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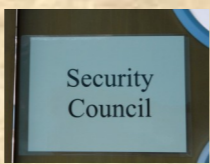


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French or English?? by Hana El Badrawy



Dear delegates, one thing you should know about OISMUN is the following: it is a unique conference, without a doubt! What makes our conference different? Well, it is organized by the most determined, active and welcoming students! You will ultimately be surrounded by their 'Oasis Spirit' during five unforgettable days. That's not all...OISMUN is also a bilingual conference! Have you ever attended conference of that kind? If you haven't, let me assure you that bilingualism is the catalyst to the international spirit we seek in, not only MUN, but in the United Nations Organization itself.

In our conference, we intend to enhance the awareness of the participants concerning international issues. Therefore, we aim to develop the delegates' debating, social and linguistic skills. Known for organizing its annual conference in both English and French, OISMUN is surely one of its kinds in Egypt—as it truly offers a chance for dialogues, international cooperation and exposure to different cultures (and languages)! The reason behind the bilingual conference is that the (24/7 hard working

students of Oasis International School study multiple languages. A *Mathématiques* class, followed by English Literature double lesson, topped by a *lección española* may get a bit overwhelming sometimes. However, our students have automatically learned to manage it, and enjoy it too!

At OISMUN, we give everyone the opportunity to choose the language in which they wish to debate. If you're an English speaker, you can pick among The Security Council, The Environment Committee, The International Court of Justice and other forums. *Si vous parlez Français*, you can join The Human Rights Committee or The Security Council. If you speak both, choose what you prefer between the variety of committees, because each one is special in its own way! If you chose to be in the English Disarmament Committee, allow me to warn you that the honorable presidents, Salma Safwat and Nour Kandeel, will hit you like nuclear bombs! As my best friends, I assure you that they will blow you away in every session! If you chose the French Human Rights Committee...well, it's about time to

know that you are going to deal with. Fellow *délégués*, your president Inji Yasser is an ultimate fashionista! Make sure that you put on your most elegant outfits, because your honorable president will turn your committee into *Paris Fashion Week!*

Furthermore, having a bilingual conference gives us the opportunity to bring together people from numerous world-wide regions. Which means, that you will make friends from ALL around the world—How awesome is that?! Whether you are in English or a French committee, you will definitely have a blast! Last, but not least, OISMUN is surely an event for freedom; during the conference, you will fearlessly debate like pros. Once you step out of the conference door, for breaks or outings (you better be excited for that) you are FREE to communicate in any way possible— including the *Gangnam Style!*

Delegates, bring your international love spirit to the five unforgettable days of OISMUN... and get ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Advice on being a good delegate by Mostafa Hassanein

What is MUN? The model of United Nations is an opportunity for each and every student to explore a preview of one of the world's most prominent organisations. Furthermore, the student is also proffered the chance to develop and defy his personal competences and aptitudes as a human being during this journey. In fact, MUN has no actual rapport to your reality, it doesn't matter if you're the "class clown" or the "brilliant", in MUN you incarnate the role of an eminent leader, a model to be looked up to. This expedient experience allows you to be something more than you already are, you can make a difference, you can make influential choices, in MUN, you're an actual somebody. Consequently, each participant should be keen on delivering their best and proving themselves through their hard work and determination. Now, let me give you a few pointers that will help awaken the distinguished delegate you are.

Firstly, it is primordial that you heed full attention and concentration during the 'Club Mun' meetings, in which the honourable chairs and deputy chairs shall proceed by introducing the different councils, the topics being debated and a brief explanations of how things will be going down. After having listened to all the possible choices, it is imperative that you contemplate the options and discern the council that stimulates your mind and entices your interest. Evidentially, if you integrate yourself in a council that is not adequate to your fancies or preferences you shall not be performing your duties correctly with fervour and motivation; in the contrary you'll be negligent and frivolous. In brief, choose a council you like, with topics you enjoy debating. Secondly, preliminary research is always recommended. Seeing as you know the council you'll be joining in advance, you will also be aware of the topics and subjects you shall undertake. Hence, having a general background and initial knowledge of what is being discussed will give you an upper hand. Moreover, through this general understanding of the council it will make you not only feel tranquil and unperturbed throughout the week of MUN but will also facilitate the work you'll be accomplishing after being assigned a country. Finally, once you are allocated a country or delegation it is indispensable that you do extensive and scrupulous research on your country, its foreign policies with all concerned entities, read and adhere completely the crisis being treated and know your partiality concerning resolutions and decisions being made. Furthermore, it is highly recommended to attribute full respect to the guidelines set out by the chair in order to avoid unwanted trouble.

To sum up, winning the superlative of best delegate or becoming the best delegate you can be is not a laborious task. It does however incite your fortitude and willpower to self-improve and allow yourself to achieve new standards of development and brilliance. Actually, MUN is a perfect occasion for all those hiding in the shadows and staying away from the spotlight to accumulate the bravery and audacity it takes in order to take initiative and regain control of their lives, thus taking their deserved position in society.

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Reminiscing

By Farida Karim

Throughout the conference week, the school strives to make it the most memorable experience possible. And although it takes a lot of hard work and dedication, it all becomes worth it at the end. The process of preparing for the long awaited week differs year to year. For the year of 2013, the OISMUN team thought looking back at last year's conference would be a great way to reminisce about the unforgettable event and get us excited for the upcoming one. And in order to do so, we have collected the opinions of last year's secretariat, students who have participated in last year's MUN conference and of several outsiders.

"The thing about MUN, and OISMUN in specific, is that it is not the quantity of knowledge you gain that is important but it is more of the experience one gains through this experience. OISMUN has been a great opportunity to acquire qualities such as team-working, organization, leadership and many other that are difficult to gain from school work. In sum, OISMUN is not just a random conference you may attend and forget but it is a unique experience that will be always be cherished. OISMUN is truly a lifetime experience." – Samih A. Talaat, OISMUN '12 Secretary General

"A MUN conference is when students put on their suits, their dresses and heels and start acting like true politicians. OISMUN is different. It is a conference where it is mandatory to grow old but optional to grow up. OISMUN is THE conference where you get the chance to debate, argue and think like a boring 50 years old man, and still enjoy your time. This is due to the lovely atmosphere that inhabits the whole conference. OISMUN is not just 'a conference', it is something, still undefined, but eternal and never dies because it will always last in each and every heart." – Mariam Al-Mokadem, OISMUN '12 Undersecretary General.

"In my opinion the conference that was held was amazing and very insightful. I had gained a lot of knowledge and had gotten a lot of experience of what and how a UN conference would be like. People were really very nice and extremely supportive and beneficial." – Syed Bilal Ahmed, Al-Hussan International Academy, Saudi Arabia

"The conference was a lot of fun, our hosts were friendly and hospitable, and it was a very memorable and thrilling experience altogether." – Nauman Sheikh, Al-Hussan International Academy, Saudi Arabia



Opening Ceremony

by Defne Bostali

The MUN has started with the speech of the Secretary General of 2012; it was an amazing surprise to all of the audience. We were also blessed with the presence of many important people such as Mr Ahmed Hassan (the co-founder of "Free Egyptians Party – FEP"), Dr. Moushira Khattab (Former Minister of Family and Population) and Dr. Ragai Ateya (Member of the Islamic Research Academy). Other speeches were given about world pressing issues came after, and then the flag ceremony of the ambassadors flabbergasted everyone! Later on, the junior choir came to the stage to perform with their raveling white costumes and sang amazing songs like Angela by Yannick Noah and the very famous I Believe I Can Fly by R Kelly. After the choir left the stage, the director of MUN, Mrs. Omneya Abdelhamid, carried along with a very inspiring speech. As we were astounded by many moving speeches, the director of Oasis International School, Mrs. Essmat El Lamei, gave an astonishing speech like every year to remind us of the importance of change. Dr. Ahmed Hassan Said continued the ceremony with a foreshadowing speech about the current situation of Egypt and the future. Later, a video about has been presented to the spectators that covered the perspective, possibilities, bad and good things that have happened to the world, and how humanity succeeded to face all those obstacles. Finally, Oasis' school band performed as a way to end the opening ceremony and start the conference.

What has changed in OISMUN this year?

By Nadine Amr

The best week of the year is finally back. This time it's OISMUN 2013. A lot has changed in MUN this year, where everything is being planned to be better, faster and upgraded than last year. We can feel the spirit this year flowing, everyone is working a lot harder to make this year's OISMUN the best MUN you have ever experienced.

Every year in OISMUN, we offer various committees that focus on the most important issues today. We have the Security Council, in French and in English. We have the Human Rights Committee, the Disarmament committee, Environment committee, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the Economic and Social committee. These committees were all available last year,

but WAIT, there's more! One last surprise is that there is a new committee in this year's OISMUN 2013, and its name is the General Assembly. Last year, we have experienced what the General Assembly is about. When every delegate came together in the same room and discussed one topic, which was the water crisis. However this year, there is a special committee for the GA, where you will be discussing two very important topics. Not only will you be solving current problems like you always do. In this committee, you will be discussing how to prevent predicted crises, such as the Oil Crisis of 2015. You will also be discussing Corruption.

In the meantime, there is another new committee, which the Human Rights committee in French. Finally, you have the opportunity, to be in a French committee and have different options, the Security Council and now Human Rights. In which you will be debating

about the defamation of religion and the usage of inhuman torture and cruel punishments.

One of the best things that have changed this year is the planning. Where we notice how much work has been put to this year's OISMUN. Every one is putting in double the effort and double the time. Everything has been prepared sooner, the secretary general Mai Ali has been chosen for almost a year now, after a very long and thorough procedure, for the first in OISMUN history, the secretary general is a woman, so it could be a breakthrough in women's rights. All chairs and co-chairs have been chosen also after a very long procedure. The topics have been chosen earlier than usual, all committees and countries have been announced earlier. Until now everything seems very impressive, so I have a feeling that this OISMUN experience will be one that we will never forget.

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