

By Emily Parker

On the second day of the 29th annual Beijing Model United Nations Conference, delegates partaking in the First General Assembly (GA1) convened to address pressing matters regarding how consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic led to socioeconomic, environmental, and structural failures that halted efforts towards future global development in the management of functioning nations. Led by President Jeffery Tu, Assistant President Zinna Kim, and Assistant President Harold Hwang, delegates of the First General Assembly gathered to dispute how best to address establishing measures of coopetition among member states to achieve the sustainable goal development and tackle questions of multinational infrastructure initiatives. Furthermore, delegates of the Second General Assembly (GA2) led by President Hedy Kwon, Assistant President Eva Chan, and Assistant President Chesna Goel, focused primarily on two topics regarding promoting the concept of coopetition among national space agencies and bolstering disaster preparedness in the face of increasing risk of environmental disasters. Representing a multitude of nations, delegates stepped on to the virtual stage, voicing strong opinions and debating extensively to reach a consensus on how best to determine resolutions to some of the world's most persistent issues. Their passion and determination was palpable.



First General Assembly (GA1)

During the debating session of GA1, delegates discussed attainable solutions beginning with pursuing a resolution submitted by Australia which vocalizes

were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. But, according to rankings provided by the sustainable development report, progress towards achieving all 17 SDG's showed a flattening trend and insignificant increase after 2020. A resolution submitted by Uganda, and cosubmitted by Mexico, Switzerland, Cambodia, Netherlands, and Georgia was eager to implement change as their proposal elaborated on the importance of "the expansion and remodeling of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators, requests for the development and agreement of a universal definition of 'coopetition', urges for the revision of the SDG by IAEG, encourages all nations to actively strive towards achieving the SDG's, and calls upon members to organize international conferences."

In the Second General Assembly forum, multiple amendments were passed including Cuba's proposal to transfer records of previous major disasters to collect additional information, if necessary, for the purpose of monitoring further action, and China's proposition to create an International Disaster Prevention Organization (IDPO) with the financial aid of MEDC's to help oversee actions to analyze and reduce international disasters. In the midst of passionate debate, the GA2 began addressing the bolstering disaster preparedness in the face of increasing risk of environmental disasters. Peru's resolution, co-submitted by Denmark, Uganda, India, Mexico, Netherlands, Ethiopia, Republic of Congo, Australia, Spain, and United Arab Emirates acknowledges concerns in regards to the degradation of the natural environment, oil transportation, forest fires, and many more, but they are determined that through the implementation of "funding for the IDPO through various types, such as equipment, money, information, which will be transparent to the public[...][,] the creation of a subcommittee directed by the IDPO that focuses on the prevention of naturally induced disasters [...][and,] the request of nations for the creation of a database dedicated to archiving past and present disasters, which will be run and led by the IDPO, for confrontation with future disasters."



the severe importance of infrastructure to the economy and local civilians. Recognizing that the high priority of protection of less economically developed countries in Multinational Infrastructure Initiatives (MII's), there are still an alarming number of countries who lack necessary communication with local people and forget to inhibit environmental, political, and economic fundamentals before consideration of an MII. Additionally, many countries are scared to further invest in helping to better the beneficial infrastructure of other nations due to corrupt governments who pocket the money. In hopes of helping these matters, Jialei Zheng, the delegate of Australia, calls upon "member states to annually invest and increase funds on MII's [...], encourages member states to create MII's that will increase access to basic necessities [...], [and] further encourages all member states to report all infrastructure projects and domestic spending." Zhang also proposed implicating small businesses, international official banks, alleviating tensions between nations, and decreasing investment in fossil fuel infrastructure. In addition, this assembly addressed that SDG's

Second General Assembly (GA2)

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## Committee Recap: ECOSOC & ENV

By Ivy Yang

During BEIMUN XXIX, the delegates of the Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC) have been intensively engaged in heated debates and lobbying sessions convened to discuss questions regarding fair trade, declining birth rates, and aging populations in more economically developed countries (MEDCs).

While the pandemic has taken a global toll on suppressing population and economic growth, delegates were alarmed by the rapidly declining birth rates and aging populations in MEDCs. Contemplating the economic consequences, delegates conferred concerns related to nations' macroeconomic stability and declines in productivity. To address these issues, a passing resolution was submitted by the Argentine Republic, suggesting measures such as ensuring financial stability for aging populations, applying policies to assist married couples and children, and executing migrant-friendly laws.

Meanwhile, the delegates from the ECOSOC committee also extended the discussion concerning fair trade. Delegates recognized the disputes in international free trade that must be addressed in order to advance economic efficiency and improve the living standards for communities and societies worldwide. To a greater extent, disruptions in fair trade, unregulated free trade, and trade barriers can heighten the risk of child labor exploitation, political unrest, and conflicts on a larger scale. Agreeing upon the positive effects that enforced fair trade can have on global citizens, delegates suggested ways to promote fair-trade products, which include collaborating with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), providing subsidies for producers and more.

On the other side, the Environmental Committee (ENV) fervently debated on resolutions that can be enacted to suppress the Anthropocene extinction and to bolster multinational efforts in environmental projects and initiatives. Recognizing the severe environmental issues such as global warming, environmental degradation, loss of habitat, and so on, delegates have been continuously proposing amendments and solutions throughout the multiple rounds of debate. Evaluating the ongoing and future threats that climate change and carbon waste upholds, Marrisa Zhang, the delegate of Denmark, conveyed her concerns for the wellbeing of global citizens, resource depletion, and the various environmental risks posed. In attempt to strengthen multination efforts, Zhang expressed that she "strongly upholds the solutions of raising awareness for serious environmental issues through the use of media platform broadcasting, [setting] environment-related knowledge as academic programs to educate children in the new generation, and by collaborating worldwide to create a sufficient balanced resource distribution." At the same time, delegates also converged to consider the vulnerabilities that come with rapid changes in ecosystems, contributing to the loss of species and habitats. Stressing the importance of suppressing the Anthropocene extinction, delegates posed various potential ideas, including but not limited to implementing environmental laws, restoring wildlife habitats, and fortifying collaborations and coopetition between ecological programs.





Environment Commission (ENV)



Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

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## Committee Recap: 4RC and W4A

By Sophie Bai

In BEIMUN XXIX, the Human Rights Council (HRC) focused on issues regarding the human rights of sexual orientation and gender identity minorities, and the status of environmental refugees. On Friday, delegates of HRC discussed possible resolutions to these issues.

Subsequent to the lobbying session, the first resolution examined by the delegates in the HRC's afternoon open debate session was submitted by Germany. In line with the co-submitters of North Macedonia, Malta, Colombia, and various other nations, Germany presented resolutions such as legislating laws on the civil marriage of samesex couples, partnering with NGOs, encouraging education systems to educate the new generations about LGBTQ+ issues, and many others. The debate was left to be continued with more amendments.

On Saturday morning, delegates of the Human Rights Council held another fruitful debate, this time on the resolution submitted by North Korea on the status of environmental refugees. The discussion then returned to Friday's unfinished debate on sexual orientation and gender identity; delegates in the HRC convened to finalize resolutions on endorsing protection for the LGBTQ+ community against discrimination from all social, political, and economic aspects.

The result of HRC's discussion is that a resolution to create a sexual orientation rights law was successfully approved; however, a resolution proposing to educate the new generation about sexual orientation was unfortunately rejected.



Human Rights Council (HRC)

Shifting focus to another committee, delegates of the World Health Assembly (WHA) congregated on Friday to deliberate the world's rising issues of health at both personal and public levels. Targeting the question of vaccine passports along with addressing the rising academic stress of students, delegates proposed, compromised and agreed with each other, resulting in lists of successful resolutions on both pressing issues after Friday's lobbying session.

Delegates in the WHA started the afternoon debate by reviewing the resolution submitted by the Republic of Madagascar. Given the issue of vaccine passports, Madagascar is keen to reduce the severely constructed health crisis caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Resolutions on requiring agencies to impart correct information on vaccinations to the public and obligating the Member States to implement stricter policies on vaccine passports and excreta were presented to the Committee.



World Health Assembly (WHA)

On Saturday, the WHA also engaged in a lively debate on their second topic – addressing students' growing academic pressures. Kelly Noh, a delegate representing the UAE, objected "to decrease students' academic stress." Her group planned tangible solutions such as "introducing gamification, increasing creativity-related classes, supplying free learning platforms, and giving lectures on mental health." A series of amendments at the debate session made significant enhancement of the resolution. Delegates to the WHA continued to add and revise each proposal, unafraid to strike resolutions that they felt were ineffective in addressing the issue.

Resulting from Saturday's fruitful debates, the WHA came down to a complete triumph without a single rejection from the three debated resolutions. "We are eager to see two more resolutions to be passed," said Hae Jun Lee, President of the WHA, in anticipation of the upcoming debates on Sunday.



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## Committee Recap: DIS & SC

By Alex Leung

The disarmament committee (DIS) of this year's BEIMUN conference congregated to discuss the current affairs surrounding the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Led by committee president Brian Lee, and assistant presidents Ahmet Deriner and Athena Wang, the delegates engaged in fierce debates surrounding the possibility of the Russians' use of biological warfare and chemical weapons on Ukraine. They also engaged in discussion surrounding the effects of explosives and measures that ensure their safe disposal.

On the matter of possible chemical weapons launched by the Russian Federation, the United States of America, represented by delegate Sikai Feng, submitted a resolution in collaboration with the delegates of the United Kingdom, France, South Korea, Sweden, Chile, Georgia, and Denmark. The delegates recalled biological warfare conventions, which forbade any use or production of biological and chemical weapons, as well as the use and testing of such weapons in Russia's past. They grew increasingly concerned about the possibility that Russia was violating these conventions throughout their invasion of Ukraine. Feng also warns that "disease knows no borders," and that all biological weapons should be seized from extremists and disposed of.

To combat this risk, the coalition demanded a "global system of accountability," named the Bioweapon Investigation and Termination Consultation House (B.I.T.), which would be run by the United States and forces from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). "Holistic" sanctions would be imposed on countries that did not comply with conventions; this could be useful against hostile states such as Russia. Penalties included economic, technological, and military sanctions. Though there



are risks imposed on the civilians of countries who did not comply, Feng reasons that it is for the greater interest of the world.

The United Nations was not included as B.I.T. moderators because the coalition believed that it is not the best representation of their interests: certain members, such as China and Russia, actively used biological weapons. On the other hand, the United States and NATO have "historically proven to be responsible [and transparent] government actors." The coalition hopes that the B.I.T. will help prevent the use of biological weapons through acts such as keeping "financial records regarding any scientific or engineering sector," as well as allowing inspectors to visit any laboratories where biological research is conducted. To address the issue of explosive remnants of war (ERWs), the delegate of India submitted a resolution after consideration with the delegates of nine other countries, which included Iran, Russia, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). Though the delegates expressed concern for the approximately 22 thousand civilian casualties as a result of ERWs, they also expressed appreciation for the Unexploded Ordnance Removal Act. This act has allowed for the survey and removal of ERWs, as well as humanitarian aid to victims. This coalition of delegates proposed that nations and non-government organizations develop technology and provide training to successfully neutralize any threats from ERWs.

### **DISARMAMENT (DIS)** SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)



region along the Russia-Ukraine border.

The first resolution was submitted by the delegate of the United Kingdom in collaboration with the delegates of the United States of America, the People's Republic of China, and Norway. The coalition acknowledged and emphasized the importance of human rights during wartime, encouraging collaboration with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Ukraine (UNAMU). The delegates were concerned that women's and youth's rights were often violated during wartime, and collaboration with UNAMU was necessary to protect civilians and to prevent any violations such as torture. Ultimately, this clause was passed. Another clause added to this submission was proposed by the delegate of Norway, Matthew Yan. This clause emphasized the need for the immediate relocation of citizens living within demilitarized zones to move into safer locations in neighboring countries. Additionally, the coalition suggested designating refugee safe zones within those countries as the borders are prone to conflict. Yan also called for nations to agree to cease combat around these

zones; though he acknowledges the risk of such plans, realizing the borders surrounding Ukraine, especially with Belarus, are mainly pro-Russian. "So far, Russia has mobilized troops in Belarus, therefore I believe it is a danger to the refugees," says Yan.

When the delegate of Norway was questioned over the incentives for countries to host Ukrainian refugees, he stated that he believes "the largest incentive is, of course, humanitarian. Since their homes are being destroyed, Ukrainians don't have a place to which to relocate." The committee topic was finalized before Russia invaded Ukraine, and the delegates had little time to prepare resolutions that could adequately address the situation. Nonetheless, through their extensive research and global mindedness, the delegates of the Security Council worked tirelessly to aid in current political affairs, their hard work serving as an admirable example of putting personal interests aside to successfully approach a common goal.

Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the world has been thrown into a state of panic. With tensions and stakes running high, all possible solutions to alleviate tension must be carefully considered, as any mistake could possibly lead to the Third World War. Taking these risks into consideration, delegates in the security council of BEIMUN XXIX headed into the conference with resolutions that teemed with rationality and professionalism. Led by president Shanmugam Ganesan and assistant presidents Victoria Hong and Sally Kim, the council thoroughly evaluated possible measures to alleviate the escalating tensions surrounding the Donbas

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# THINGSLEARNED **FROM BEIMUN**

#### By Asher Sevy

Throughout the course of this year's BEIMUN conference, 334 delegates from 32 schools around the world have assumed the roles of national ambassadors, working tirelessly to find diplomatic solutions to real-world problems. BEIMUN XXIX has truly been an extraordinary learning experience, and delegates across all eight committees have explained exactly what they have taken away from this spectacular experience.

First and foremost, in many responses was the concept of cooperation. In her interview, Katherine Wang, GA1 Sudan delegate, from the International School of Beijing, said, "The most important thing that I've learned is the concept of coopetition...where competition leads to new ideas...goals and...technology. Many countries try to compete against each other for economic gain, but it could also be useful if this economic competition was also used to further the [improvement] of the world." Several other delegates brought up the topic of cooperating with others. "During the lobbying procedures, I have been able to learn that sometimes cooperation between different people with different opinions [is] difficult, but that it's usually worth it if you can get it to either work out or...come to a compromise," said Yeocheol Yun, GA2 Austria delegate, from Seoul Foreign School. ECOSOC Malta delegate, Leonhard Nagel, of the International School of Tianjin, shared his view: "I've definitely learned about the importance of cooperating with other delegates in terms of putting our ideas together to try and make them better ideas and make our resolution, as a whole, more cohesive...I think the ways in which people can merge their ideas, even if these ideas might seem almost opposed to each other at first...was quite a valuable lesson I've taken away from BEIMUN." Sunshine Li, WHA Kyrgyzstan delegate, from Beijing International Bilingual Academy, shared: "From lobbying yesterday, I've learned to cooperate with many people from different schools and we've also learned to merge our ideas together and how to eliminate some other ideas and just work together to come up with the best ideas possible." In a conference composed of 470 teachers and students, with 48 teacher directors, 24 chairs, 24 members of admin, 7 members of the secretariat, and 17 members of the Beiwatch press team, cooperation and teamwork is crucial in negotiations, management, and documentation, so it is no surprise that many delegates have learned how to work well as a team in order to bring about success.

Delegates also reflected on how, through BEIMUN, they have been able to learn about the issues and plights of peoples across the globe. Katherine Wang talked about the knowledge she gained on the difference in infrastructure between countries of different economic development: "I did a lot of research on it, and it surprised me how a lot of the world doesn't necessarily have enough core infrastructure, such as transportation or healthcare systems, so...it really shows that there's still a major gap in the world." Furthermore, Yelim Lee, HRC North Korea delegate, from Shekou International School, stated, "Getting ready for [the BEIMUN conference] and researching the status of environmental refugees, what's going on, and the statistics...was very useful."

Thirdly, many delegates mentioned how they were able to get a glimpse of

those opinions and actually having a resolution that works for most missions was a bit hard to make [happen], but then from the intense debate, I learned a lot about how different countries can value multiple aspects, for example, some countries valuing citizens first, and others valuing quick action to bring peace for other nations."

In an interview with Jia Lee, International School of Beijing delegate of France, and youngest delegate in SC, she shared an idea that impacted her greatly: "I have learned that there are no limits in Beijing MUN...I learned that delegates [must not] have any boundaries for themselves, as I have seen so many amazing delegates who have shown full commitment. And although their resolutions may not have passed," Lee said, "they continue to make contributions to other resolutions... Overall, I was so surprised by how delegates overcome these challenges."

Finally, SC committee chair, Sally Kim, from the International School of Beijing, explained how the BEIMUN conference has helped her to become more of a leader: "I learned how to communicate with the delegates and other chairs and how to organize debate time, and how to be in charge of misbehaving delegates. One thing I really learned throughout this conference is the ability to organize and be a good leader." She finished with a simple statement that summed up the entire interview: "I've gained a lot of leadership skills."

Overall, these delegates reflect the whole of the BEIMUN community and all they have learned from this year's conference. Through BEIMUN XXIX, they have learned about global issues, experienced a variety of perspectives, pushed their limits, learned how to be a strong leader and, most importantly, they have all learned how to create new ideas and build relationships through coopetition.





various perspectives on topics they were debating. ENV Brazil delegate, Isaac Wong, of the Chinese International School, said, "I've learnt that many people from all around different places...have different beliefs due to their geographic area, and [have] certain cultures." His mention of differing perspectives appears in many other interviews as well. "It was really refreshing to be able to see delegates from all backgrounds...countries[,] and perspectives come together," said Sarah He, DIS Kyrgyzstan delegate, from Beijing International Bilingual Academy. "Everyone's actually representing their countries and talking about the resolution from the perspective of their country, so they actually did a lot of research going into the conference," and she went on to talk about how delegates can "merge the different perspectives" to come to the best resolution. Additionally, Ghana SC delegate, Myungjun Lee, of the International School of Beijing, explained his experience while debating on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine: "There are a lot of opinions from different countries, so balancing



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## Teachers in the Spotlight

By Dorothy Du

BEIMUN may be entirely run by diligent secretaries working around the clock to organize conferences for the 334 attending delegates, but teachers also play an important role in supervising this event. Today, we reached out to a couple of teachers from around the world in order to highlight their experience at BEIMUN XXIX.

### How did you become a teacher supervisor for this event?

Ms. Allison Marz of the International School of Beijing: I work closely with Dr. Maloney of the International School of Beijing in the English department, and I asked her if I could help out with MUN to learn more about it.

Ms. Pepper McFarland of the American International School of Chennai: I've been the MUN director at AISC for 9 years and was happy to participate in BEIMUN again.

Dr. Katherine Maloney of the International School of Beijing: I am the MUN Director here at ISB and have been for the past three years. This is my final BEIMUN as I will be moving on from ISB at the end of this school year - hard to believe. I will miss BEIMUN very much :(

### How would you describe your experience with BEIMUN so far?

Ms. Allison Marz: I really enjoy being able to watch everything happen live; there is this fanatic energy in the room, which peaks and falls. Overall, I enjoy seeing everyone get so passionate about the conference for it to actually happen.

Ms. Pepper McFarland: I always enjoy how engaged delegates are at BEIMUN. The debate is always interesting and the resolutions are well written. I appreciate how dedicated everyone is.

#### Dr. Katherine Maloney:

I love MUN and BEIMUN. It is deeply gratifying to work with the team of student leaders each year to plan for and facilitate this event. Yesterday I worked on the Approval Panel and it was great to see the high level of quality of the solutions being proposed. Today I popped into the various committees and it was absolutely wonderful to see the delegates so focused and engaged.

### Do you have any advice or comments for the delegates?

Ms. Allison Marz: My advice for the delegates is to put themselves out there, to raise points of interest, and ask questions. I think that delegates who get involved and jump right in enjoy the experience and the conference the most.

Ms. Pepper McFarland: Don't be afraid to speak up. Everyone remembers what it was like to be a shy first delegate. You can do it.

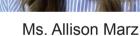
Dr. Katherine Maloney: Represent your country's interests faithfully, be respectful of other countries' views, and take full advantage of this opportunity to learn and grow. Enjoy every minute!





Ms. Pepper McFarland

Dr. Katherine Maloney





### FOR THE FIRST TIME, NATO'S RESPONSE FORCE (NRF) IS ACTIVATED

By Daniel Lee

On February 26, 2022, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) officially announced the full activation of the coalition's response force, meaning that the military is currently ready to deploy to Ukraine or wherever

military action (NATO). "This deterrence measure is prudent and enhances our speed, responsiveness, and capability to shield and protect the one billion citizens we swore to protect," comments General Wolters. including supplying weapons and emergency rations to the defending nation. Mr. Stewart also reports that Ukraine has requested flak artilleries in an effort to forestall Russia's aerial supremacy. NRF's heightened preparedness to dispatch continues to elevate international tension regarding the on-going

else needed. NATO's rapid response stemmed from its belief in the power of collective defense and unity under global peace and territory integrity.

The activation of NATO's Response Force (NRF) includes live ammunition distribution and travelling restrictions among units. This is the joint unit's first combat-ready status after NATO's establishment in 1949; General Tod Wolters, the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, considers the NRF's activation a "historic moment."

The NRF consists of multinational armed forces, with approximately 40,000 land, air, maritime, and special operations soldiers available for all-out

NATO's contentious decision has spurred other responses to the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian War. For instance, the United States Department of Defense is "prepared to deploy orders" to 12,000 of its service troops, ordering them to initiate combat in accordance with NATO (Lopez). Moreover, the United States has already redeployed around 15,000 American soldiers to Germany, Romania, and Poland, which are geographically near Ukraine (Lopez).

Furthermore, Phil Stewart, the Military and Intelligence Correspondence of Reuters, says that NATO is supporting Ukraine with various measures, conflict.



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## Most Diplomatic Delegate Award

#### By Daniel Lee

The BEIMUN conference may be very demanding to its participants, but no matter what position you are in, professionalism is an integral quality sought after in BEIMUN. Delegates are required to adhere to their assigned nations, regardless of their personal interests or opinions, as well as demonstrate effective communication in delivering one's ideas.

The most diplomatic delegate award is given at the end of each BEIMUN conference to honor delegates who, according to Secretary General Eric Xie, are "proficient in dealing with their peers in a sensitive and an effective way and lead the debate in the committee" and who "never hesitate to give a speech." Per committee, one delegate is nominated and acknowledged by the respective committee's presidents.

In the General Assemblies, two delegates have been selected for their extraordinary professionalism throughout the conference. The honor goes to Alexander Myong, a sophomore at Seoul Foreign School, representing Austria, and Yeocheol Yun, a junior of the same school, and a delegate of Austria.

To continue, in the Economic and Social Council, Qixuan Sun, representing Argentina, has been nominated as the best delegate. Sun is currently a junior at Tianjin International School and has been recognized for excellent leadership and communication skills.

Furthermore, in the Environment Commission, the presidents have decided to acknowledge Kenneth Lee, a sophomore at Seoul Foreign School, taking the role of India, as the most diplomatic delegate. Lee has managed to consistently demonstrate passion and engagement.

Leyna Biggs, the delegate of India, has been chosen as the most diplomatic delegate in the Human Rights Council. This 10th grader from Seoul Foreign School has provided interesting perspectives to the conference, as well as adhering to the country throughout.

In the World Health Assembly, Ashley Hong, a sophomore at Seoul Foreign School, has been nominated as the most diplomatic delegate. As a delegate representing Austria, Hong has displayed proficiency in diplomacy and communication with fellow delegates.

Additionally, Ethan Cho of Seoul Foreign School has received the honor in the Disarmament Commission. This sophomore, as a delegate of India, presented well-organized arguments and demonstrated exemplary professionalism throughout.

Last but not least, in the Security Council, Jessie Park, a junior attending Skekou International School, has been selected as the most diplomatic delegate. As a representative of China, Park managed to successfully display her engagement and country stance in the conference.

There is no reason to be disheartened if your name has not been listed above. BEIMUN and Beiwatch congratulate all delegates for their persistence and collaboration over the past few days.



GA2: Delegate of Austria, Seoul Foreign School, G11 Yeocheol Yun



DIS: Delegate of India, Seoul Foreign School, G10 Ethan Cho



ECOSOC: Delegate of Argentina, Tianjin International School, G11 Qixuan Sun

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**8** CLOSING CEREMONY

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

By Emily Parker

Marking the end of four eventful days forwarded with passionate and fruitful debate, this year's esteemed group of delegates, admin, and advisors from around the world gathered once again on a virtual platform to conclude the 29th annual BEIMUN conference. It was the culmination of months of relentless research and dedicated effort that drove this BEIMUN conference to yet another success where honorable delegates had the opportunity to express their views, share and merge resolutions, and reach an agreement on the world's most pressing concerns. Deputy Secretary General, Shane Lim, opened this conference congratulating delegates in their constructive dialogue throughout the conference and expressed that, "although in this era of polarization [where] it is easy to succumb to the pitfall of bias and isolationism, the secretariat team is proud to state that delegates have become leaders in their own committees through coopetition." Although we didn't have the opportunity to partake in in-person debates, we would like to thank all participants in BEIMUN XXIX for their endless dedication, cooperation, and positivity.

As the closing ceremony commenced, the committee's chair gave a brief address reflecting on the past days praising delegates for exemplifying the maintained professionalism and respectful collaboration during the BEIMUN conference. While each committee covered varying topics that address some of the world's most significant issues, every resolution passed over the course of this conference were equally valid, realistic, and significant to helping our world become one step closer to peace and prosperity. With the understanding that all delegates participating in this year's BEIMUN conference held coherent arguments and a poised manner, the presidents of all eight committees thanked each participant for their diligent work ethic and productive debating. The presidents followed by delivering a short speech recognizing stand-out performances within their committees, honoring a few with the title of "most diplomatic delegate" as a result of their exceptional performance and immense contribution to discussions. This team of proactive openminded thinkers and future leaders of tomorrow demonstrate how the world we live in today is thankfully in the hands of a generation filled with mature problem solvers.

Over the past twelve and a half hours of lobbying and debating, an astonishing 32 resolutions were debated across the 16 topics covered in eight committees. However, one special resolution was yet to be submitted— Deputy Secretary General Ray Fang presented the last closing ceremony statement through the parodic structure of a resolution submitted by Secretary General Eric Xie. It reads: Question of Closing BEIMUN 2022. Co-submitted by Young Soo Kim, Si In Park, Shane Lim and Ray Fung. This resolution "recognizes the 29th Annual BEIMUN conference is coming to a close, [expresses] great appreciation to all students and staff members at the International School of Beijing for the countless hours put behind the scene to make this program possible, [and are] fully aware of the

efforts put forth by all the BEIMUN delegates and their commitment to overcome the limits of online conferences to facilitate great discussion and debate." The leadership team of BEIMUN XXIX "calls upon all participants to thank their teacher directors for their unwavering support in their BEIMUN conference participation; hopes that all participants had enjoyed the conference and took away some new insights and long lasting memories; reminds everyone that BEIMUN will be having it's 30th anniversary next year and the secretariats wishes to see everyone next year for the special conference; further wishes all delegates great success in their next BEIMUN conference; and urges the house to continue practicing leadership through coopetition."

Sadly, as Xie officially closes the BEIMUN XXIX conference of 2022, it is time we must say goodbye to graduating students who have formally ended their BEIMUN career in high school. Nonetheless, their BEIMUN career will only be the beginning of the incredible accomplishments their future holds with their drive and passion to restore harmony in the midst of a rapidly everchanging society. From ever member on MUN to you, we wholeheartedly cannot wait to see what future endeavors you embark on. This year's conference was merely the crossing of a threshold – "leadership through coopetition" – as we embark on a journey of establishing a better future. Congratulations to all the delegates, we hope to see you next year!



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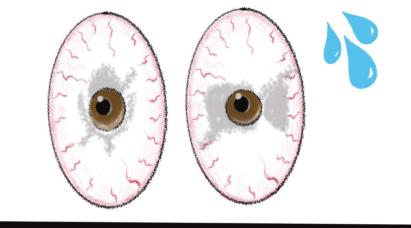






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