from 0.9 percent to 0.4 from 2004 to 2017, clashes with ever increasing living prices and complicating possi- bilities for economic growth. Wages in less economically developed countries, however, have remained static, with a wage growth rate of roughly 4.3 percent. Decreased in debate, international politics, and con- flict resolution. “One of the biggest reasons that participants in MUN are meeting people from all around the world,” says Mackayla Stanley, delegate of Finland from the Historic Security Council (1989). This conference itself hosts delegates from Taiwan, India, Turkey, and Indonesia, to name a few. David Nguenhein, the Ambassador of Saint Kitts to Nauru, General Assembly 4 (KSN), having from the Netherlands, expressed, “A friend from Turkey I met has a very different point of view on the European politics than I do.” This exempli- fies an MUN conference’s ability to act as a medium for understanding and understanding issues which one may think he has already completely figured out. More recently, as Guernsey highlights, MUN depicts how, “Every voice counts. Even the smallest countries still get to have a say.” Whether it’s global diplomacy, business, or even a class discussion, such equitable representation is an ideal that each delegate must take away from MUN, and apply to every context.

Another important skill that delegates develop through MUN is networking. “There’s a few people that I normally apply to study the same thing that I am at simi- lar universities,” says Nguenhein. He still keeps in touch with delegates he met last year. “Feeling this in mind, interacting, discussing similarities, and social- izing, is imperative, especially in an environment that brings together and stimulates discussion amongst people with overlapping passions. Share your public speaking skills through these encounters, speak to a diverse range of people, keep in touch, and most im- portantly, have fun.”

MUN, in its essence, is a simulation of reality. Here in Europe until it, we experience the rhythm and the ac- tivity of a publishing house. At the International Court of Justice, the witness hearings and perpetual debate are as close to real-life trials as it gets. The Historical Security Council discuss issues from the past, and quite literally learns from our mistakes. Such happenings we are native to an MUN conference and is the practical, problem-solving, quick-thinking skills that they foster are invaluable.

At the end of this five-day conference, it might be difficult to put the significance of a single MUN conference into perspective. But just like me, you’ll find that what you take away this week is more than just MUN.
SNAPSHOTS OF
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ONE TRAM DOWN
THE EFFECT OF DISRUPTIONS IN PUBLIC TRANSPARATION

What happens in a city of commuters when the tram is down? The route of tram 1 in The Hague has shortened since August of 2018 and the rail is predicted to be completed by February 11, 2019. While there is a replacement bus, the complicity of the public transport system continues to lead to delays and confusion. “It was really cold today and it was really windy and since our head is not at the station[,] we had to walk all the way out and then catch a bus,” Emily Solim Sung, delegate of the Philippines in Special Council 2 said. “We almost got separated from our group because the bus was really crowded, and we didn’t have space to fit everyone. It was really chaotic.”

Although TRIMUN is a primary reason for how full buses are now, the tram being down also affects people visiting The Hague. In light of the conference theme, “Work in a Globalized World,” it is important to consider the impact of this problem on the local community.

“It’s obviously a massive problem because a great part of The Hague, at least what I’ve seen, is pretty pedestrianized so people don’t really have much of an alternative, and in this weather condition you can hardly walk,” observes Amna Tawalaby, delegate of Senegal of the Security Council (HSC). “So they can’t take their cars, they can’t walk, and without the trains, they’re pretty much stuck.”

KPMG, meanwhile, the company that operates trains, buses, and light rails in The Hague, has a website, www.kmg.nl, on which both delegations and locals can find important information. The website details when the company hopes to finish the construction, what buses are running as replacements, maps of the area, and alternative options for each tram stop that is currently out of order. The main buses that serve as replacements are the 31 and 61.

Transportation is an integral part of the way to work and a platform of other destinations for many. Public transport offers benefits, such as the fact that it is more environmentally friendly than taking cars, but it is also the most talked about in the community, subject to problems like construction. The way to TRIMUN might be slightly complicated due to current circumstances, but the challenge is ultimately worth it for all involved.

By Amalia Anhalt

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ONE TRAM DOWN
MORE THAN JUST A SOUVENIR

The effects of disruptions in public transportation were far-reaching. Among others, two themes emerged: the necessity to reuse water bottles, and the issue of dietary concerns.

WHY WATER BOTTLES?

While reusing the water bottles, being conscious of the environment and making an effort to recycle instead of losing the bottles, are because people like [me] already brought a water bottle to the conference, and I didn’t want another one, and just giving me more plastic does not necessarily help the situation. Ozel offered the solution of finding a method of not losing them to begin with. “It’s incredibly bad as using disposable water bottles. Even if it’s plastic I can’t use only one reusable water bottle to avoid detrimental effects on the environment.”

When questioned about the water bottles, admin staff member Anike Mayer said, “It is very good, since last year we served from reusable water bottles, and this year they decided to use reusable ones... it also sets a good image on TRIMUN. Although Mayer did not use a water bottle, which staff member Anke Sengel did, Mayer told us that at TRIMUN she uses the bottle throughout TRIMUN definitely and Sengel would preferably reuse it. Fortunately, the water bottles seem to have serving benefits for both reusable water bottle users and non-users. As such, Barenbaum said: “I therefore recommend returning to use reusable water bottles, being conscious of the environment and making an effort to recycle instead of losing the bottles.”

Another benefit of the bottles is that they are brighter [a Path] free structure. “This problem with the small disposable water bottles is that they make the plastic look less rainbow like quality.”

By using the TRIMUN bottle, you minimize the amount of harm to your body that is associated with using typical plastic bottles. Overall, the reusable water bottle initiative is a step toward attaining sustainable goals. Although the bottles may seem to be overproduced, they are still used in the conference for both long term and short term periods. One sip at a time.

By Dalil Jung

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THE HAGUE
MUSEUMS
MODERN ART
Visit the Gemeente Museum which currently has a very nice exhibition on women and fashion.
Address: Lomonossowsenko Museum, 2517 MH Den Haag
Recommendation by: Amalia Anhalt, Press, John F Kennedy School
DUTCH ART
Visit the Mauritshuis, an art museum with exhibits from Dutch artists.
Address: Plein 29, 2513 CS Den Haag
Recommendation by: Stan Loosman and Daniel Kamp, Admins
NEW PERSPECTIVES ON WORLD ISSUES
Visit the Humanity House Museum to discover stories of refugees in their own voices.
Address: Prinsegracht 15, 2517 MH Den Haag
Recommendation by: Sofia Gourvitch, Security Council, Shape International School

RESTAURANTS
ITALIAN FOOD
Eat at Vapiano, an Italian chain serving everything but fromm straw to pizza. They also take away and delivery.
Address: Boezemanstraat 43-45, 2512 DH Den Haag
Recommendation by: Salome Cohen and Lorenza Rubin, Admins

ARGENTINIAN FOOD
Eat at Los Argentinos for top quality steak and other dishes. They have a salad bar and other dishes that you can choose from. They also have 24 different kinds of wine.
Address: Hardinxveld 48, 2511 DH Den Haag
Recommendation by: Raul Hurdana, Admin

JAPANESE FOOD
Eat at Sumo’s, a restaurant serving sushi and cooked specialties. According to Admin Daniel Kamp, “It’s close to Central, fancy, and not too expensive.”
Address: Prinsegracht 15, 2511 EH Den Haag
Recommendation by: Daniel Kamp

FAMILIARITY
Five Guys
Address: Spui 10, 2511 BS Den Haag
KFC
Address: Spui 2, 2511 BS Den Haag
Greg’s
Address: Spuiweg 6-8, 2511 BT Den Haag
Hobgoblin
Address: Spuiweg 4-4, 2513 JB Den Haag
Dunkin’ Donuts
Address: Spuiweg 10th, 2511 BD Den Haag

Recommendation by: Sofia Gourvitch, Security Council, Shape International School

STUDENTS TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION
COOL PLACES TO VISIT & THINGS TO DO
MOVIES IN IMAX
Go to the Omnimax, the biggest film theatre in The Hague. Due to the subpar weather this week, they are offering a 20 percent discount. The movies are in Dutch, but if you download a special app, you can follow them in English using your phone and headphones.
Address: President Kennedylaan 5, 2517 JK Den Haag

ENTERTAINMENT
Go to the Pier and Ferris Wheel in Scheveningen.
Address: Strandweg 156, 2586 JW Den Haag

SHOPPING
Go to the big shopping street Grote Marktstraat in the center of The Hague.
Address: Van der Weideplein 19, 2517 HD Den Haag

GROUP ACTIVITY
Go ice-skating by the Uithof, because who doesn’t love ice-skating?
Address: Jaap Enderdon 10, 2544 NE Den Haag

CHINA TOWN
If you are looking for an international feel, visit Chinatown for the closest experience to being in China that you can get in the Hague.
Recommendation by: Sylvia Loomans and Daniel Kamp, Admins

CENTRAL AREA
Visit the Buitenhof, a central square in the Hague that has many important buildings, such as the Gedenszul and the Hofvijver around it.
Recommendation by: Salome Cohen and Lorenza Rubin, Admins, AHS

ARCHITECTURAL GEM
Visit the Peace Palace which houses the ICJ, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague Academy of International Law, and the Peace Palace Library.
Address: Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KH Den Haag
Recommendation by: Sofia Gourvitch, Security Council, Shape International School

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As international delegates strive to forge a globalized community, they are faced with the challenge of sustaining work opportunities and combating climate change. However, the sentiment is that working within a globalized society is imperative to the future success of countries.

Speaking as the delegate of Israel in General Assembly 2 (GA2), an essential attribute to being a successful delegate is “communication,” because if you want good public speaking, it is “essential” to try it, as it is good for the committee’s discussion on the resolution. Another strategy to captivate your audience and produce engaging lobbying is to make bold statements and socially engage with fellow delegates. For many delegates, you may initially leave them “dumbfounded,” yet contributing to the exchange of opinions is essential to being successful.

Somehow, if you raise your placard very high or wave it or swing it, it doesn’t help at all. You can only maintain the attention of your chair by simply making questions and good speeches. It is extremely important to be open to ideas and to be flexible, as it produces diverse and multi-sided resolutions. Finally, finding its way to the top of the list of important contributions is an alliance with other delegates will be of utmost importance to you. If you wish to find the correct path to your chair to the floor, it is important to have a good sense of humor, who presents himself or herself as a “good delegator” to any delegate wishing to gain control of the floor.

By Cecily von Salmuth
**Games & Puzzle**

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*Find the answers in tomorrow’s issue!

**MUNITY PICKS**

Tuesday’s Issue of MUNITY imitates de Volkskrant, a Dutch daily morning newspaper. Founded in October 1919, de Volkskrant was originally established as a Roman Catholic newspaper. It is one of the nation’s top national newspapers, and has a circulation of about 290,000 worldwide. In 2013, de Volkskrant received the European Newspaper of the Year award in the category of nationwide newspapers. Its website, volkskrant.nl is visited by 450,000 viewers and has more than 500,000 subscribers.

CORRECTION:
We would like to apologize for our mistake in Monday’s issue. Humans of THIMUN, Karina Strauch attends Frankfurt International School.