

SAMUN (St. Andrew's Model United Nations) is an intellectually stimulating and academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and UN relations.

SAMUN conducted its first session on 18 August 2022 to help students develop their diplomatic skills. This session has successfully set a foundation for all the delegates and the team for the upcoming events organised under SAMUN.

The first session of SAMUN commenced with the lighting of the lamp by our Respected Principal Ma'am, Prof-in-Charge of SAMUN, Miss Vineeta Fernandes, and the Secretary General of the SAMUN, Miss Shivangi Poddar.



The students of St. Andrews College sang the inauguration song, followed by the speech of Principal Ma'am, the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the SAMUN. Chairperson Miss Dhvani Waghela and Vice Chairperson Miss Saloni Prabhu were elected for the first session and the formal session started. The chairpersons of the session introduced the rules and motions of the session and the debate began with a roll-call of members.

The first motion was initiated by the delegate of *Ukraine*. The speaking time for each delegate was 90 seconds. With the majority voting the motion was passed during the conference. The speakers in the GS List were respectively Ukraine, Germany, Turkey, USA, Japan, Russia, France, China, Sweden and Canada. Following the point made by the delegate of Ukraine, the delegate of Russia raised the first question followed by the delegate of China. After the speech by the delegate of Germany, the question raised by France was been rejected. The delegation listed in the GS list put forward their points. The chairpersons received a point of order by the delegate of Ukraine through the chit and in the due course of time point of order by Russia was granted. For all the delegates putting forward their points, a valid source of their research had to be provided to the chairpersons.



The point of order by the delegate of Germany was granted and a 10 second reply was allocated for the delegate of Russia.

The second motion was initiated by the delegate of *Ukraine*, the topic being 'Controlling Effective means of Humanitarian and Refugee Crisis', with the majority voting the motion was passed in the session. The speakers were listed in the GS list, the speaking time allocated for each delegate was 60 seconds. The point of inquiry was made by the delegate of Ukraine and China. The motion by the delegate of Germany was rejected by the chair and there was a suspension of the formal debate and the session went into an unmoderated caucus for 10 minutes.

The third motion to enter into a formal debate was extended by the delegate of Russia, the topic being suspension of sanctions imposed on Russia. The majority voted for the topic and the motion was passed. The motion extended by the delegate of Germany and China was not passed by the majority. The speakers were listed in the GS list, the delegate of Russia put forward the points. In the course of time after Sweden's speech, Russia put up a point of order which was countered by Sweden. There was a point of inquiry by the delegate of Sweden followed by the reply of the delegate of Ukraine and a follow up question by Sweden.

The debate was continued with questions by the delegate of Germany to France, the last speaker being the delegate of the USA. For the remaining 3 minutes of time the delegates of Russia, Sweden and China were allocated 1 minute each to put forward their points. Russia extended her points which had been countered by Sweden, under the Chair's discretion the delegate of Sweden had to apologise for the statements being too offensive.

Sri Lanka under the discretion of Chairpersons was elected as the last delegate, the topic of the motion was economic impact on small countries. After Sri Lanka's speech, the delegate of *Japan* requested the Chairperson to close the session.

It was the time to pass the resolutions. The resolutions had to be mailed for feedback by the chairperson. Two resolutions were presented at the closing; the signatories respectively were Germany and Ukraine, and Sweden and France. The resolution was not signed by the majority of countries.

The session concluded with the speech of the Professor-in-Charge articulating the vote of thanks and handing out certificates and prize hamper to the delegates. With this the session drew to a close.



The first session was enriching, insightful and a learning experience for all the delegates and team members responsible for organising the event. The entire team of the SAMUN is looking forward to organising more such events with zeal and enthusiasm.

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