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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Students and Faculty Advisors,

It was my honor to host the 13th annual American University of Sharjah Model United National (AUSMUN), which is the biggest one to date. This year, we hosted over 1500 participants, more than 1000 delegates, and represented 163 member states. AUSMUN also featured two Arabic committees this year.

Being an international conference of this caliber, we are required to meet everyone's expectations. Year in and out, at AUSMUN, we always set the bar high and yet exceed the expectations.

Before passing on the baton to the future leader of AUSMUN, I would like to thank the executive board, faculty advisors, organizing teams, and everyone who ensured the smooth running of this conference over the past three days. This would not have been possible without the help of everyone who committed to this conference for over ten months. Thank you for making this conference possible and believing in my view of what it should and should not be.

To the backbone of this organization, Ms. Ghazal Hijazi, thank you for being our hero and for running around as much as we did to ensure all of our 1500 participants had an enjoyable experience.

Finally, a very, very special thank you to our Director of Human Resources, Ms. Sarah Al Saeid, for orchestrating the biggest and best Arabic run committee in the region. Her hard work and dedication allowed our conference to be recognized on an international scale, where we will be submitting our resolution paper to the UNHCR.

I wish future AUSMUN board members the best of luck. I wholeheartedly believe that they will put forward an unimaginable conference and continue to break records as we have done year after year.

Muaaz Adra



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEDIA



AUSMUN 2020 presented me with the experience of a lifetime. It was a challenging yet fulfilling task that pushed me further beyond my limits every step of the way. Surely, it was monumental for my development. Seeing our 13th annual conference come to life was surreal. I was proud to stand side-by-side next to high-achieving and driven students as we watched hours of our labor and hard work pay off. Having supportive faculty advisors and committed team members made this an experience beyond compare.

Being part of AUSMUN goes beyond just organizing a conference. As the Director of Media, I learned much more than to create, produce, and publish. This experience taught me how to manage various teams, determine when to delegate tasks, and, most importantly, how to be comfortable speaking to a room of strangers.

I learned the most by watching my team members do what they know best without becoming discouraged. AUSMUN 2020 would not have been the same without our journalists, designers, photographers, videographers, and social media managers.

Finally, I'd like to extend a special thanks to our outstanding deputy and excellent support system, Zeina Saleh Hamouda, and to the girls who made moments of crises fun Mariam Abdeen, Lara Ali, and Ashra Amir.

Alyazya Alkhazraji

WAVING FLAGS BRING FUTURE LEADERS TOGETHER



As the melody of "High Hopes" fills the room, the flags of the United Nations and the United Arab Emirates emerge forward, sending an enthusiastic crowd into a roaring applause. Moderators carried flags from over 30 countries onto the main stage. The vibrant colors of the flags stood in solidarity with AUSMUN 2020's motto, "Embracing Diversity, Shaping the Future."

The flags of UAE and the United Nations remained proudly on stage, waving to the meaningful lyrics of our national anthem. They were held by the Director of External Relations Abdulla Al Matrooshi and Director of Human Resources Sarah Al Saeid respectively.

The spectacle spoke of a united world and signified the tranquility and unity the United Arab Emirates holds high.

With the last echo of the anthem's tune, began the string of profound speeches by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Head of the International Studies Department, faculty advisors, and esteemed guests, as well as a touching performances from the university's Performing Arts Program.

AUSMUN 2020 was incomparable, as it hosted more than 1500 participants and over 1000 delegates. For the second consecutive year, the conference required an overflow room. The voice of leadership echoed through the room as Dr. Jeniece Lusk welcomed our delegates with Ban

Ki-moon's words, "let me start by welcoming tomorrow's leaders to today's United Nations."

The Dean of CAS Dr. Mahmoud Anabtawi encouraged the young audience to use AUSMUN as a platform to come together and find solutions through debate and open discussions. He reiterated the importance of developing the ability to disagree amicably and hone the valuable skill of successful diplomacy.

Deputy-Secretary General Aiswarya Padmanabhan acknowledged the drive that brought all those in the room together. She reminded delegates that the reason they meet is to become chief catalysts in a world that works for solutions. Padmanabhan referred to AUSMUN as the most holistic platform for young leaders to create works of marvel and reassured the delegates, stating, "Most of all, you can make a difference. Be bold. Stay true to your ideas and make sure you have fun."

Guest speaker and the Big Heart Foundation's Senior Media Coordinator Ms. Alya Obaid AlMusaiebi urged delegates to take advantage of privileges they have, reminding them that others "cannot shape their futures the way you do." She applauded the audience for participating in AUSMUN as it is a step towards shaping their future. AlMusaiebi emphasized the importance of international organizations such as the UN in expanding the reach of smaller organizations.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPEECH

Secretary-General Muaz Adra expressed his gratitude to see our 13th annual conference come to life after his team spent a total of 150,000 to make it happen. Adra stated that this year's conference is remarkably unique, as it reflects our motto: "Embracing Diversity, Shaping the Future."

AUSMUN represents a manifold of people. Thus, to honor this diversity and extend the AUSMUN experience to all future leaders, Adra proudly announced establishing a second Arabic committee this year.

بعد تقديم الشكر للحضور، عبر الأمين العام لنموذج مؤتمر الأمم المتحدة في الجامعة الأمريكية في الشارقة، مُعَاذِ عَدْرِهِ، عن انبهاره من أداء المفوضين في السنة السابقة، ولذلك قرر المجلس التنفيذي افتتاح لجنيتين عربيتين جديدتين هذا العام.

وقال الأمين العام في خطاب موجه للمفوضين إن هذه الخطوة مبنية "على خُطى دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة، وأخص بالذكر إمارة الشارقة، عاصمة الثقافة العربية، والشيخ سلطان القاسمي حفظه الله ورعاه الذين لطالما عُرفوا بتمسكهم باللغة العربية."

وأعرب عَدْرِهِ عن رغبة المجلس التنفيذي في توسيع دائرة اللجان العربية قدر الإمكان لتشمل طلاباً من مختلف الخلفيات.



LEADERS FOR A HOPEFUL FUTURE



Perhaps the most noteworthy speech of the night was a personal anecdote from the HOD of International Studies, Dr. Vernon Pedersen, who shared his experience watching the world crumble, and new fractures emerge. He referenced the collapse of the Berlin Wall, stating that it "symbolized the possibility of a world without borders."

"It was a fantastic moment filled with promise," he said.

Pedersen assured young delegates that they could make a difference and bring down these borders for the sake of humanity. He saw the success of AUSMUN as an indication that younger generations can change the world; "you have come here to bring together a connected world."

By Alyazya Alkhazraji & Abeer Khan

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM A UN AMBASSADOR

Following an impressive introduction, United Nations Youth Goodwill Ambassador Rahaf Al Saif shared her journey from her difficulty finding a fulfilling job to her rise to the top, illustrating how perseverance and hard work lead to success. Stressing the importance of diligence, initiative, and passionate drive, Al Saif catered her speech to a room full of promise.

Despite many sources of discouragement throughout her journey, her drive to pursue her passion brought Al Saif much success in life. She owed her accomplishments to her persistence and disregard for discouragements or previous failures. "I was bullied every step of the way and survived every word that was designed to make me feel small," she said.

Throughout her life, Al Saif continuously reinvented and invested in herself, and walked away from safe yet unrewarding careers, ultimately becoming an official UN delegate. Her experience was a reminder of Newt Gingrich's words, "Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did."

Al Saif urged students to live their unpredictable lives to the fullest and aspire for greatness. She assured the attendees that they could achieve anything they set their mind on. Speaking to a crowd that was brought together by a drive to learn, Al Saif's words motivated the young visionaries to broaden their horizons and to pursue the seemingly unreachable.

Al Saif said her MUN experiences were crucial to her success. Taking part in such platforms encouraged her to participate in other conferences until she was noticed by Secretary-General of IIMSAM H.E. Remigio Maradona.



She emphasized the importance of participation in MUNs in cultivating the skills necessary for a prosperous future. Despite not being the most experienced, she said that allowing her passion to ignite her determination enabled her to excel in her astounding career.

She reiterated that "experience is not as important as passion and loving what you do."

Coming full circle, Al Saif's stated that everything is possible, ending with "I am possible," and eliciting a burst of applause from an enthused crowd.

By Alyazya Alkhazraji

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES



The performance by the AUS Women's Choir, composed of AUS students, faculty and staff, delighted the audience with an empowering recital. Starting off with a Latin-based song, "Mambo," they sang in numerous languages to reflect the diverse nationalities participating in the choir. The voices presented a united front as they beautifully harmonized with one another.

This was followed by the mellifluous rendition of "Invisible," which emphasized the importance of equality of opportunity for women. The choir carried on the theme for the conference by performing songs based on the empowerment of all marginalized people who may feel invisible.

The chorus, "There's a lot I can be, but I won't be invisible" struck a chord with each and every hopeful mind in the audience. Choir member Nasreen AlShamsi said that Invisible spoke to all the women whose efforts go unnoticed, stressing that this disregard does not make them invisible.

"We are as equal and a part of something as everyone else in it. There is so much that we can do and just because they don't see us, that does not make us invisible," AlShamsi said.

The songs reflect AUSMUN 2020's motto "Embracing Diversity, Shaping the Future" carrying the message that there is a world out there that we have yet to learn about.

We only start shaping a better world once we embrace our differences rather than use them as a measure of competence.

"Education is here to teach us what we don't know, and nationality or religion should not stop us from learning. We can only learn more if we embrace other cultures, communities, and everyone around us," AlShamsi added.

Choir member Maria Abdirahman said that she hoped the audience appreciated the hard work that went behind coordinating a choir as diverse as theirs. "Diversity allowed us to achieve more and be more. It shapes all of our futures drastically. Look at the UAE, it's become more than you'd ever think a country could become in 40 years!," she said.

The choir performance was followed by a serene peaceful piano musicale by Dr. Jelena Djukic. She played Chopin Nocturnes, a composition by Frédéric Chopin. The soothing notes filled the air, captivating its audience with its entrancing melody. Djukic believes music has the power to unite people from around the world.

The musical performances ended in a burst of stunned applause, as attendees rose to their feet to commend the remarkable talent the performers possessed and their efforts to enliven the first evening of AUSMUN.

By Apoorva Dudani

AUSMUN ANNOUNCES TWO ARABIC SPEAKING COMMITTEES

Following last year's unprecedented success, AUSMUN 2020 was pleased to feature two Arabic-speaking committee sessions, UNRWA and UNHCR.

Being established in Sharjah, a city that prides itself on preserving the Arabic language, it was crucial to offering an inclusive experience to non-English speaking students.

Considering the importance of the Arabic language on a global scale, consolidating these sessions as part of the conference allowed more students to gain experience debating world problems.

The establishment of a second committee session this year was led by the initiative of the Director of Human Resources Sarah Al Saeid. Al Saeid held weekly training sessions to ensure the usage of proper terminologies during the conference.

UNRWA moderator Ahmad Al Kaldi said that he was impressed with the delegates' ability to articulate their ideas as they exceeded his expectations. Students were both well-informed and eloquent, their spirits ignited through the Arabic language.

During the first day of the sessions, new delegates struggled with this challenge. However, they restored their confidence once they became familiarized with all terminologies, Al Kaldi said. Regardless, he was taken aback by the excellent Arabic speaking skills displayed during the sessions, especially during moments of improvisation.

UNRWA delegate Razan Akram described her experience as "valuable and worthy of repetition." She stressed the necessity of participating in an Arabic committee session, stating that it was crucial to boost the students' confidence and improve their Arabic speaking skills.

Given the opportunity to discuss Palestinian issues allowed her to improve her Arabic while honing in new skills such as debate, she said.

It is undeniable that speaking in Arabic presents delegates with a unique experience. Deputy of Human Resources and UNHCR moderator Mohammad Alzaabi said that Arabic sessions have a "different flavor." Considering that Arabic is their mother language, their debates hold significant meaning.

By Alyazya Alkhazraji



يفتح نموذج الأمم المتحدة في الجامعة الأمريكية في الشارقة لجننتين عربيتين



بعد النجاح الذي حققه نموذج الأمم المتحدة في الجامعة الأمريكية في الشارقة العام الماضي، قرر المؤتمر افتتاح لجننتين عربيتين في دورته لعام ٢٠٢٠، وهما الأونروا ومفوضية اللاجئين.

ولأن فعاليات المؤتمر تدور في مدينة الشارقة، فقد كان من الضروري أن يتم توسيع دائرة المشاركين حتى تشمل غير الناطقين باللغة الإنجليزية، وذلك تماشياً مع دور الشارقة في الحفاظ على اللغة العربية.

ولأهمية وانتشار اللغة العربية عالمياً، فقد سمحت هذه الخطوة للطلاب باكتساب مهارات تمكنهم من مناقشة قضايا عالمية.

وقد تم إضافة لجنة عربية أخرى هذا العام كخطوة بادرت فيها مسؤولة الموارد البشرية سارة السعيد. حيث حرصت السعيد على عقد جلسات تدريبية أسبوعية لضمان استخدام المتدربين للغة ومصطلحات مناسبة خلال المؤتمر.

وقال رئيس لجنة الأونروا أحمد الخالدي إن قدرة المفوضين على إيصال أفكارهم بوضوح قد أدهشته وفاقته توقعاته، حيث جمع الطلاب ما بين فصاحة اللسان والمعرفة.

وأضاف الخالدي بأنه قد واجه بعض المفوضين الجدد صعوبات وتحديات خلال اليوم الأول للمؤتمر، لكنهم سرعان ما تخطوا هذا الأمر عندما أصبحوا على دراية تامة بالمصطلحات المستخدمة. ورغم ذلك، فقد انبهر الخالدي بتمكن المفوضين لغوياً وقدرتهم على التحدث باللغة العربية الفصحى بطلاقة، وبالأخص في لحظات الارتجال.

ووصفت مفوضة لجنة الأونروا رزان أكرم تجربتها بالقيمة وبأنها تستحق التكرار. وقد أكدت على أهمية المشاركة في إحدى لجان المؤتمر العربية، حيث يزيد ذلك من ثقة الطلاب بأنفسهم ويحسن من قدرتهم على تحدث العربية الفصحى. وقد أضافت بأن مناقشتها للقضية الفلسطينية قد ساهم في تحسين لغتها العربية وصقل مهاراتها الحوارية.

ولا ريب بأن التحدث باللغة العربية يوفر للمفوضين تجربة فريدة من نوعها. حيث قال نائب الموارد البشرية ورئيس لجنة مفوضية اللاجئين محمد الزعبي إن للجان العربية "مذاقاً مختلفاً". و باعتبار العربية لغتهم الأم، فإن لمناقشتهم وحواراتهم بهذه اللغة معنى أكبر.



ترجمة ليان ابوشكير Translated by Layan Aeoushkaier

MEET OUR DELEGATES

Interviewed by Poojaraj Maniyeri



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

"No, this is my first time."

What drew you to participate in AUSMUN 2020?

"I've been seeing that my friends who go to MUN, they're really confident and really outspoken. One of the main reasons is that I have fear of public speaking. So, I decided to participate. I recognized that will help me in speaking up."

What are some of the pointers that you would give future delegates to make their argument stand out?

"I think that would be to have the figures. I've noticed that people who have figures, they can make a point. Also, they should have a backed-up reference for that."

Sheikha Abdul, Dubai Medical College, UNDP



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

"No, this is my first time."

What is your most memorable moment of AUSMUN 2020?

"Meeting the committee and the chairs. They're really interesting and funny."

What are some of the hurdles you faced in AUSMUN 2020 and how did you overcome them?

I'm currently overcoming the challenge of coming up with something to speak about when a question or a topic has been asked like 5 minutes before. I think I'm getting better with improvising on the spot.

Abdullah Yousif, Dawha School, UNHCR



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No, this is my first AUSMUN.”

How would you describe your experience at AUSMUN 2020?

“Up till now, everything has been basically amazing. The college is amazing, the people here are very friendly and sweet, and the committee sessions are going perfectly.”

If given a chance, is there something that you would want to go back and change in one of your debates or interaction with people?

“Maybe ask more questions and interact with more people”

What are some pointers you would give future delegates?

“Don’t be shy and just go in there and just do it.”

Joelle, International school of Chouefat Sharjah, UNDP



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No”

What are some of the hurdles you faced in AUSMUN 2020 and how did you overcome them?

“The main challenge is a little bit of shyness but once I observed how the other delegates were speaking so confidently, I got inspired to do the same. Now I feel like I have no obstacles facing me. ”

What do you think really makes a position paper winning material?

“I think it’s not just an analytical or statistical paper, the delegate should give a position paper a bit more life instead of just numbers.”

How has AUSMUN expanded your thinking?

“I want to be a politician in the future, and so I feel like this has given me a little bit of push towards to that field. Its going to look really great on my resume.

Tahsin, Westminster Dubai, IMF



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No”

What drew you to participate in AUSMUN?

“Based on my interaction with the MUN organizers in my school and my achievements there, I was urged to attend this MUN because I’ve heard of the benefits AUSMUN provides to the youth. I also wanted to focus on building my self-confidence.”

How would you describe your experience at AUSMUN 2020?

“I’ve noticed that the chairs are really friendly. They acknowledge everyone’s opinions. The second day, they began bringing up topics, making us talk because our goal is the draft resolution.”

If given a chance, is there something that you would want to go back and change in one of your debates or interaction with people?

“I wish I could talk more because I have so many points but only limited time so sometimes I can not complete something I really wanted to say.”

Zhaoshen Zhai, ISC SHJ, Cyber Security



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“Yes. This is my 3rd AUSMUN.”

How does AUSMUN 2020 really stand out from the previous MUNs?

“It was more fun. It was my first time in the Security Councils so it was exciting as I enjoy controversy.”

What do you think really makes a position paper winning material?

“The most important point is that the paper should be well researched.”

How do you think the youth can benefit from participating in AUSMUN?

“It really helps with public speaking, being self-confident, being well versed in what’s happening around the world. It makes us read about things that we would never otherwise think about.”

If given a chance, is there something that you would want to go back and change in one of your debates or interaction with people?

“Sometimes I have questions but I cannot ask them as sometimes I am not chosen and so I would try to incorporate my questions in to my speeches so that people can hear them.”

Fatima Adel, University of Sharjah, UNSC



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No. This is my first AUSMUN.”

How would you describe your experience at AUSMUN 2020?

“Everything’s great. I got to know new people and speak in front of 40 delegates which is a first for me.”

What are some of the hurdles you faced in AUSMUN 2020 and how did you overcome them?

“I’m the kind of person that doesn’t do public speaking and so it taught me about public speaking and boosted my confidence.”

How do you think the youth can benefit from participating in AUSMUN?

“It helps spread awareness to the delegates, especially high school students. It teaches us about the problem in specific countries and potential solutions.”

Ayaa, Dawha School, UNODC



Have you been to AUSMUN before?

“No. This is my first AUSMUN. It has been a pleasurable experience thankfully.”

If given a chance, is there something that you would want to go back and change in one of your debates or interaction with people?

“I wish I could have prepared more for my resolution paper.”

What would you say is the golden rule of AUSMUN 2020?

“The golden rule of AUSMUN simply put is to act.”

What are some of the pointers that you would give future delegates to make their argument stand out?

“Read about subjects both related and unrelated to your topic. So just keep on reading and use formal language in the sessions, literal eloquence is always an important factor in my opinion.”

Khalifa Al Jassim, American School of Creative Science

WORDS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE

Interviewed by Apoorva Dudani



Casey Condon from Merrimack College, United States

In each glorious installment of our AUSMUN conference, we commemorate the hard work and diligence displayed by every delegate that unites to engage in intellectual discourse and make the world a better place. In the spirit of diversity and inclusivity, we look forward to having international delegates who share their wonderful insights on global political issues.

This my very first MUN experience, and it's been quite fun so far. At the same time, it has been more overwhelming than I thought, and a lot harder than I expected, but I really like it all the same. The hardest part is talking in front of people; I struggle with it because I get nervous. The first session was definitely a lot, but I'm getting better at it, and am glad to have the opportunity to do it. I honestly love listening to everyone else talk, I think it's really awesome listening to different points of view because I feel like I'm learning a lot about the real world.

The most important thing I've learned from the caucus is the importance of doing good research and ensuring that there is little scope for contradiction in your arguments. Secondly, getting all your facts right by fact-checking yourself throughout the conference is the way to go.

I found the opening ceremony the most memorable moment so far; it was really cool hearing so many diverse delegates speak. My favorite was a Jordanian speaker that spoke about changing careers, I found her especially interesting!

HEAR FROM OUR FACULTY ADVISORS

Interviewed by Zainab Husain



Dr. Jeniece Lusk Interview

The dedication of our student-run team and the organizers working under their delegation of work make AUSMUN unique. Our faculty took their advisory roles head-on. Our students' commitment allows us to oversee a better conference each year.

The diversity of our group plays a huge role. Due to the political climate around the world, issues related to migration and refugee status are of utmost importance at this year's MUN. These issues represent what is at stake with the United Nations now and for the near future. In particular, those that are regarding the status of women and girls are a priority.

As one of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, we need to strive for greater gender equality to improve the lives of not just women but for everyone. We see that there is this connection between empowering women and the development within a nation.

Some students have diverse backgrounds and are coming from countries that are currently experiencing these difficulties or working towards

female empowerment. These are the issues at heart for our young visionaries as they become future leaders.

AUSMUN is an accurate simulation of politics, interaction, and fighting to be heard. You see this reflected in committee session you peek in. Students learn about the rules, procedures, and protocols. Most importantly, they practice the skill of transforming their ideas into a powerful speech.

I advise future delegates to pay attention to the more experienced ones and learn from their strengths. Recognize your weaknesses to expand your possibilities for growth.

In the future, we hope to improve our logistics, be better organized, and meet the needs of our students. We aim to enhance the experience of our faculty advisors, who take time out from their personal lives to chaperone their students. For the future, we are going to follow through with the 2020 UAE emphasis on the next 50 years. The discussions that will occur at AUSMUN 2021 will focus on the next 50 years of progress around the world.



Dr. Sammy Badran

This was my first time experiencing AUSMUN. The hard work, direct involvement, and commitment of the board members and volunteers are the reason why AUSMUN is successful. It is also important to recognize and acknowledge the faculty advisor's skills that were contributed.

The diversity of the delegates participating makes the AUSMUN experience unique. People of different ethnic backgrounds, religions, and languages are involved. It fully embodies the United Arab Emirates' policies towards tolerance.

AUSMUN gives students a realistic view of international politics. It provides students with new perspectives on pressing current issues. Most importantly, it teaches students diplomacy. Through dialogue and action, students can find resolutions to global problems.

AUSMUN is not only beneficial in understanding international relations, but the skills students acquire can help them turn into future professionals.

Through debates and arguments, delegates can understand how to respect different opinions. This is important because, in the real world, the majority of the time, diplomatic relations and discussions do not share similar ideas and opinions. However, they still find solutions and understand each other's perspectives; that is what the United Nations is all about. Future delegates should grasp this beforehand and always listen to others.

I look forward to seeing AUSMUN get bigger than it already is in the future.

SOCIAL MIXER

As the encouraging winter mist fell upon the meticulously arranged seats, delegates rushed to the football field to take a breather before the final day of heated debates ensued. The air was filled with lively chatter as people poured into the football field, full of anticipation for what was to come.

The hem of the stage was adorned with gorgeous bouquets and sapphire spotlights to appreciate the persevering efforts of all those that continue to make AUSMUN a success.

From food to performances, there was something for everyone.

AUS Students Sami and Abraham began the spring of performances with the youthful tune of "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone." Their vibrant voices pulled the crowd off their seats and to the main stage.

AUS student Hanadi also awed the crowd with her cover of the song "La Vie En Rose." The crowd quieted down in awe of her beautiful voice, closing their eyes as they swayed gently to the melody.

Afterward, the Jordanian Cultural Club performed their signature dance, dabke, spurring the audience who joined in with rhythmic applause. The Indian Cultural Club followed suit by an outstanding dance performance on some of the most foot-tapping Bollywood songs.

The most touching moment of the night was the celebration of the Director of External Relations Abdulla Al Matrooshi's birthday. The AUSMUN executive board, delegates, and moderators gathered around Al Matrooshi, joyously celebrating his 23rd birthday.

An open mic ceremony concluded the segment of performances, giving delegates a moment to showcase their talents and entertain their colleagues. The young attendees sang, played the guitar, and recited their poetry.

By Abeer Khan & Poojaraj Maniyeri



MOMENTS FROM AUSMUN 2020





**AUSMUN 2020
STATISTICS**

ALL IN THREE DAYS

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25 COMMITTEES
1000 + DELEGATES
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