

The Daily MUNtra



THE CLOSING CEREMONY

By Ananya Mukerji

The Secretary-General of virtual DAIMUN 2020, Dhruva Sankhe, began the Closing Ceremony by addressing all our school Heads, teachers, MUN directors, and all our delegates. He highlighted the unprecedented nature of this event held on the virtual platform of MS Teams, where the participating delegates “made collaboration the champion of this conference” and fulfilled the realization of every aspect of our vision for DAIMUN 2020. He appreciated the MUN conference that challenged all the preconceived notions held by delegates who fought for what they truly believed in, through intense, well-structured debate.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Devavardhan Bajla, recounted fond memories from his tenure as a junior delegate. He took us through the time when he introduced the concept of Farmer Field Schools as a nervous first-timer delegate at his first ever DAIMUN. He emphasized that as delegates, you can birth ideas just like he did. These ideas have the power to one day create tangible change. In his words, “With your tireless debate, fierce passion, and every single point and motion raised, you reaffirmed your desire to be heard.” Concluding, he said, “This desire builds a generation of thinkers who are not content with simply accepting what they see, and this is an attitude I am proud to have witnessed at DAIMUN this year.” He emphasised that a delegate's effort at a MUN conference is a desire to be heard, a desire to make a change. This desire carves a strong personality attribute that delegates will emanate for a lifetime.

Just before the much-awaited award ceremony, the delegates were shown a video made by the Press Corps Videography Team, documenting the journey embarked upon throughout this conference. When it came time for the awards to be announced, the delegates waited with bated breaths, uncertain of themselves, unsure if the long hours and ceaseless toil would be rewarded. But as the Deputy Secretary-General reminded the audience, “DAIMUN has never been about awards. DAIMUN has never been about laurels or acknowledgement. DAIMUN is the victory of every individual effort.” DAIMUN is about so much more. DAIMUN is about building the future, it is about taking matters into our own hands, envisioning a new world, a better world. DAIMUN is about coming together to face the challenges that await. DAIMUN galvanizes delegates into action and instils the twin values of self-reliance and teamwork, skills that will prove invaluable to them as they journey through the rest of their life. DAIMUN is Dedicated Delegates.

The President of the General Assembly, Sahil Rane, took us through his journey as a timid 8th grade admin member to the present PGA title at virtual DAIMUN 2020. He thanked everyone for their enthusiastic participation and unrelenting efforts. He stated DAIMUN 2020 was “a transformative three days that have helped you look at our world through different lenses. Three days that have empowered you to bring your dreams about our mysterious future to life by shaping the today, the present.” Deputy Secretary-General, Tara Agarwal, then took a moment to thank everyone involved in the planning, organization and execution of an online conference. DAIMUN 2020 was the culmination of the efforts of a large number of hardworking individuals. She showed her gratitude for the help, support and guidance given by DAIS Heads, teachers, MUN directors, Executive Board Members and all delegates for their time and commitment. And finally, with a loud cheer from every delegate in attendance, the Secretariat of DAIMUN 2020, declared the first ever virtual DAIMUN, closed.

VOTE OF THANKS

- The Press Corps, DAIMUN 2020

It is with great pride that we bid farewell to the first-ever virtual DAIMUN conference — Online DAIMUN 2020. We would like to thank the Chief Guests, Mr Ashok Malik and Mr Rakesh Sood, for their thought-provoking speeches on the conference theme 'The Realist Paradigm: Collaboration in a Multipolar World.' A big thank you to our school's Founder and Chairperson, Smt. Nita M. Ambani and the Vice-Chairperson Smt. Isha Ambani Piramal, for their constant support and guidance. We would also like to express our gratitude to Mr Abhimanyu Basu, Dean of Academics, Mr Michael Shields, Head of International Curriculum (Secondary School) and Ms Anjana Roy, Head of National Curriculum (Middle and Secondary School) for their insightful advice in setting up this conference of a large scale. A special salute of respect to the MUN Director, Ms Soma Basu, for her perseverant efforts to coordinate and supervise Online DAIMUN 2020's functioning. We also thank the Teachers of the Approval Panel for ensuring the quality of the resolutions passed. We are indebted to all the MUN teachers, not only from DAIS but also from visiting schools, whose contribution made the conference a resounding success.

An enormous thank you to the Director of Technology, Mr. Marc Bradley, and the DAIS IT department for their efforts in keeping Online DAIMUN 2020 on the virtual platform of Microsoft Teams running smoothly throughout.

We would like to acknowledge the members of the DAIMUN 2020 Secretariat for their unyielding endeavours and bearing the weight of the responsibility for the conference. We are extremely grateful to the entire DAIMUN Student Administration Team for their diligent assistance with all the proceedings of the conference.

We are truly thankful to all the delegates of the Press Corps for their commitment and relentless efforts in documenting every aspect of the Online DAIMUN 2020, even with tight deadlines. This unprecedented online publication would not have been possible without Ms Nisha Maniar, the Press-Teacher Editor. We would also like to thank the Reliance Digital Design Centre Team for their contribution in the publication of this year's newsletters which integrated text copy along with video embedding. And lastly, a massive thank you to all the delegates for their participation in the conference, your sincerity was evident in every committee.



THE DELEGATE HOROSCOPE

By Samika Jain

As Polly the Polar Bear bids goodbye, she makes an astrological forecast for each DAIMUN 2020 delegate...

Aries, the Fearless (March 21 - April 19)

From now on, you will never be afraid to yell during the committee sessions. In all fairness, you will keep believing you're right!

Taurus, the Peacekeeper (April 20 - May 20)

From now on, while making a great entrance into the committee wearing a tailored pantsuit with ironed placards, you leave a great impression. The peacekeeper in committee, you will use points of personal privilege often. Sparkling or still water? Definitely sparkling!

Gemini, the Friendmaker (May 21 - June 20)

From now on, a little shy...Gemini, once in committee, you might make some good points. Step out of your comfort zone and go talk to other delegates. You might make friends for life!

Cancer, the Loyalist (June 21 - July 22)

From now on, you will write a working paper with the delegate of a country and establish great friendships! Loyal and true, you will stand up for your allies..

Leo, the Passionate (July 23 - August 22)

From now on, you will be quite the lion during a debate. Though passionate and emotive, you will never bad-mouth anybody during committee. You are looking to spearhead real change. Your confidence might earn you a victory- just remember to tone it down once in a while!

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Virgo, the Perfectionists (August 23 - September 22)

From now on, you will read the SOR inside-out. You will participate in various MUNs and one day change the world. Armed with factual truth-bombs, the world will watch out for you!

Libra, the Peacemakers (September 23 - October 22)

From now on, you will be natural peacemakers and experts at being tactful and diplomatic. You will be extremely convincing and persuade others to join your bloc within seconds. You might not always be on the front but you might be the glue that holds your bloc together!

Scorpio, the Determined (October 23 - November 21)

From now on, your determination will help your delegation win 'Best Delegation'. Though mysterious and quiet during debate, you will drop the bomb during an intense moment in committee. You will be slightly rebellious!



POLLY BIDS FAREWELL

By Ananya Goenka

Our Mascot, Polly the Polar Bear, bids farewell...

As the final day for DAIMUN 2020 ends and the virtual conference comes to a close, Polly the Polar Bear, addresses the delegates one final time.

Polly watched as our eloquent guest speakers, Mr Ashok Malik and Mr Rakesh Sood, shared with us their insight on the need for collaboration for countries in a multipolar world. They stressed the importance of peaceful negotiations and remembering the ideals of the United Nations that promoted the idea of harmony among countries in a world plagued with strife.

Polly was impressed by the dynamic unfolding of the first ever online DAIMUN event. She kept a keen eye on delegates in debate, as allies formed and blocs dissolved. And she pondered over each and every one of your resolutions and solutions. Perhaps, this was due to her animated experience, but Polly chose to observe in silence.



Over 290 delegates coming from various schools all across the globe, congregated to debate on the possibilities of collaboration in our increasingly polarised world. And Polly congratulates the DAIS DAIMUN Team who brought this unprecedented collaboration to life. They dispensed duties, supported committee teams, fielded emails, phone calls and MS Teams meetings with great hardwork and dedication.

While Polly knows perfect collaboration does not exist, she believes that the contribution of you delegates will help us improve the desolate condition of the world we live in today. In a divided world, Polly reminds us of the importance of unity. She serves as a beacon of hope that in a multi-polar world, there indeed does exist a way to cooperate. We must not let Polly watch another of her kind perish in the crossfire of humanity's ill-fated battle against itself. We must act together to bring about change. For us, for the future, for Polly.