



# BEIWATCH

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## CLOSING CEREMONY



By Alex Leung

The past four eventful days have been filled with intense debate; now, the closing ceremony officially marks the end of the 30th annual BEIMUN conference. Despite the cancellation of BEIMUN Beijing at the start of the year, delegates and admin have managed to overcome the hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and conclude another successful conference. As stated by deputy secretary general Sally Kim, “we have learned from the best of our past experiences,” making BEIMUN XXX the first “hybrid” conference since the beginning of the pandemic. On behalf of all delegates, we must express our gratitude for the BEIMUN leadership team who worked endlessly to make this event possible.

On Thursday delegates from around the world congregated online to kick off the BEIMUN XXX conference, enthusiastically voicing their opinions and working on resolutions to address the world's most imperative issues. In

the closing ceremony live streamed at the end of the conference, the BEIMUN leadership team congratulated all delegates on the fantastic job they have done: all delegates presented excellent, logical, and well-written arguments and kept a professional, collaborative attitude.

Additionally, each president from the 9 committees acknowledged high-performing delegates and awarded an outstanding delegate with the honor of the “most diplomatic delegate”.

This year's BEIMUN XXX conference saw 46 resolutions and crises debated across 18 topics in 9 different committees. The delegates should feel proud of their accomplishments as well as their efforts in simulating a diplomatic and professional debate environment.

To close off BEIMUN XXX, one final “resolution” was submitted by the Co-Secretary Generals Renee Kuo and Ray Fang, along with their Deputy Secretary Generals Sally Kim, Grace Fung and the Heads of Administration, Alice Xu and

Nan Jiang. The resolution “recognizes the 30th 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.”

Unfortunately, we must also bid farewell to graduating seniors who have given their final speeches in their high school MUN careers during this conference. Nonetheless, their brilliant performance at BEIMUN XXX means that none should feel regret. Stepping into the unknown, our seniors have nothing to fear. Congratulations once again to all delegates for yet another successful MUN conference. As COVID-19 restrictions begin to loosen, we hope to be able to open our doors again to in-person conferences.

# BEIMUN CCC

By Dorothy Du

This weekend MS delegates attended BEIMUN Climate Change Conference (CCC). The young delegates, around forty in number, dressed up to address two key issues: ways to stop deforestation, and how to better promote renewable energy. The buzz of excitement can be felt pervading the room as future leaders experienced their first MUN conference. We wish these young delegates a bright future filled with many more successful MUN conferences!



# HRC Committee Recap

By Sophie Bai

We, as human beings, have always been on a quest to achieve our rights. As we enter an era of liberty, the protection of rights has been expanded to all forms of social groups. Here in BEIMUN XXX, the Human Rights Council is back at tackling some of the world's most pressing human rights issues. The delegates are discussing measures to protect the lands, rights, cultures, and traditions of indigenous communities, as well as policies to advocate for the rights of transgender people.

Transgenders, though they are much more represented in the society today than decades before, still live under the uncertainties of gender conformations. The reason is obvious: the lack of rights that protect them. It is not difficult to implement legislative efforts. But rather, the concern lies within the public abuse of transgenderism. Although gender non-conforming identities emerged way back in 5000-3000 BC, tolerance and embracement for transgender identities are still limited by society's understanding of two biological (or birth) sexes. These uncertainties, along with the absence of solid protection measures, restrain transgenders from the benefits one can enjoy from proper human rights. Consequently, they are positioned as victims of oppression. As documented by the chairs, 40% of transgender choose to commit suicide as a result of discrimination.

To address the urgent issue regarding the abuse of transgender

individuals, the delegate of the Syrian Arab Republic, along with delegates from four other nations, recommended the establishment of a more inclusive education. This means active engagement regarding the concept of transgenderism and gender identities in schools. In addition, the resolution also called for the terms describing gender non-conforming people to be defined internationally and with clarity: "we must aid the assimilation of transgender people in gender-binary systems."

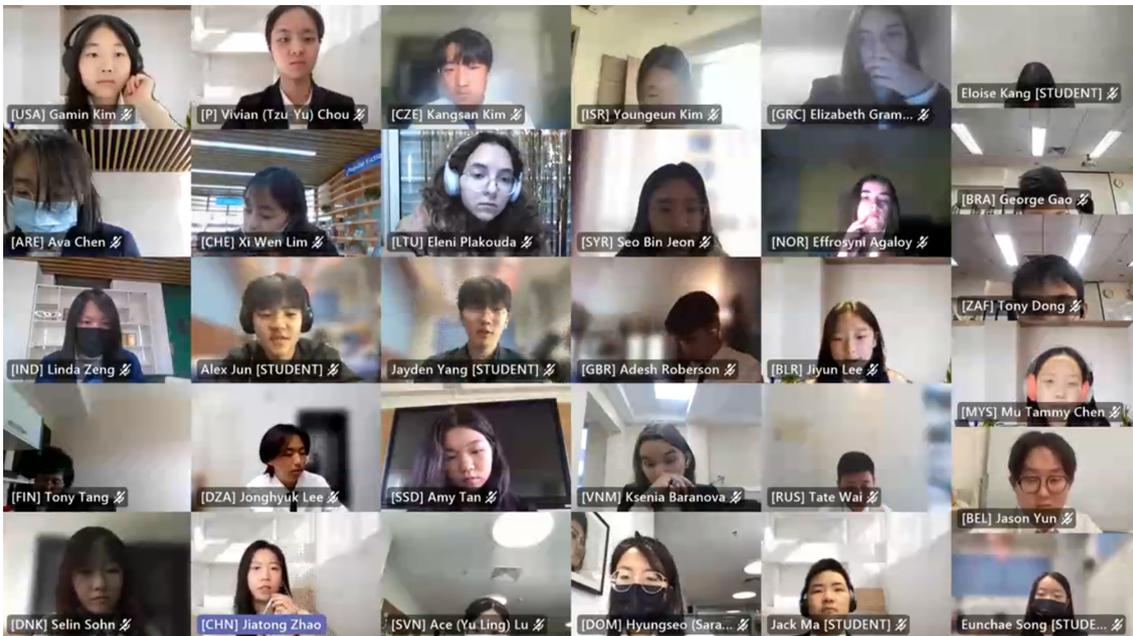
Much like the issue of transgenderism, indigenous social groups also continue to be vulnerable groups in modern society. Constantly exploited by those with power, they have been outstripped and forced to abandon their cultures, especially as a result of colonization. Poverty, displacement, and repression have plagued the lives of indigenous communities for centuries. Despite the Permanent Forum on indigenous communities created by the UN, the major problems of poor political representation and a lack of access to social services still linger into the modern days.

On top of previous attempts taken to protect the rights of indigenous people, delegates of the HRC proposed numerous resolutions after few effective lobbying sessions. The delegate of South Africa, along with delegates from seven other nations, encouraged tax reforms in favor of indigenous people and expansionary fiscal policy directed at indigenous



communities. In approaching property-based protection, the delegates also stressed the importance of informed consent when undertaking development that may affect the territories of indigenous communities. In another resolution submitted by the Republic of Chile, delegates implored the UN to create equitable measures that provide indigenous communities with basic access to healthcare and to arrange local programs and organizations to support their needs. This would ensure that indigenous people can develop their human capital and participate in the labor force.

Eunchae Song, Assistant President of the HRC, was pleased to see that "the debates were very interactive." She also indicated that "delegates added a lot to the amendments" in the debate session." Through Saturday and Sunday, more resolutions will be discussed in the debates, and hopefully, more creative resolutions will be passed.



# SC Committee Recap

By Victoria Li

The conflict in Libya began in 2011 after the fall of its long-time leader Muammar Gaddafi. Since then, the country has been plagued by political instability, violence, and an economic crisis. During this time, two rival governments emerged, causing a conflict that has led to widespread human rights abuses, displacement, and a humanitarian crisis. Despite several attempts at peace talks, Libya remains unstable and the conflict is unresolved. Thus, the delegates on this matter proposed bringing public awareness by working with media outlets such as Cable News Network (CNN), New York Times, and building relevant committee pages on the United Nations webpage regarding the call for international unity. They also proposed establishing a new groundwork for presidential election protocols by requesting a third party such as the United Nations to prudently monitor the ballot and general election, in person or remotely, and setting timelines that nations follow to ensure the progress of the election. Finally, delegates request that the Libyan

government join other relevant efforts to conduct international humanitarian relief operations. These include material funding from the World Bank, the supply of water and nutrition from organizations such as the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), refugee camps for shelter provision for displaced individuals, and increasing the number of available healthcare sites in the nation.

Ever since the chaotic collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, there have been numerous unresolved conflicts and disputes among the former Soviet Republics. This is manifested through many recent conflicts in the region, including the Nagorno-Karabakh war, the Russian invasion of Crimea in 2014, and the most recent (and arguably most severe) Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The issue is not just about the loss of human lives but also the instigation of the economic downturn, political instability, and human rights abuses that plague this region. With no clear solutions in sight, delegates are working diligently to create insightful resolutions to address the issues holistically. Addressing this issue, delegates proposed the further

facilitation of Ukrainian resource imports and exports from Ukraine to neighboring areas such as Romania and Bulgaria through the investment in the Constanta port in Romania and the utilization of the Danube River as an alternative to navigation. Delegates also proposed the formation of The Assembly of Donbas Region (ADR) as a coalition to prepare a communique between the Ukrainian and Russian government representatives under the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Finally, the delegates also proposed to increase humanitarian efforts to rebuild areas that have been ravaged by conflicts, by providing basic financial support to those forced to leave their homes by the onset of a war ranging from 2000 USD to 3800 USD. They also propose encouraging the United Nations to collaborate with certain NGOs such as Doctors Without Borders, the Red Cross, and Refugee International in order to implement food services, the creation of temporary shelter, and the building of small hospitals to attend wounded civilians in the Donbas region as the facilities of preexisting hospitals may have been destroyed.



# HSC Committee Recap

By Ivy Yang

We learn from the past to prepare ourselves for the future. Over the last two days of BEIMUN XXX, the Historical Security Council (HSC) delegates conferred in fruitful debates regarding the Nigerian-Biafran War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Within the context of these states of political unrest, delegates delved into urgent discussions to forestall further political tension and to address the socioeconomic issues that come along with unrest.

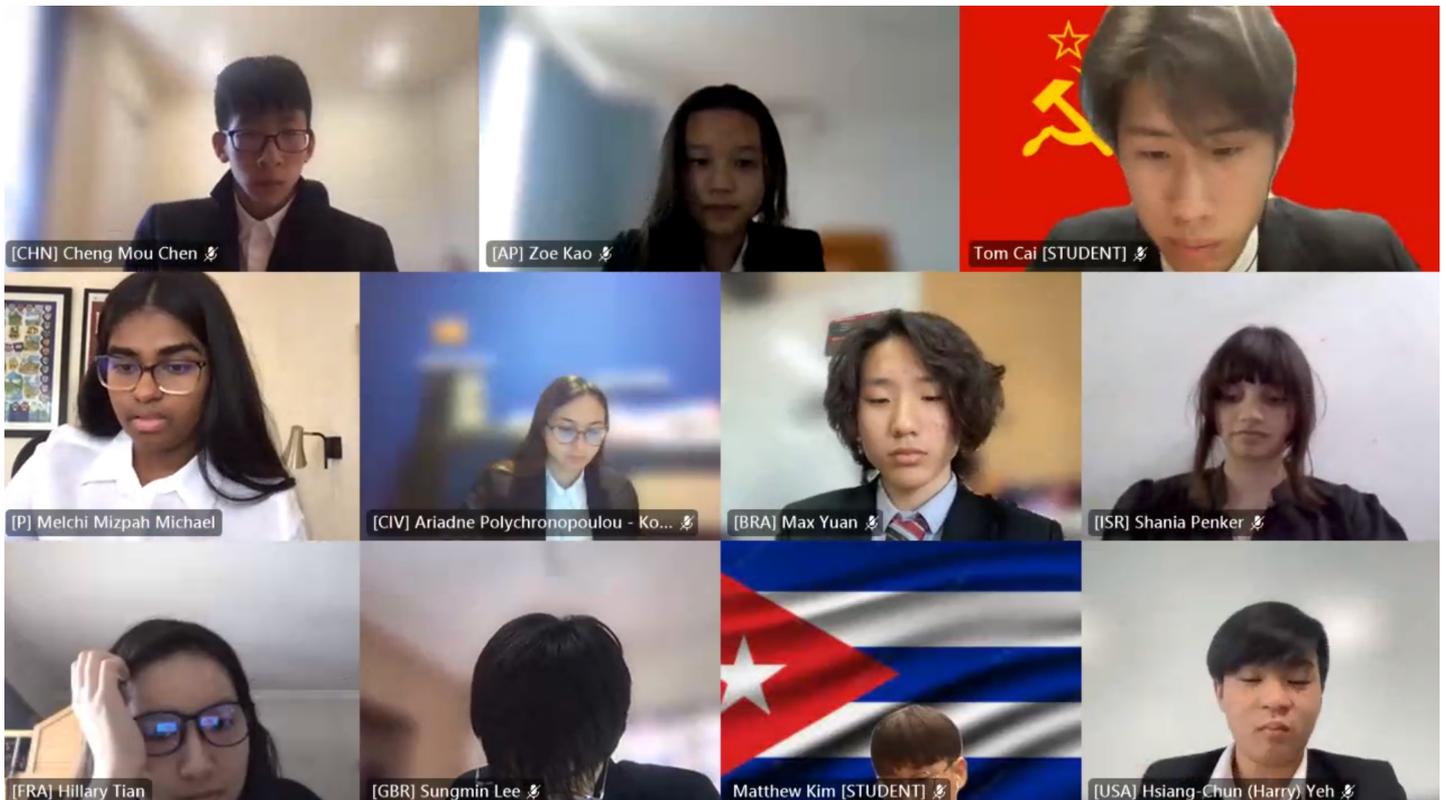
After years of intense political turmoil and discrepancies, the Nigerian-Biafran war has left the nation torn amid chaos. Differences in economic, social, and political status have ultimately led to a divergence in ethnic groups. To an extent, social factors such as inequality in education, resource availability, and financial power have contributed to the tension between the three regions. These are all examples of socioeconomic barriers that impede proper human capital and infrastructure development. For example, the attractiveness of Nigeria's vast oil resources has sparked different business incentives, resulting in high

competition and inharmonious relationships between groups. In a passing resolution submitted by The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, delegates addressed the presence of oil interests, suggesting that the United Nations protect the assets and facilities of Shell-BP, SAFRAP, and Gulf Oil Nigeria, during the war. In addition, delegates hoped to encourage cooperation between multinational institutions and governments to ensure mutual benefits and to internalize potential risks. Expressing concern for the ongoing humanitarian crisis, delegates called upon the government to enforce laws against ethnic discrimination while urging the UN to aid the mass starvation and refugee crises.

Another resolution submitted by France —co-submitted by the United Kingdom, United States, and China— suggested potential solutions to prevent the political unrest between the USA and the USSR. This connected to the overarching theme of the Cuban Missile Crisis. With the hope of resolving nuclear threats through international disarmament, delegates recommended “strengthening communication channels among all member states of

the Security Council.” This implied that more direct communication between parties and the United Nations was necessary. Correspondingly, another clause proposed the idea of monitoring and limiting nuclear weapon production in an attempt to ensure world peace. Alarmed by Cuban citizens’ social well-being and safety despite the political pressure, delegates implored international intervention to remove all nuclear warheads from Cuba and Turkey, while enforcing economic sanctions to resolve exigent threats.

Although war and conflict are inevitable, the delegates from the Historical Security Council have set an example for global mindedness and cooperation in order to foster international relationships and sustain world peace. As the Assistant President of HSC, George Xu, mentioned, many were “surprised to see the Nigerian Civil War resolution pass with a small 1 veto threat. I usually see 5 or 6 vetoes for every resolution.” The excellent work accomplished by the HSC’s delegate is a mark for their weeks of hard work, and we look forward to more exciting debates in the upcoming day.



# Delegate of Russia

By Dorothy Du

**Me:** You know, a little birdie keeps telling me Russia and France are very, what's the word.... "shippable." Would you like to elaborate on that.

*Delegate of Russia* (quoting my comment about the little birdie): Time to go hunting, where my shotgun.

**Me:** So no elaboration?

*Delegate of Russia:* no

**Me:** Alright then, tell me what has been going on in your committee.

*Delegate of Russia:* Basically (insert meme of UN with the caption "or else we will be very very angry with you, and we will write a letter telling you how angry we are") + colonialism, +attempted sanctions on France.

**Me:** Interesting that you've mentioned France, so are you guys working together? A very interesting combination isn't it, Russia and France.

*Delegate of Russia:* nope, we're trolling each other. My first reso was basically an attack on France, and she tried to get at me back during cuban missile crisis.

**Me:** I see I see. This is your last year in BEIMUN. Do you have any fond memories you can share, perhaps a few words of wisdom.

*Delegate of Russia:* hmmmmmmm, getting kicked out 3 times in MUN is a fond memory. My word of wisdom: try to table the chair at least once in MUN.

**Me:** Well delegate of Russia those are certainly very wise words. Are you going to continue your MUN experience in the future?

*Delegate of Russia:* No, never again. Shamun next week will be my last.

**Me:** I see, well that is a shame.

*Delegate of Russia:* no it isn't

**Me:** Delegate of Russia thank you for the interview! I hope you conclude your MUN experience nicely, and sort out whatever is between you and France.

why does russia look like eddy chen (twoset violin) so much

ruusia sounds like the "my money dont jiggle jiggle, it folds" guy sometimes

i hate these gossips and i hate to be this person but russia and france are hella shippable. stating the obvious i know. but yall can see the tension.

I am so shipping **Russia** and France as OPT in this conference

AO3 tags which I would use to describe this conference when I write a fic off of it:  
Enemies to Lovers (Russia and France), Alternate Universe - Politics, Crack Treated Seriously, Slow Burn, Alternate Universe - Historical, POV Third Person, Original Characters, Mental Illness, Character Study, Awkwardness, Russia/FRA, Mutual Pining, Idiots in Love

# BEIWATCH Concludes

By Ivy Yang and Dorothy Du

While delegates participated in extensive and heated discussions, the conference room has been endlessly filled with laughter and bright smiles. From asking delegates for their Instagram handles “for a friend,” to trading messages asking a delegate to not “veto for this resolution [because] we could share the oil ::))))),” this year’s conference certainly had its fair share of funny moments. While there is laughter, there is also a bittersweetness in the air as we must say good-bye to many seniors who have been involved in BEIMUN throughout their high school journeys. The *BEIWATCH* team will say goodbye to Dorothy, Daniel, Alex, and Akari. We wish the seniors best of luck as they go off into the world as future leaders of this generation.

*BEIWATCH* hopes that the memorable and interesting moments from this conference will stay with delegates as they proceed to change the world with their bright visions.

Also, remember to save the (tentative) date for next year’s conference: February 22nd to 24th, 2024.



# 8 SUPERLATIVES & MOST DIPLOMATIC AWARD

## *Superlatives*

Though much of this year's BEIMUN is being held online, this did not deter the delegates' imagination and commitment; this year's BEIMUN has seen both the end and beginning of certain individuals' diplomatic journeys. Furthermore, despite the strict attire requirements, delegates have found ways to express their individuality and excitement.



**Senior 1: Renee Kuo G12**

Renee's diplomatic journey started back when she was in 8th grade, where she attended her first conference BEIMUN-Y. Though Renee does not remember much of the experience, she realizes that "it must have been a good experience because [Renee] did not quit afterwards..." Also, her most memorable moment was from THIMUN Singapore 2019, where she made her first ever speech in front of many people. Besides, "there were country-themed pick-up lines passed through notes... and we went to see the Merlion at the Mariana Bay." Renee advises growing delegates "to try to make some friends... but honesty, just relax."



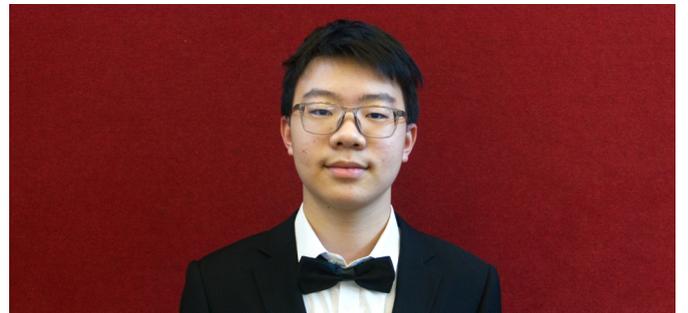
**Rookie 1: Kanglee Park G10**

This is Kanglee's second year in the game after her debut in 9th grade. She recalls that her goal in joining the conference was "to make new friends, build confidence in public speaking, and improve [her]... problem solving skills." Much like other delegates, Kanglee's most memorable experience was when she first gave a speech to everyone. Moreover, she believes that breakout rooms between sessions were interesting, where there were chances to meet new people. This aspiring scholar has a firm dream: "to participate in more MUN conferences and meet the standard of being a chair of a committee."



**Best dressed: Dennis Park G11**

This handsome young man in "a normal formal attire, with a blue tie and a pair of loafers" has the best fashion sense in the whole conference. The tie is a simple tie with stripes consisting of colors of white, blue, light blue, and navy. Dennis mentions how "people like it because the combination of colors contrast with the overall outfit, which makes it stand out." He has some useful advice to anyone who wants to dress fashionably, just like him. First, simple is the key: do not try to overcomplicate your attire by introducing excessive colors or styles. Also, "it is important to find what fits you, so go search for your style," says Dennis.



**Rookie 2: Austin Xu G9**

Mr. Xu's experience as a novice was special. He "joined MUN because a lot of [his] friends participated in MUN." Furthermore, this rookie's favorite moment thus far was "defending resolutions from the constant attack from other delegates." In this somewhat competitive environment, Austin managed to break through and clearly expressed his thoughts. His ultimate goals are simple: "to be successful in school and in future careers."

## *Most Diplomatic Award*

**GA1:** UK Chaitanya Vel (AISC)

**GA2:** Denmark Beverly Kim (Dwight School Seoul)

**ECOSOC:** Brandon Wang (DCB)

**ENV:** Malaysia Minju Chung (SIS)

**HRC:** USA Gamin Kim (SIS)

**WHA:** Malaysia Henry James Dotta (SIS)

**DIS:** Finland Leo Shin (Shanghai SMIC)

**SC:** Russia Gordon Zhang (STC)

**HSC:** USA Hsiang-Chun (Harry) Yeh (SIS)



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**Spot the difference:**



# Sudoku

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When the teacher looks at your test and says.  
"Remember to read the questions carefully!"



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