

Philadelphia Model United Nations



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
24-27 February 2011



JOIN US!

On behalf of the Institute of Domestic and International Affairs, I would like to invite you to join us at Philadelphia Model United Nations 2011. PhilMUN will take place 24-27 February 2011, at the Holiday Inn in the heart of Philadelphia's Historic District. PhilMUN 2011 is a four-day United Nations simulation in which high school students will have the opportunity to engage in intense debate about intricate global issues. During the course of the four days, students will represent their assigned country's policies and interests, while cooperating with others to find sustainable and feasible solutions to these international problems. Students will come to understand a state's role in global affairs, its influence in the international community, and the difficulties involved in finding meaningful solutions. This conference also serves to develop a student's skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and persuasive writing by challenging students to tackle issues that are real and widespread. This unique and dynamic educational setting affords students the opportunity to become informed global citizens, and our excellent staff at Rutgers and advisors at IDIA are committed to doing just that.

PhilMUN 2011 asks students to consider the manner in which a country's identity is formed, as the identity of a country is vital for the welfare of its own people as well as its international presence. Most developing countries are generally engaged with national development activities with the aim to strengthen national unity and to improve the welfare of the population. In the field of politics, national development efforts usually reflect in the build-up and the strengthening of ideology or other symbols which can accelerate their national unity. At PhilMUN 2011, students will explore whether the region's long history of colonization in almost every one of its nations can be reconciled with their own ideologies, culture and traditions. Southeast Asia is unique in that each country consists of a variety of religions, ethnicities, languages, and communities. All of these have influenced technological development, economic growth, politics, and much more. Students will further consider whether one unified national identity is possible for such diverse nations, and what factors and influences contribute to a nation's identity. This conference will examine how various topics and issues can develop a country's role on the global stage.

Along with traditional committees, the advanced committees will handle topics more intimately related to the regional focus and theme. The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia will examine the crimes committed by the Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1979. Students will learn international court procedure, structure, and law. The Committee for Indonesian Independence Preparation will be set in 1945, and will evaluate the difficulties that come post-independence. While tackling the responsibility of forming a new government, students will also be responding to Dutch influence and potential political unrest. Finally, in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, students will seek to unify the many voice of Southeast Asia and evaluate issues specific to that region in the realm of nation building and democratization.

Registration for PhilMUN 2011 is currently available on the IDIA website. With smaller and more intimate committees than other conferences, Philadelphia Model United Nations offers the unique experience for students to work closely with each other and with staff. Therefore, because of the limited space and high demand, I strongly encourage you to register as early as possible. For more conference information regarding topics and committees, explore the PhilMUN website. I also recommend that you utilize our Conference Outreach program, an initiative that brings experienced staff members to your school to help students prepare for the conference. I eagerly await your participation at PhilMUN 2011 and wish you the best of luck in preparing!

Trisha Jhunjhnuwala
Secretary General

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Located at the Holiday Inn Historic District in scenic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Model United Nations is a realistic simulation of the United Nations, its affiliated specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations. Students from across the country and around the world will convene at a four-day conference to discuss and solve some of today's most pressing issues from the perspective of a United Nations representative. By representing the nation of their school's choosing, students are challenged to learn, understand, and discuss difficult issues, often from a non-Western point of view.

In each committee, students debate issues from the provisional agenda and represent the ideas and motives of nations from around the world. Through the art of international diplomacy and compromise, participants formulate multinational resolutions designed to overcome collective action problems. Delegates work to amend and pass resolutions through their own committees. Resolutions passed at the conference will be published for later use by teachers in the classroom.

Delegates attending PhilMUN are expected to arrive at the conference prepared. Before the conference, students receive committee briefs tirelessly researched and written by conference staff. In addition to developing an in-depth understanding of the issues under discussion, students should also be able to formulate ideas and policy positions in the general interests of their nation. Students that attend Model United Nations conferences are usually those who are interested in international politics and diplomacy. More importantly, participants come to learn about the numerous global issues facing the world today.

In addition to intellectual gratification, delegates who excel in their committee sessions are recognized at the closing ceremony for their efforts. Awards are presented to students who take an active role in the activities of their committee, who show exemplary preparation for the conference, and who best facilitate the work of the committee. Philadelphia Model United Nations provides students with an educational opportunity to learn about the world in which they live, and more importantly, to meet peers with similar interests from varying cultures.

Why should I attend PhilMUN and not another conference?

Philadelphia Model United Nations is a unique Model UN conference. Instead of trying to address issues of concern throughout the world, the program focuses intensively on one specific geographic region, offering students the opportunity to learn about the political, cultural, social, and economic in an in-depth fashion.

THE PHILMUN DIFFERENCE

PhilMUN is not the typical Model United Nations experience. This program provides an environment in which students can learn about a specific region of the world. In doing so, they have the opportunity to examine the social, economic, and political implications of existing policies, and determine what effect that new solutions will have on today's problems.

Educational Focus

For nearly twenty years, IDIA's Model United Nations program has been about more than just Model UN. Instead of stressing high levels of competition, our staff focuses on the educational opportunities presented by the Model United Nations experience. Our committee directors undertake a rigorous research and training program, and will work one-on-one with your students to maximize what they can get out of the conference, focusing on skills like public speaking, information synthesis, and conflict resolution. When your students leave PhilMUN, they will have been immersed in an intensive learning environment, and will return to their classrooms with a new sense of empowerment.

Conference Outreach Program

If you are unfamiliar with the workings of a Model UN or with Philadelphia Model United Nations, our staff is eager to visit your school through our Conference Outreach Program. This program sends PhilMUN staff to your high school to teach about the UN and to prepare the students for the conference. This is a good opportunity for both novice and experienced delegates as well as advisors to learn about our conference. We will provide explanations of PhilMUN Rules of Procedure, techniques of debate, and research methods. We are very eager to come to your high school and speak about the Model UN experience! For more information or to schedule an outreach, please call the PhilMUN hotline at (732) 249-4227 or email philmun@idia.net.

ModelUN.com

By integrating the power of social networking with what IDIA knows about Model United Nations, we have been able to develop a useful and engaging tool for MUN students and clubs everywhere. Most exciting of all is the opportunity for schools to customize and manage their very own group page, where they can post events, photos and videos, discussion forums, and other relevant information, all with the power to moderate the content. Over the years, we have heard from many advisors seeking a better online tool for communicating with their students and from students seeking a better online tool for communicating with fellow students. ModelUN.com offers tools to meet both of these goals.

IDIA Conference Portal

At PhilMUN, we believe that the educational aspect of the Model United Nations program is critical. To better provide for this educational process, students are encouraged to make full use of the IDIA Conference Portal at www.idia.net. Registered students are each assigned their own username and password to our website, and are granted access to a wealth of online content, including research anthologies from a variety of publications, including Foreign Affairs. In addition to the substantive resources students find in their conference portal, they will also have access to a variety of discussion boards and scheduled chat sessions designed to better facilitate conference preparation.

Training Sessions

The opening day of PhilMUN 2011 will feature training sessions for both novice and advanced delegates. Chaired by seasoned directors, two separate sessions will acquaint novices with the rules of debate, and advanced debaters with diplomatic tactics and strategies. These sessions will ensure that all students are well prepared for the weekend, and will offer an opportunity for delegates with all levels of experience to ask questions of their directors, and to learn from their peers.

COMMITTEES AND TOPICS

General Assembly and Specialized Committees

Director

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Rohini Bhaumik

- Reduction of the Drug Trade
- Legal Aspects of Counter-Terrorism

Disarmament and International Security

Ghalib Mahmoud

- Intra-State Ethnic Conflict
- Maritime Piracy

Economic and Financial

John Paul Marshall

- Maritime Trade Regulation
- State Formation from an Economic Perspective

United Nations Development Programme

Jennifer Arantes

- Internally Displaced Persons
- Reducing Inequalities in the Legal System

United Nations Environment Programme

Allie Bittner

- Environmental Impact of Tourism
- Illegal Wildlife Trade

UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

Ilke Denizli

- Internally Displaced Persons
- Reducing Inequalities in the Legal System

UN Office of Project Services

Gwen Prowse

- Medical Aid and Disaster Relief
- Access to Education

World Health Organization

Amy Gandhi

- Internally Displaced Persons
- Reducing Inequalities in the Legal System

Who should attend a Model UN Conference?

The Model United Nations experience is not just for students interested in politics, history, or social studies. Topics of discussion at Philadelphia Model United Nations have been specifically chosen to relate to students planning to study in a diverse group of fields -- from sociology to international relations; from the sciences to public policy.

ADVANCED COMMITTEES

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Alex Lewis

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, is a national court established through an agreement between the United Nations and the Cambodian government to try high-ranking officials of the Khmer Rouge regime for violations against Cambodian penal law, international humanitarian law, and violations against international conventions recognized by Cambodia.

Association of South East Asian Nations

Shivana Maraj

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations was established in August 1967, and today is made up of ten Southeast Asian nations. The aims and purposes of ASEAN, as listed in the ASEAN declaration, are to accelerate economic growth and social progress of the region, promote regional peace and active collaboration between Southeast Asian nations, and to maintain beneficial cooperation with other international bodies.

Topics:

- Nation-Building and Democratization: Thailand
Students will discuss the ongoing struggle to implement true democracy in Thailand, and will collaborate to discuss broader questions regarding national sovereignty throughout the region.
- Financial Integration and Trade Policy
ASEAN has recently made free trade agreements with China, India, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand. In addition, the regional body holds an "ASEAN +3" meeting with South Korea, China, and India every year to facilitate economic cooperation.

Committee for Indonesian Independence Preparation

Audi Syarief

This committee will simulate the Indonesian National Revolution, an armed conflict and diplomatic struggle between Indonesia and the Dutch Empire. Independence from the Netherlands was declared by Indonesia on August 17, 1945. When a country is newly independent, there comes many new questions and struggles, such as how they government will function, which party will be in power, how to maintain independence, and how to abate discontent of the people. The students of this committee will attempt to answer these questions. They will establish a new constitution and government, while dealing with Dutch attempts to recolonize.

Which student should I assign to an Advanced Committee?

Advanced Committees at PhilMUN traditionally have about 15 students, making the experience much more of a dialogue than formal, structured debate. In addition, the topics tend to be more nuanced, making conversation much more intense. Students who have considerable Model UN experience will fit in perfectly, but so will students who are looking for a new challenge. Consider students who have shown promise in larger committees, and who are able to think on their feet and process information quickly.

LOCATION IS EVERYTHING!

The schedule for Philadelphia Model United Nations has been designed to give delegates and advisors the chance to explore the city, and to experience first-hand the many historic and cultural attractions found here. Known as the birthplace of American Democracy, Philadelphia is home to some of the nation's most treasured history. From Independence Hall to the Liberty Bell and famous South Street to the Franklin Institute, the city of Philadelphia offers visitors the chance to be immersed in how the American political system developed, and how it has evolved since those important first days.

PhilMUN 2011 provides the perfect opportunity to turn the Model United Nations experience into something even more rewarding. More importantly, the Holiday Inn Historic District is located in the heart of Center City, just a short walk from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Consider adding on a few days either before or after the conference to explore the city and its surrounding areas. IDIA has negotiated significantly discounted hotel rates to schools arriving before, or departing after the conference.

Places to see in Philadelphia!

Historical Sites	Famous Sites	Cultural Attractions
Independence Hall	South Street	Philadelphia Art Museum
Liberty Bell	Reading Terminal Market	Franklin Institute
National Constitution Center	Italian Market	Mutter Museum
Betsy Ross House	Gino's and Pat's Cheesesteaks	Rodin Museum

Getting to and from Philadelphia

One of the best parts about Philadelphia is its location. Situated along the Delaware River, the city is located on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor line, connecting the city to Boston, New York, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The city can also easily be reached from the Philadelphia International Airport and I-95. Philadelphia's location makes it the perfect spot for an educational field trip!

Come Early, Stay Late...

With its countless historical attractions and cultural venues, Philadelphia offers tremendous opportunities for longer stays. Stays at the Holiday Inn can be extended both before and after the conference for just \$120 *per room, per night*. If a longer stay is not possible, take advantage of Philadelphia Day on Thursday morning. Just drop your bags at the hotel, and explore!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All participating schools must first pay a Pre-Registration fee of \$125.00 per delegation represented in the General Assembly Committees. Every country is represented in each of the General Assembly and Specialized Agency Committees. Schools may also Pre-Register for one or more of PhilMUN's Advanced Committees at no additional charge. **Pre-Registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances.**

Philadelphia Model United Nations charges a \$90.00 admission fee per student. If students commute to PhilMUN, this is the only charge for which they are responsible. This fee covers admission to all conference events, speakers, and administrative costs. For schools requiring accommodations at PhilMUN, there is an additional \$155.00 per student hotel fee that covers three nights lodging (quad occupancy). Therefore, students sleeping at PhilMUN will be charged \$245.00 for admission to the conference. This fee does not include student transportation to and from the conference or any food over the course of the four-day event.

There is no admission fee for Advisors and Chaperones at PhilMUN. There is, however, a hotel fee of \$450.00 per hotel room for Advisors and Chaperones sleeping at the conference. Up to 4 Advisors or Chaperones can share a single room at no additional charge. IDIA requires a 15 to 1 student to faculty ratio at all of our conferences, so please plan accordingly.

Final Registration Fees are due 1 February 2011. Full payments not received by the 1 February 2011 deadline will be assessed a 2% per month late fee. **No refunds will be given after 1 February 2011.**

IDIA strongly believes that no student or school should be prevented from attending our programs because of financial limitations. For information on financial assistance, please contact us at philmun@idia.net.

CONFERENCE FEE STRUCTURE

(All costs in U.S. Dollars.)

Registration Fee (per delegation)	\$125.00
PhilMUN Conference Fee (per student)	\$90.00
PhilMUN Hotel Fee (per student)	\$155.00
PhilMUN Faculty Hotel (per room)	\$450.00

How do hotel arrangements work for PhilMUN?

We recognize that you are busy as a teacher, and we have tried to make the registration process for PhilMUN as easy as possible. Instead of asking you to find a hotel and to negotiate prices, we have leveraged our longstanding relationship with the conference hotel for the cheapest possible room rates, and we have passed them along to you. Instead of calling local hotels, simply complete your rooming lists on the IDIA website, and we will take it from there. When you arrive at the conference, all of the particulars will already be settled. Just check-in and enjoy the conference!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 24 February 2011

9:00am	Philadelphia Day
3:00pm	Check-In Begins
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Novice & Advanced Training Sessions
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Committee Session I
12:00am	Delegate Curfew

Friday, 25 February 2011

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am - 12:00pm	Committee Session II
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Delegate Skills Development Workshops
2:30pm - 6:00pm	Committee Session III
6:00pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Committee Session IV
12:00am	Delegate Curfew

Saturday, 26 February 2011

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am - 12:00pm	Committee Session V
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Committee Session VI
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner
8:00pm - 12:00am	Delegate Social Events
12:15am	Delegate Curfew

Sunday, 27 February 2011

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am - 10:30am	Committee Debriefing Sessions
10:30am-12:00pm	Sunday Activity
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Closing and Awards Ceremonies

What is the Sunday Activity all about?

When students arrive on Thursday, their committee directors will transition them from being high school students to U.N. delegates. On Sunday, as a means of transitioning them back to being high school students, our staff will offer an innovative activity that will help to broaden their practical understanding of their topics and the conference theme, and methods to apply that knowledge to their academic, professional, and civic-minded pursuits.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

1 June 2010

Registration Opens

- Available on IDIA Website (www.idia.net)
- First choice of delegation assignments
- Delegation fees \$125.00

1 December 2010

Final Registration Begins

- Delegation Preferences
- Confirmed Student Attendance
- Registration Payment

1 January 2011

The following materials will be made available to registered schools:

- Delegate Guide
- Committee Briefs
- Payment Forms
- Rooming Lists
- Permission Slips

1 February 2011

Final Registration Deadline

Submission of:

- Full Payment
- Payment Forms
- Rooming Lists
- Committee Assignments

1 February 2011

No refunds of any kind will be issued after 1 February 2011.

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Online Submission of Position Papers

Position papers are short, delegate-written research papers discussing their assigned nation's view on the topics to be discussed in committee. The purpose of these papers is to familiarize the students not only with their country, but also with the topics that will be discussed during committee. These papers are to be submitted by 1 February 2011 so that the PhilMUN directorate may provide constructive feedback and return the papers at the conference's first session. All directors will be available via e-mail and the web forums to discuss position papers in the weeks preceding the conference. These arenas are opportunities for students to ask any questions that they have developed throughout their research.

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