



THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL

VANCOUVER MODEL UNITED NATIONS

INFORMATION PACKAGE



DEAR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND PROSPECTIVE DELEGATES,

It is my honour to invite you to the 23rd iteration of Vancouver Model United Nations (VMUN). As one of the largest high school student-run Model UN conferences in the world, VMUN typically welcomes over 1,400 delegates, staff, teachers, and distinguished guests each iteration. It is my pleasure to announce that VMUN 2024 will take place from January 26th to 28th, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver in downtown Vancouver.

Since its inception in 2002, VMUN has strived to provide a realistic and engaging simulation of the United Nations and its associated agencies for passionate youth who share an interest in global issues. As one of the premier high school Model UN conferences in North America, VMUN has earned a reputation of being a professional, vibrant, and educational experience for all participants. We are proud to once again offer an extensive programme of debate and top-notch staff team. Over the past few months, the VMUN Secretariat has worked diligently to prepare the best conference to date, and we are excited to share some of our work with you. We are committed to expanding the diversity of our delegate pool, rethinking our committees programme, and improving technical systems in order to create the most smooth and enjoyable delegate experience possible.

In addition to offering an enriching educational experience, VMUN is proud to offer considerable need-based financial aid for delegates who may not otherwise afford to attend. We believe that no delegate should be prevented from attending the conference due to financial concerns. For more information about our payment structure, financial aid, and the registration process, please refer to vmun.com/registration.

VMUN 2024 will be hosted at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Vancouver in the heart of downtown Vancouver (vancouver.hyatt.com). A long-standing partner of VMUN, the Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers modern and comfortable guest rooms and expansive conference spaces. Additionally, the hotel is conveniently located near numerous restaurants and coffee shops.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at sg@vmun.com, or any other member of the Secretariat. I sincerely hope that you will join us at VMUN 2024, and on behalf of the VMUN Secretariat, thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to see you this upcoming January.

Sincerely,

Darren Tsai
Secretary-General
Vancouver Model United Nations 2024

WHAT IS MUN?

Model United Nations, or MUN, is an academic activity that simulates the debate, political discourse, and diplomacy found in the United Nations. Students in Model United Nations conferences, known as delegates, are placed in committees and assigned to represent officials from various member-states. During debate, delegates are able to participate in discussions and propose various solutions to current global issues. These issues may range from regional conflicts and international security, to matters of human rights and gender equality. Crisis simulations test delegates' abilities to work under pressure, and challenge them to apply their understanding of global affairs to solve complex issues. Through these exchanges, delegates are not only immersed in a thriving political environment, but they must also work together in order to achieve a cohesive solution.

Model United Nations emphasizes leadership, diplomacy, and teamwork. Students are given the opportunity to develop an invaluable sense of international awareness, and to foster practical skills in research, public speaking, and conflict resolution in a fun and invigorating environment. In a way, students learn to become more aware, educated, and thoughtful global citizens. Although conferences may only last a few days, the experience that delegates gain will last forever.

WHAT IS VMUN?

Vancouver Model United Nations, commonly referred to as VMUN, is an annual student-run conference held in the heart of downtown Vancouver, Canada. Since its inception in 2002, VMUN has grown into Canada's premier Model UN experience for high school students. With over 1,400 attendees present in 2023, VMUN has hosted schools from across Canada, Washington State, California, New York, Hawaii, as well as Japan, South Korea, and Colombia. The conference features three full days of quality debate across 20 different committees. A team of professional and passionate staff, an atmosphere of realism, and our high-quality level of debate are the cornerstones of VMUN that ensure a memorable and rewarding experience for all.

VMUN STRIVES TO:

1. To deliver a realistic portrayal of the United Nations and its associated bodies,
2. To continue our history of excellence and maintain our strong conference reputation,
3. To inspire our delegates to bear a stronger sense of social responsibility and passion to become better global citizens.



WHY VMUN?

quality - scope - accessibility

QUALITY

VMUN provides high school students with the highest-quality conference possible. Our committee staff have extensive Model UN and debate experience, and undergo comprehensive staff training prior to the conference. Committee directors write background guides over the summer, which are rigorously reviewed to ensure excellence in their topic introductions. VMUN prides itself in its insightful and informative delegate preparation materials. Each year, we invite a prominent individual to our opening ceremonies to talk about their experiences in Canadian and international politics. Past keynote speakers have included then-Member of Parliament Justin Trudeau, the Hon. Lieutenant-Général Roméo Dallaire, journalist and humanitarian Amanda Lindhout, and environmental activist David Suzuki. VMUN is the optimal platform for delegates to exchange their views and engage in discussion. Delegates will gain a broader understanding of world events and will learn how to develop informed opinions.

SCOPE

VMUN brings together over one thousand passionate students who seek to instigate global change and solve societal issues. The array of backgrounds and perspectives of delegates from near and far make this unique experience all the more special. To complement this great variety of interest, VMUN 2024 will feature committees that include some regional assemblies outside of the United Nations, such as the Canadian House of Commons and the European Union, and five crisis committees. With VMUN's diversity, every delegate will find a committee that speaks to them.

ACCESSIBILITY

VMUN is proud to offer substantial financial aid packages. No delegate should be denied the experience of a lifetime due to financial hardship, and we are committed to supporting delegates regardless of financial background. Financial aid is also available to subsidize or waive school fees, such as chaperone teacher room fees or deposits. Please contact delegates@vmun.com for more information about financial aid.





VMUN

in numbers

VMUN typically holds...

1400 *high school students*

FROM

80 *different clubs & high schools*

90%

of delegates rated overall experience as 'Above Average' or 'Excellent'

UNEP UNICEF WHO UNSC
CABINET WORLD BANK EU
UNPFII ASEAN HOC

20

COMMITTEES

NATO U.S. SENATE HCC
JCC UNHRC INTEL DISEC
UNODC SOCHUM ACC

9

committee sessions

FOR
A
TOTAL
OF

18

hours of debate

in

46,000 ft²

of conference space

COMMITTEES PROGRAMME

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)
Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM)
World Health Organization (WHO)

INTERMEDIATE AGENCIES

United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
World Bank (WB)

REGIONAL COUNCILS

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
European Union (EU)
House of Commons (HOC)
United States Senate (U.S. Senate)
Association of Southeast Asian Nations
(ASEAN)

ADVANCED & CRISIS COMMITTEES

Cabinet Crisis Committee (Cabinet)
Intelligence Crisis Committee (INTEL)
Joint Crisis Committees (JCC)
Advanced Crisis Committee (ACC)
Historical Crisis Committee (HCC)
United Nations Security Council (UNSC)



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