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THE SECRETARY GENERAL WELCOMES YOU

Esteemed organizers, delegates, and advisors,

It was my greatest pleasure and honor hosting you at the twelfth annual American University of Sharjah Model United National (AUSMUN). This year, AUSMUN has set the standard even higher and lived up to its reputation as one of the biggest conferences in the region. We hosted over one thousand delegates that represented more than 155 Member States, making it our best conference yet. We have pushed the boundaries even further, but we are especially proud for introducing the first ever committee to be conducted using the Arabic language.

This would not have been possible without the hard work the Executive Board and the organizers have put, and for them, I am grateful. Even more importantly, I am in awe for the commitment and dedication of the delegates and for their diligent work ethic. You have truly proved that you are great representatives of the youth.

Given that I am going to graduate at the end of this semester, this letter marks the end of my AUSMUN journey. This conference added so much to who I am today, and it has helped me develop skills that will be of constant use. With MUN, I have started out as a delegate, and then moved on being a moderator, secretariat, the Director of Human Resources, and finally, I earned the position of Secretary General. Now, I hope to take on the world. Because of these enlightening and delightful experiences, I really hope that you follow similar footsteps and set high goals.

With the end of this role, I wholeheartedly wish the next board of AUSMUN the best of luck as they continue the legacy of the conference. I am extremely confident that they will do more than a spectacular job.



Natasha Nazi

A WORD FROM THE HEAD OF MEDIA



As the Director of Media of AUSMUN 2019, my experience has been a very fulfilling one from which I learnt a tremendous amount through managing different teams. It was a very challenging task that put me to test in every way, shape, and form. But the people that I can attribute to whom I learnt so much from and grown with are my fellow executive board members, faculty advisors, and my team. We all worked together to reach one goal which was the successful execution of an amazing and exhilarating conference. To be a part of this team and see this conference become an actual reality has made me proud of my team and myself. To me, the hard work we have put in is nothing compared to the amazing experiences that the delegates have had in AUSMUN 2019. Most of all, we spent a lot of time together in very time constrained environments but I am very proud of them for remaining motivated and for performing impeccably in our journey towards this conference. I wish you all the very best and hope to see that I have inspired someone to take on this experience, which I can guarantee will be a life-changing one.

Yuvika Bhatia

A CEREMONY UNLIKE ANY OTHER

The loud chatters of the audience were brought to silence by the traditional flag ceremony, accompanied with its familiar melody. Moderators carried flags from various countries through the crowded auditorium and onto the main stage. As the song continues, the United Nations flag ascends forward alongside the United Arab Emirates flag, setting the tone for a conference unlike any other. Delegates, student organizers, and other committee members shared their enthusiasm, filling the room with their cheers and applause.

AUSMUN 2019 was one of a kind, characterized by its unique diversity and its large number of participants. As Faculty advisor Dr. Johannes Van Gorp pointed out, for the first time the ceremony “actually needed to have an overflow room.” Van Gorp highlighted the growth of the conference by reminding the audience that when he joined the board, they had approximately 550 participants and the event now hosted an overwhelming 1,400 people, making it the university’s largest MUN to date.

The opening ceremony featured many inspirational speeches from the Vice Provost, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, faculty advisors, and esteemed guests, as well as heartwarming performances from the university’s own Performing Arts Program.

After welcoming all the participants, The Dean of CAS discussed how the participants could apply to AUS and encouraged them to join the university’s diverse environment that has come to define it. The dean expressed his appreciation to the members of the Executive Board, faculty advisors, and students. He said the university prided themselves in taking part

in an event that reflects the efforts of their students. The Dean of CAS expressed his joy in being a part of an event that urges students to develop their ability to understand and analyze world-decisions, hoping that the younger generations will be ambassadors for others and “will help fix world issues.”



Guest speaker and AUS alumnus Omar Al Mutawa started off by asking the audience an important question: “Why are we doing what we are doing?” He explained the significance of the UN, and MUN, and how it beneficial it is for younger generations to get take part in. Al Mutawa encouraged the participants to get more involved and become “agents of youth.” He went on to discuss his own experiences within AUSMUN and how it taught him the skills necessary to represent the UAE as a Youth Representative at the UN. He further explained the UAE’s history with the UN and stated that while the UN “cannot save the world overnight,” brining attention to serious world problems will help – “complexity cannot be overcome but it can be managed,” he said.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPEECH

After offering a warm welcome, Secretary General Natasha Nazi shared her five-years-long experience in the conference, saying it will be bittersweet to watch it end in a few days after she found that it is where she belongs. Reflecting on her freshman year, Nazi said she would have never thought such a conference would suit her, but to her surprise, it was indeed her fit. Most notably, Nazi said she hoped for more female representation and tried to get more female speakers

to address the audience during the ceremony. She shared her disappointment with the lack of diversity and in response extended a special thanks to the women who helped make AUSMUN what it is but did not get represented on stage: Noora Alnasur, Nada Nassereddin, Yuvika Bhatia, Haneen Asfour, Dr. Jeniece Lusk, and Ghazal Hijazi.

BUILDING HOMES FOR REFUGEES

Perhaps the most noteworthy and touching speech of the night, the Vice Provost Dr. Kevin Mitchell's used the stage as a platform to raise awareness about the refugee crisis and invited students to contribute in improving refugee lives. He urged the audience to think about what constitutes 'home' to them, whether it be a place, a person or merely a smell.

Mitchell introduced a course hosted alongside UNHCR in which they better refugee homes while taking into account several factors such as, "space and place," "power and politics," and "permanence."

He drew attention to the shocking number of 68.5 million people displaced in the world. He said that more than 44 thousand displaced each day; "Every two seconds there is a person displaced and what that means is that in the time you are sitting in this room today, these seats will be empty and all of you will be displaced," he added.



"What would a professor of architecture have to say about the UN?"

Alyazya Alkhazraji and Frederikke Christiansen

A WORD FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF TESLA

Following an impressive introduction, Director of Tesla in the Arab region and Turkey Samer I. Asfour shared his “lifetime experience” with the audience, illustrating how life unfolds in ways we may not always fathom. Stressing the importance of innovative thinking, smart decision-making, and upholding one’s identity and ethics, Asfour catered his speech towards the young visionaries of tomorrow who wish to create a change someday.

Innovative thinking brought the director several successes in Jordan. Commencing his projects with a focus on reusable energy, he moved forward to electric cars, which led him to ascend into his current position. Asfour’s forward thinking also granted him the label of “the crazy guy,” in particular, when he aspired to pursue weather enhancement technology. Nonetheless, being the crazy guy, he managed to make artificial rain pour in Jordan, further leading to having greenery in the desert.

Living in a country that prides itself in its revolutionary, forward-thinking and unprecedented ideas, Asfour’s anecdote enthused the innovative young minds in the crowd, further intensifying the desire to be the next crazy

The economist accentuated the value of smart decision-making, especially to those who seek to transform the world one day. Any critical decision requires an analysis of its effects on businesses, the government, and the people, as well as an understanding of the future that lies ahead of us. Further, our generation should consider a few terms in regards to the future; namely, refugees, cryptocurrency, unemployment, and virtual reality. Without a proper understanding of the different aspects constituting today’s complex world as well as a grasp on what the

future holds, one will not foresee or comprehend the impact of the decisions they make on their life as well as others. This skill proves vital to someone who has the responsibility of making decisions that affect the entire world and maybe even generations to come.

Asfour asserted the importance of maintaining your identity and ethics regardless of what opportunities you may be giving up as a result. Throughout his life, he walked away from positions that required him to compromise his values, yet eventually, he managed to serve King Abdullah II, and now, he became the Regional Director of Tesla.

Coming full circle, he said that his experiences showcase how life is an accumulation. You may be in one position one day, but you will evolve. As times moves forward, so will you.

Alyazya Alkhazraji



Samer Asfour - Director of Tesla Middle East

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

By Yuwika Bhatia

The performance by the AUS Choir started off their performance with a stance on the global refugee crisis. It showcased the importance of feeling compassion towards refugees through the second movement of the song Everyday Wonders (The Girl from Aleppo), a musical rendition of the real life story of a refugee. The song started in low intensity but slowly started to increase its tempo to one that signified thousands of refugees that have gotten displaced over the past few decades.

Choir member Ayesha Ali, who performed thrice for AUSMUN, said the song's purpose fits the AUSMUN 2019 motto 'Dare To Know' and it was to learn the struggles of refugees in one of the biggest crisis our world has seen. It emphasised how the displacement pushed refugees to carry all their life's belongings in bundles and suitcases. These belongings are all they have after selling their heirlooms and family homes to raise money to flee their countries.

'Tuba' and 'Bring Me Little Water Sylvie' was a great ending that was joined by cheers and applause from the audience. But the two songs also remain relevant to the UN in a variety of ways. Tuba means dove, which is the international symbol for peace. Their choreography of pointing towards the top on the left

and right was a call to the dove to arrive and bring peace to the region. In her opinion, Ayesha Ali believes that Bring Me Little Water represents the water conflict and signifies a need to quench the thirst for knowledge in MUN as well as the thirst for people across the globe.

It is the fourth time that the AUS Choir has performed for AUSMUN and it is clear that their pieces get better and better every year, bringing on more creativity and more thrilling performances. Despite having only 2 weeks to master their musical performances, the choir managed to enthrall the fully-packed auditorium with cheers and applause.

Overall, Ali said due to the songs being so culturally and thematically relevant to the conference, it brought a natural interest and motivation for everyone in choir to give their best performance this year regardless of the short time frame they had to prepare for the conference.

If you wish to hear more or did not get a chance to hear this brilliant music, make sure to see them at their upcoming performance in the Soiree Musicale on April 30 and May 1.

Yuwika Bhatia



MEET SOME OF THE DELEGATES

Interviewed by Frederikke Christiansen

Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“Yes, I have been a part of AUSMUN many times before.”

What are some of your best tips for future delegates that you’ve learnt during AUSMUN 2019?

“The simulation stops being on the minute we enter that room – right now, we carry with us the responsibility of a whole nation and know how it feels.”

What have you enjoyed the most about AUSMUN 2019?

“It’s a taste of the real world in a place much safer and friendlier. Diversity is already apparent in the UAE but seeing a number of individuals having to relate to random ethnicities provided all of us with insight we never had before”

Bayan Almasri, American University of Sharjah



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“It’s my second AUSMUN”

What are some of your best tips for future delegates that you’ve learnt during AUSMUN 2019?

“Research, research, research. It’s okay to be the worst person in the room because it motivates you to learn from others which makes you better.”

What would be your ideal country to represent and in what committee?

“I don’t have one, I just enjoy controversial countries and controversial committees because that’s where the fun is.”

Fatema Adel Marhoon, University of Sharjah

Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“Yes, I have, last years”

What have you enjoyed the most about AUSMUN 2019?

“The socializing part and the ability to speak and communicate with different people.”

What are some of your best tips for debating?

“Be formal, follow the rules, and don’t be offensive to other people.”

What do you think is the hardest part of debating?

“I don’t think it’s that hard, but I would say how to get your points across perfectly is the hardest challenge.”

Nasser Kioomarszadeh, University of Sharjah



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No this is my first time”

What is your initial opinion of it?

“Initially it was really scary going against a bunch of people you don’t know. Now it’s not scary as it helps you make friends and learn more about yourself.”

What do you think your biggest challenge for AUSMUN was and how did you overcome it during the conference?

“My biggest challenge was, I’m a good researcher, I have good skills while researching, the only problem I have is speaking up. AUSMUN helped a lot with that. Seeing other people who were voicing their opinions, whether it was wrong, whether it was right, not judging anyone else. That was the best part. You could say something, and people would correct you instead of going against you”

Would you rather represent the country you’re from or the country you’ve been assigned to for this year’s conference? “I would have rather have represented the country I’m from because I know the problems there more than anything else, and my specific committee is very close to my country’s problem, so it would have

Nayyab Zafar, Dubai Medical College for Girls



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“Yes actually, this is my second conference.”

How do you think this year compares to previous years?

“Honestly, I’ve noticed a difference with the amount of delegate’s as well as there are improvements with the overall chairs, the procedure as well, there were general improvements along all aspects, at least in my eyes.”

What have you enjoyed the most about AUSMUN 2019?

“So far it’s just like any MUN. It’s overall a fun experience, I learn a lot from it. It gives me an opportunity to explore skills that I never thought I have before.”

Would you rather represent the country you’re from or the country you’ve been assigned to for this year’s conference? “Honestly, I don’t mind anything. I don’t mind representing another country, to me it gives me a challenge. If I do represent my own country, while yes there would be more accuracy or more fair representation but there would be a bias at some point in discussions.

What do you think is the hardest part of debating? “The hardest part, well in my committee trying to get unmoderated caucus’ to actually pass. But other than that, personally I don’t find any difficulty with any part of the actual conference. Other than maybe the way we have to improvise speeches on the spot. That a really interesting yet difficult skill.”

So, you are you a confident debater? “For the most part yeah. If I have the right information and if I am sure of myself.”

Ali Amin, Dubai international School



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No, this is my first time.”

What is your initial opinion of it?

“I really like AUSMUN, I am getting a lot of knowledge from it. I am very happy because I’m here and I’m a part of the United Nations campaign.”

What are some of your best tips for debating?

“It’s to listen to your opponents because they may say something which you can use to attack them.”

What do you think your biggest challenge for AUSMUN was and how did you overcome it during the conference?

“it was writing a position paper because I had to research a lot on the Internet to prepare.”

Maxim Davidson, Russian International School



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No, I haven’t”

What is your initial opinion of it?

“I really like it. It’s very interesting and knowledgeable.”

What would be your ideal country to represent and in what committee?

“Canada and probably UNESCO.”

Why?

“Well because I’m from Canada and I just like the committee UNESCO.”

What do you think is the hardest part of debating?

“probably just speaking in general because if it’s your first time there are a lot of new faces that you see.”

David Lemke, Russian International School



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No”

What is your initial opinion of it?

“It’s really interesting even though I kind of get bored when people are talking but I feel like I’ve gained confidence and I’ve learned things I’ve never known about me, to be honest.”

What are some of your best tips for future delegates that you’ve learnt during AUSMUN 2019?

“You don’t have to stress at all. That’s it.”

Tala Alkadri, Dawha School



MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION FROM SAUDI ARABIA

Interviewed by Yuwika Bhatia

How has your experience with AUSMUN 2019 been so far?

As delegates who attended several international conferences, students from the International Program School (IPS) from Saudi Arabia had very interesting things to say about AUSMUN 2019. Despite vastly different conference procedures, Mohamed Al Hamdan found this to be a very insightful experience. In addition, although lost and confused at first, Yasmine Taha found it easy to adapt due to the collaborative environment among the delegates. Lastly, they were very thankful for the chairs' support in a smooth transition after arriving late as a delegation due to external factors.

How was AUSMUN 2019 different from the ones you have attended?

As much as they are used to being surrounded by different cultures, Lina Hadi and Amer Ghazzawi said that they discovered new cultural insights from the diverse delegation in this conference. Adding to this, Ghazzawi also appreciated that AUSMUN had individuals from outside the Arab World, providing a wider global framework of delegates in comparison to other international conferences. Reem Alsuwaiyan respected the fact that chairs were professional, remained consistent, and stuck to protocol by avoiding deviations that would hinder the procedure. Mohamed Al Hamdan gave his thoughts, which everyone agreed with, about the topics being really good as it allowed for discussion and was good for debate due to its lack of specificity.



SAUDI DELEGATE INTERVIEW

Interviewed by Aminath Ifasa

AUSMUN has been an experience for sure. I've been to events in Dubai and Sharjah before, but this is the first time I feel involved in the communicating process, the MUN itself has been very interesting that way. It's much more diverse than I expected.

Learning the new Harvard procedure, was very interesting as well. This is my 11th MUN conference and I connected to this year's conference in a much more personal level as it is also my last MUN. It was really welcoming for me and the chairs have been very kind and helped me with debating. Working alongside the delegates of my committee especially, in General Assembly 5 representing Lebanon, has been a great experience.

I come from an international school so I didn't have an immediate cultural shock but what surprised me was coming to another Arab country and finding out that the delegation was mainly non-Arab. I met people from a Russian school and also a group of Syrian participants which was really cool to see.

Since I myself am a Palestinian, it was nice connecting with people from the same culture and very different backgrounds as well. If I'm taking back one thing from this year's conference it is working outside the box even though its very cliché. I've been coming to this MUN for 3 years now, but this year had the new Harvard procedure, and alongside I got to work with university students which made be connect with conference at a higher level.



HEAR WHAT THE FACULTY ADVISORS HAVE TO SAY!

Interviewed by Aminath Ifasa

It has been a challenge more than a struggle to uphold and improve the quality of the conference as it gets bigger every year. The larger we get, the more moderators we need, which means training more people and that requires tremendous effort from the Board to undertake the task as well as people with extensive MUN experience. We're fortunate enough to have a board this year with people who have that kind of a background in combination to also constantly keeping our eye for the future but by the time we have people to obtain the MUN experience, they're graduating. So we're also trying to bring in people for next year who'll help us train the new board from a faculty member board perspective.

One experiment we're trying this year, in collaboration with the Arabic studies and translation department is an Arabic committee. It's exciting because we've had demand for it in the past, but we weren't able to meet it. The board was willing to take it up this year and the head of the department was excited to take up the opportunity as well. Since I don't speak Arabic, the students have been telling me it's very impressive. One thing that we constantly strive for, which hasn't perhaps worked for us in the past so well, is to keep the committee sizes manageable so everyone has the chance to participate and speak and I think we've done a good job of it this year.

I think one quality that every delegate should possess is a very basic level research skill. Even if they're not that gifted of a public speaker, it is their willingness to give it a try and I've been seeing it a lot. It always amazes me to see people come here year and year out. People who've done this 6 or 7 times since high school, those students stand out. If it's their first time,

I see people willing to take that chance and not be intimidated. Fearlessness is one word but it's a certain type of fearlessness to get in front of a large group of people and show off their research, all in the spirit of competitiveness and cooperation at the same time which is what the UN is supposed to be about. It's difficult to find cooperation and competitiveness in a research-oriented way. Having done a lot of European Union myself, I've always thoroughly enjoyed being a delegate in a smaller committee like the Security Council because then you have a chance to really attract. It is also a slower and a less formal approach perhaps than the others.



Dr. Johannes Van Gorp

Just like my children I don't have favourites in choosing committees, all committees are equally important because they're all trying to solve complex issues. It's difficult to pick one favourite as it would actually be a fallacy. Although, I think one of the greatest challenges were facing in the world right now is to lift people out of poverty so the committees dealing with those themes, they're discussing equality and empowering those that are not necessarily as empowered as others; like the empowerment of men and woman and the health service. So, my favorite topic would be empowerment.



Dr. Sundar Vadlamudi

AUSMUN 2019 is my first year of MUN and I'm watching how the team puts it all together. Adding my contribution to this as faculty, I watch my colleagues helping the board. My own expectations are to see how many schools and colleges we have and how it works out in practice as I've seen the team plan it but never seen them execute it. I went and observed one of the working groups on how the moderators are trained and how the delegates participate; I learnt a lot from observation and I hope this year is as eventful and successful as the previous AUSMUN conferences.

The specific thought that pushed me to become part of this year's conference was the opening ceremony last year, which I have never seen before. There were a lot of young people coming to AUS with the majority being beginners who searched for exposure. As a faculty member I thought there is chance that some of these students may come in to my own classes, so it was a chance for me to be there and welcome them. I'm a historian, I teach world history and UN is a big part of post-world war 2 in the world order. It is fascinating to see young students interpret the global issues I teach in class and implement them in professional UN format.

I didn't have the opportunity to be part of an MUN conference growing up but in my graduate school there was a simulation classroom where we were simulating a nuclear arms treaty between the US and Russia and that was the only kind of exposure that I've had as compared to that of an MUN, which makes me furthermore excited about this venture.



Dr. Jeniece Lusk

AUSMUN is completely student centered and student run, which makes the conference so unique. As advisors we have a very hands-off role, we try to stay out of the spotlight and as much as in the background as possible so the students really shine and it's evident that this is run by the student board. Other conferences I've seen have somewhat more of a reliance on the faculty advisors. The motivation of students and their drive to make the conference bigger and better every year makes AUSMUN really stand out, which in turn makes it the biggest in the region.

The student board strives to continually push everyone on the work board and the faculty, driving us to grow bigger and bigger regardless of the circumstances. Every year it is the students who want to bring in more delegates and more sessions while faculty are apprehensive about it and want to keep it the same way it is now. Every single time the students wow us and prove to us that this was a good idea and that they're capable of managing it. They improve by learning from the previous year which allows them to handle a larger group the next year.

I think commitment to the event starts from research that begins at writing the position papers. The delegates need to be prepared ahead of time before the weekend of the conference by attending all the workshops and learning the format of the MUN sessions like it's their part time job.

UNESCO ARABIC

Being established in an Arabic speaking country, especially in Sharjah, a city that prides itself in preserving the language, AUSMUN 2019 was pleased to feature its first Arabic-speaking UNESCO committee sessions. The committee was established with the input of AUS's Translation Department regarding the proper terminologies used during the sessions. Considering that Arabic is one of the UN's official languages, they proved necessary for giving students an insight into real life experiences. Consolidating these sessions as part of the conference also emphasized the importance of the Arabic language on a global scale.

UNESCO moderator Eiman AlShareif expressed her excitement about the committee session, encouraging her peers to participate in them, as AUSMUN is the first to include it.

Time is of the essence. Within the first-hour delegates grew increasingly comfortable in participating, focusing more on the content rather than the language they do not regularly use outside of school. They showcased various levels of skills while communicating. Some spoke fluently while others faced minor challenges they gradually overcame. Regardless, both the delegates and moderators exceeded our expectations. It is safe to say that the students, both eloquent and well informed, did Modern Standard Arabic justice.

UNESCO moderator Layan Abouchkaier said most students attending private universities and high schools speak English fluently; however, they do not talk in Fus'ha or Modern Standard Arabic in their

daily lives. Undoubtedly, such a committee assisted them in developing their skills as well as brought into perspective the real importance of this language. Further, whenever they face difficulty expressing themselves, it drives them to reflect more on what to concentrate their studies on to master the language.

Alyazya Alkhazraji



S O C I A L M I X E R

As delegates, moderators and faculty spent hours in attempts to achieve and resolve global issues, even the most powerful minds need time to detach from conflict. Which is why MUN gave attendees an extravagant social mixer that showcased talent from many academic institutions across the UAE. With a talent show, food, and a photobooth, attendees got to experience a social event in the main plaza filled with an enthusiastic atmosphere.

The night started off with two dance performances from the Palestinian and Indian Cultural Club, who displayed patriotic performances that the audience cheered on. It was followed by an electric guitar solo performance, a unique rendition on its own. Everyone congratulated the artistic solo piece with immense applause.

Afterwards, an open mic ceremony took place where all students and faculty got an opportunity to display their talents. From beatboxing to acoustic solos, all students portrayed their own rendition of professional musicians ranging from Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber, the Backstreet Boys and even High School Musical. All singers were welcomed with a lively ambiance where they could be themselves by singing with passion and joy. Even the Executive Board and MUN faculty gathered to sing an unforgettable rendition of Baby Shark that the audience joined in with laughter and dance.

However, poetry later filled the air as poets bellowed Arabic and English poems. Poems that represented unity and passion such as the original piece “Walking in London,” written by a delegate to portray emotional values that many participants and audience members related to.



Overall, the night was uplifting and made everyone get together on a creative platform. As MUN showcased the concept of coordination and teamwork to resolve international issues, the social mixer was a success in bringing everyone together through cultural unity.

Lana Badruddin

A GLIMPSE OF AUSMUN 2018





AUS MUN 2019

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ALL IN THREE DAYS

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The United Nations is a worldwide organization with wide-scale missions and goals to achieve global peace and prosperity in the hopes of a better future. Many international organizations were also represented at AUSMUN 2019. Two international organizations, World Food Program and AIESEC, held booths to promote the impact of positive and essential experiences in order to change an individual's life. Through awareness and dedication, these organizations promoted the value of creating a substantial impact on society which is what the conference as well as United Nations as a whole aspire for the youth of today.

The World Food Program focuses on delivering the essential impact of volunteering and gaining a life changing experience through moral deeds. The WFP gave delegates the opportunity to partake in their distribution of food and resources to war-torn regions and refugee camps across the Middle East by allowing them to contribute donations to their cause.

Mr. Magheed Yahia, the Director of WFP in the UAE were also present at our UN Day Celebration and gave us an insightful speech into their regional operations across the Middle East. He also joined us in activities and the cake-cutting session during the event.

AIESEC is the world's largest youth volunteer program and their mission is to activate leadership in today's youth. They offer six-week global volunteer programs for individuals aging from 17 to 30. Their main goal is to create worldwide opportunities as a means to aid in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They offer an cross-cultural exchange experience to create more awareness about local cultures but also to emphasize impacts on important issues by volunteering abroad.

Lana Badruddin



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