

## The Stupendous Power of “Speaking Up”

— By Eason Wang

**A**s the General Secretary Andrew Goa pounded the gavel, the highly-anticipated TAINANMUN IV kicked off. Without doubt, this MUN has already become one of the most important events for senior high school students in southern Taiwan. Student delegates from 18 schools, international and local ones, have gathered together in Tainan First Senior High School to discuss and debate over controversial global issues of all sorts and try their utmost to work out effective solutions, just as in a real United Nations conference.

As global citizens, we can't stay oblivious to what is happening around us since the world now is a closely connected entity. When we are given the opportunity to look at this world through international issues, how can we not be thrilled by their magnitude and impact upon us? As high-school students, we can collectively make a difference and help the world change for the better. Till then, we should arm ourselves with the ability to find the problems, debate with logic, and cooperate to work out feasible solutions. It is on these grounds that many MUN conferences, including the TAINANMUN IV, have been organized.

With heartfelt gratitude, we commend the principal of TNFSH, Tien-Tang Chang, for authorizing this grand event and continuously extending his strong support throughout the previous months of preparation and rehearsals. “I hope students can

cultivate a global vision in their analysis of world issues and cooperating with people from various cultural backgrounds,” said Mr. Chang.

Also, we are thankful to such a brilliant and diligent backstage planner as well as the mastermind of the TAINANMUN—Ms. Mei-Hua Chen. She has been working on the TAINANMUN for four consecutive years. Many students have been trained by Ms. Chen and become competent “MUNers.” Being a MUN organizer is an arduous task, but Ms. Chen remains dedicated. She thinks that by participating in MUN conferences students get to learn to be responsible and get acquainted with world events and thus be real global citizens. She also gives precious suggestions to all delegates. “MUN participants should pay attention to council rules and procedures, follow them carefully, and seize every opportunity to speak up in a persuasive manner.” Besides the skills, Ms. Chen reminds and encourages all the participants to value what they learn from this MUN experience. “As we strive to enhance our English proficiency, don't forget the knowledge and experience we learn from the MUN conferences. Stay connected with the world and have fun!”

We, TNFSH, are honored to host the TAINANMUN IV. With the past experiences, we are fully-prepared for this grand event. We can see each of the participants speak with zest and confidence. Suit up and make an impression with your eloquence. Take a deep breath, and “Welcome to TAINANA MUN IV in TNFSH”.



# The principal of Tainan First Senior High School Tien-Tan Chang

—By Audie Wu and Allen Wang



**O**n the sunny afternoon of December 27th, we interviewed the principal of TNFSH, Tien-Tan Chang. As the head of TNFSH, he welcomes all the participants to this picturesque campus which abounds with historic buildings and greenery.

He indicates that MUN is a meaningful event because students are provided with opportunities to make friends, develop their debating skills and address issues closely related to economy, welfare, politics, human rights, etc. In the process of preparing for the event, participants have to activate their knowledge about the world and to think rationally about the issues. What's equally important, if not more, is that partici-

pants have to deliver their speeches fluently in English.

Mr. Chang is also convinced that participants have to gain a full understanding of the background of the issues and do extensive research to comprehend recent developments of the issues, through which participants can widen their visions and are more likely to cultivate their global mindset as a world citizen.

To sum up, Mr. Chang considers MUN an important activity which provides a valuable learning experience.



## Message From the

### P.T.A. President

—By Audie Wu and Allen Hong

Mrs. Hung sent a message to all the participants on behalf of Mr. Shui-Shu Hung, the president of TNFSH P.T.A. In her speech, she ex-

pressed her thanks for TNFSH for providing a stage where the brilliant minds can perform. She also encouraged students to be passionate, enthusiastic and to develop a global vision. Overall, she expected the participants to be confident and to learn how to cooperate with others by participating in such meaningful and educational activities as MUN conferences.

## A well-experienced teacher behind the scenes Ms. Mei-Hua Chen

—by Mark Chang



**H**aving been the advisor of the MUN club for over seven years, Ms. Mei-Hua Chen has had the procedures of each MUN activity at her fingertips. Without a doubt, Ms. Chen is absolutely one of the most eligible persons as the organizer of

TAINANMUN IV.

Understandably, undertaking such a significant responsibility is never an easy task. From convening supervisors and student officers, to checking the facilities, and to inviting and corresponding with participating schools, it takes not

only perseverance but also tremendous physical strength. Even when faced with overwhelming pressure, she never gives in but always helps the administrative team keep up with high standards of performance. Thanks to her strong will and determination, along with all the other teachers and her two “right-hand men”, Mr. Roy Lee and Mr. Kevin Lee, the problems are smoothed away.

In spite of every teacher's contribution, “The most troublesome part of the preparation is gathering all the teachers, particularly when it comes to coordinating those who have a limited understanding of how MUN operates,” said Mrs. Chen.

“Actually, it is the experience gained from the past three years that has helped TAINANMUN attain the recognition of being the biggest MUN activity in Tainan. To sum up the position as the organizer, it is definitely challenging!” The efforts and time Mrs. Chen has put into TAINANMUN have obviously laid a solid foundation for TAINANMUN and given everyone involved a rewarding experience.



## CO-ORGANIZER

—By Allen Hong

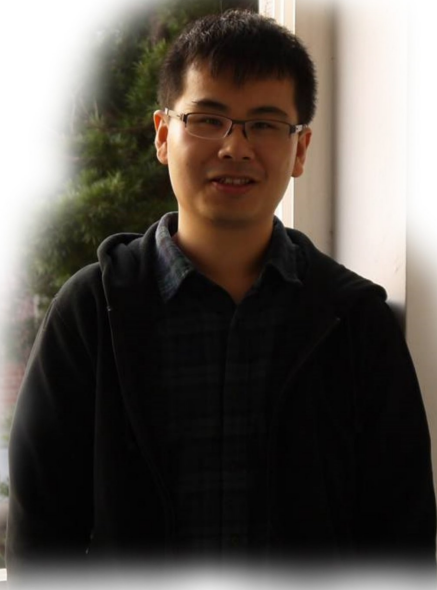
**K**evin Lee, who has taken part in college-level MUN in university, is nominated as the co-organizer of the 2014 Tainan MUN this time.

As an co-organizer, he is responsible for setting deadlines, updating information, responding to inquiries from other participating schools, finalizing the country assignment for each school and so forth. From his experience, Kevin thinks it's essential that students should finish their work way ahead of the deadlines so that they have time for revision. It is through the process of revision that

students can raise the quality of their work and improve their writing skills gradually.

Kevin considers MUN a challenging activity where students can not only sharpen language abilities but also develop critical thinking and research skills. Students need to make a lot of preparations before the conference, which will train them to conduct research, analyze findings, compose speeches, and negotiate with other students. Besides, many students will have their first shot of public-speaking. MUN is undoubtedly challenging for the volume of work it requires before, during, or even after the conference.

At last, Kevin said that he encourages his students to participate in the activities such as MUN activities, not only to make their language skills better but also to acquire skills that are absent in the majority of students nowadays. For the students who participate in the 2014 Tainan MUN, he wants to tell them, “Just give it all you've got. The best is yet to come!”





# Secretary General & Deputy Secretary General

*Interviewing Andrew Goa and Sean Chiang*

— By Eric Hsiung and Bruce Tsai

“**J**ust try your best and have fun at TAINANMUN IV,” said Andrew Goa and Sean Chiang, who are the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General this year. They cheer on every participant and hope that everyone can enjoy this grand event to the fullest.

The Secretary General, Andrew Goa, has extensive experience in the field of MUN. He has participated in up to ten different MUNs, including HSINMUN and TAIMUN. As a MUN veteran, he encourages beginners to speak with confidence. “It’s normal that rookies feel nervous. But don’t worry; try your best to achieve your goal and en-

joy yourselves,” said Goa. Sean Chiang, the Deputy Secretary General, also added, “Get prepared, and seize every opportunity to speak. This is where you can build your confidence.”

Andrew Goa and Sean Chiang are two unsung heroes behind the scenes. As the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, their duty includes leading chairs, delegates, and the whole work team. When it is necessary, they also have to offer assistance, such as taking pictures, borrowing equipment, coordinating the staff, etc. Sometimes negotiating with school’s administrative units and contacting some participating schools for double-checking information are their responsibilities, too.

“The most challenging part of being the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General is definitely dealing with unexpected surprises,” said Andrew, with Sean nodding in agreement. “But these surprises taught us a valuable lesson; that is, you’ve got to think ahead and have a plan-B in your mind when it comes to holding an event like MUN,” added Sean. Besides having their English improved and horizons broadened, Andrew and Sean did find themselves growing enormously with each MUN experience.

For the future development of TAINANMUN, Andrew Goa hopes that there can be more students and schools participating in this motivating and educational event. Sean Chiang shares the same opinion with Andrew Goa, emphasizing he even expects more creative new ideas in the meeting and an inspirational and active TAINANMUN in the future.



ANDREW GOA AND SEAN CHIANG



# Security Council

*Interviewing Dave Lo and Andy Yang*

— By Cary Lee and Joshua Chen



**H**ere we are—the long-awaited TAINANMUN. This year, Dave Lou and Andy Yang chair the Security Council. “Chairing is absolutely a thrilling yet nerve-wrecking task,” said Andy. That’s probably why both Dave and Andy are doing their utmost to get themselves prepared by reading articles from BBC, TIME, and CNN, and so on to understand the background and keys terms of the designated issues.

When it comes to the rewards of being a part of MUN activity, Dave and Andy can’t seem to stop talking about them. “It can help you better your speaking and writing ability. Besides, while

preparing for opening speeches, you learn how to organize your ideas. Most importantly, MUN is an ideal venue to make friends with delegates from different schools,” said Dave, added by Andy, “Undoubtedly, being part of a MUN conference can enhance my English proficiency; furthermore, I have a liking for discussing with others over international issues and broadening my horizons.”

Among others, Dave provides three tips for first-time MUNers: Be confident, speak up, and be enthusiastic. “Pluck up your courage and seek to make your point in effective and concise language. Remember to speak loud enough for the house to hear. Last but not least, active participation is a prerequisite because it makes the activity a lot more fun.”

## Issue 101: Use of Armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and International Security

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), or remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs), and drones, are vehicles that are able to fly in the air without a pilot on board. In the past decade, nations like USA and UK have deployed such machines to the air in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, and Somalia to conduct missions against terrorism. In less than 10 years, over a thousand people were killed in the air strikes launched by armed UAVs, a large number of civilians included.

Even though the use of armed UAVs did bring us more chances and strengthen our ability to fight against terrorism, the deadly results of them make the issue controversial. We should reexamine whether it’s legal and appropriate to keep using armed UAV as primary weapon.

Also, the rapid development of UAV technologies would make the future of them unclear and dangerous. Despite the fact that more and more nations are putting efforts on developing new UAVs, we have to make sure that future UAVs won’t get out of our control and become killer robots.

## Issue 102: Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea

In recent years, pirate attacks off the Gulf of Guinea have been regarded as a global concern due to its increasing frequency and magnitude. Nevertheless, the situation is quite different from the pirate attacks in other regions such as Somalia, since oil is what these pirates mainly try to snatch. In the state of Niger Delta, a great deal of oil lies under the land, bringing in huge wealth to Nigeria. However, the fortune often only goes to the few rich people or companies. Furthermore, some rebellions have started to emerge within the region and recruitment into the business of robbing oil shipments of their oil has increased significantly. The dangers at sea are evident with the number of attacks rising to 64 by 2011. More importantly, still a lot of attacks have gone to the International Maritime Agency. Not to mention the scale of the pirate attacks that have spread to nearby countries such as Togo and Ghana. Last but not least, it is important to view this issue from different perspectives due to its complexity. Therefore, the Security Council welcomes ideas and discussions focused on the situation in the Gulf of Guinea.

# Human Right Council

-Interviewing James Chow and Ray Li

— By Mark Wu and Harry Chen



James Chow and Ray Li are two juniors who are chairing the Human Right Council this year.

Despite having attended several MUNs since 2012 Fall, James still feels pressured about chairing the council. “Delegates with excellent debating skills always make me feel intense. So, I need to be fully prepared for this position,” said James. Before he took up such a significant role, James had considered MUN merely another approach to strengthening his language skills. In fact, before MUN, he knew nothing, nor did he care, about international events. Thanks to MUN-related activities, he has started to immerse himself in world news. More importantly, he has learned to look at issues from different angles, instead of jumping to conclusions when he hears or reads a piece of news.”

## Issue 201: The Military Use of Children

As defined in *Convention of the Rights of Children and Optional Protocol on the Involvement of the Children in Armed Conflict*, children under the age of eighteen are strongly prohibited to take part in hostilities. However, in some countries, armies have ignored and violated the regulations, recruited children as soldiers, cooks, messenger, janitors, or even used them as human shields in the frontline.

The Military Use of Children is an issue that has never been addressed in Human Rights Council, despite being a strong violation of human rights of those least capable of protecting themselves.

Nonetheless, the issue was regularly discussed in Security Council under the title, “Children and Armed Conflict.” The difference was “Children and Armed Conflict” focused on human rights of children affected by armed conflicts, including child soldiers, victims, and refugees, and on implementing sanctions to punish those troops and strategies to save all children. But “the Military Use of Children” mainly places emphasis specifically on children in armed conflict zones who were coerced to be soldiers or servants to the troops, and seeks possible solutions to addressing the status quo.

It is an urgent issue awaiting practical strategies. Many armies in different countries that once agreed to suspend the recruitment of children under eighteen broke their promise and re-recruited children. Enforcement of former actions and possible implementations

“The whole MUN event is actually a big classroom. Being a Chair is like being a teacher. So when I receive resolutions and start to read them, I feel like a teacher grading students’ papers,” Ray told us jokingly. “In fact, the most important and useful thing that participating in MUN and being a Chair have taught me is that there is no clear-cut distinction between right and wrong. You need to look at an issue or a problem from different perspectives,” said Ray, adding, “Therefore, I expect to see the house divided—one for capitalism with the other for the rights of the laborers.”

Most participants of MUN activities may expect to better their English, but from James Zhou’s and Ray Li’s experience of MUNning, MUN always offers more than that.

must be practiced. This is why I chose this issue and I welcome a lively discussion by the delegates.

## Issue 202: The Question of Labor Rights in Sweatshops

Sweatshops are manufacturing facilities that provide low or subsistence wages under inhumane and hazardous working conditions, such as unreasonable wages and working hours, poor and unsafe occupational environment, mental or physical abuse, and ill-treatment of child, migrant and female workers. Despite previous attempted solutions, sweatshops still exist in many countries today, particularly in the developing world, and bring about destructive effects on human rights. Furthermore, while some labor and human rights activists call for the end of sweatshops, others claim that sweatshops benefit countries and workers alike, as they provide the opportunities to

boost economy and lift millions out of extreme poverty. Some even argue that sweatshop labor is an improvement over most alternatives in extremely poor countries. As a matter of fact, each contributor to the sweatshop problem has a role to play in the solutions. For instance, business corporations should provide reasonable wages and benefits, and abide by national labor protection policies. National governments, international governmental organizations, and NGOs have to help combat exploitation and ensure fair and humane treatment for everyone involved in the supply chain. By working together, we are sure to create a sweatshop-free world, thereby safeguarding human rights.





# World Health Organization



*Interviewing Jason Tsai and Jamie Hung*

— By Sean Wu and Joseph Wu

As 11 graders in TNFSH, Jamie Hung and Jason Tsai chair the WHO in TAINANMUN 2014, and they are convinced that the conference will be fruitful.

Jamie, who is a senior chair, is very excited and expects all the delegates to be actively involved and take every opportunity to speak on the issue. He says that the experience of being a delegate helps him a lot in chairing. He also encourages experienced delegates to assist the first- or- second - timers to familiarize themselves with MUN conferences and procedures.

Jason, an experienced delegate yet a first-time chair, encourages delegates to communicate, cooperate, and discuss with other delegates. He also suggests that delegates pay more attention to the threat of diseases and the resultant damage to regional and/or global economy. After all, in Jason's views, Taiwan is an island susceptible to natural disasters such as typhoons and earthquakes. He is also looking forward to creative and thought-provoking insights, along with

passionate debates and lobbying, all of with which will certainly make this conference more interesting.

Throughout their preparation to preside over this committee, Jamie and Jason have spent much time conducting research and composing chair reports on the two issues. They think that being a delegate is quite different from being a Chair. That is, Chairs must control the house and encourage delegates to speak to create an inviting environment for discussion and debates, whereas delegates need to negotiate with others and defend their own resolutions for the sake of their respective national interests.

At the end of the interview, we asked Jamie and Jason to give first-timers some words of advice. "While you may be a MUN novice, don't be afraid of speaking up or delivering a speech. Speak out loud, and you will find this precious experience useful in the future," said both Jamie and Jason.

## Issue 301: The Issue of Preventing and Controlling Infectious Diseases Following Natural Disasters

Human civilization has reached an unprecedented peak in the past century, yet there is still a lack of effective methods for people to avoid the trauma inflicted by the outbreaks of infectious diseases following natural disasters. While the disaster itself does not transmit infectious diseases, the outbreaks of epidemics mostly result from the exacerbation of the environment, making infectious diseases one of the primary causes of death in the aftermath of natural disasters. Sanitation facilities and access to basic hygiene, in most cases, are unavailable or worsen due to the damage caused by disasters.

Meanwhile, industrialization in the past century has led to global warming and the growing number of natural disasters, which puts humans at risk of natural disasters of all types and the resulting infectious diseases. In short, this serious issue presents global challenges to the growth of all kinds of industries and, in turn, the development of human civilization. Though a great number of organizations and professionals have dedicated themselves to this issue, it is certain that the world needs immediate international cooperation to put an effective project into practice.

## Issue 302: Measures to Reduce the Maternal Mortality Ratio in Compliance with MDG5 Target 5A

Playing a key role in reducing the maternal mortality ratio (MMR), the World Health Organization (WHO) has been working toward the goal of cutting the MMR by three quarters between 1990 and 2015.

Such a goal is significant and urgent in that every day thousands of women fall victim to the innocent act of childbirth due to a paucity of health care resources. Millions of mothers have suffered medical complications and torments during pregnancy and delivery every year and hundreds of thousands of these mothers even face death during or following childbirth. Even though most maternal deaths are preventable, progress in avoiding them is falling short. In order to meet the MDG target (MDG 5, Target 5. A), both accelerated interventions and stronger political backing for women are required. Reducing the MMR will be accomplished only by addressing several critical issues such as bridging the gap between the rural and urban areas and meeting the need for more professional medical practitioners.

Within less than a thousand days, the MDG will expire. However, with several targets, MDG 5 in particular, remain to be met within this limited time frame, the international community needs to construct further measures to expedite progress and ensure the goals can be accomplished by 2015.



# Advisors

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by Cary Lee

Andy's advisor is Mr. Eric Chiu. He is always regarded as a strict teacher by those who don't know much about him. If you have been lectured by him, however, you will definitely find his class not only informative but interesting and filled with laughs which makes many students admire him. In fact, his patience and endeavor to lead students into the world of English are especially impressive. He points out, "Preparation helps; so does modesty." As an old saying goes, "Practice makes perfect." We can clearly see him put his philosophy into practice so well.

by Joshua Chen

With dark curly hair and bright and intelligent eyes, Joyce has been involved in MUN events for seven years. This time, she is one of the advisors of chairs in Security Council. She expected delegates' full and active participation in the MUN conference this year. During our interview, when asked about the most important qualities of being a delegate, Joyce referred to a TNFSH graduate, who was the delegate in HRC committee, THIMUN. "He is a great student." I was his advisor that year. He is the best delegate I have ever seen and he is supportive and enthusiastic. The most important thing is that he is very keen to learn and it is the personality that every participant of MUN needs to develop." In particular, she encourages every delegate to try their best and have fun in Tainan MUN.

The press team appreciates Joyce's devotion and passion for teaching English, giving our school more brilliant MUN activities.



—By Mark Wu and Harry Chen

HRC

Vivian Huang and Carrie Lin advise the Human Right Council this year.

Carrie Lin helps James with the Issue of "child soldier" this year. Regarding the issue, Carrie said, "It is difficult to stamp out child soldiering. But we have to look for workable solutions as soon as possible." She hopes that each delegate can conduct thorough research and have a full understanding of this issue to come up with an ideal resolution.





“MUN is not a competition. Instead, it is an activity which can train your reaction. Of course, students, as delegates, may make mistakes, but it is through these mistakes that students can learn the most,” said Lin. For her, MUN is more than just an activity that helps students hone their language skills. Similar ideas are shared by the other advisor, Vivian Huang, who strongly encourages students to participate in such meaningful activities. “MUN conferences boost not only students’ language skills but also foster their ability to think critically and to do research on a particular issue. In other words, students can learn more than just English by participating in MUN.”

the issue from the Taiwanese perspective.”



*By Joseph Wu and Sean Wu*

## WHO

Bella Huang and Clio Huang are the advisors of WHO in TAINANMUN IV. They both helped the two chairs elaborate on the two issues of WHO, namely “The Issue of Preventing and Controlling infectious Diseases Following natural Disasters” and “The Issue of Preventing and Controlling and Measures to Reduce the Maternal Mortality.”

“The most challenging task for delegates and chairs is definitely their time management. To understand the issues and construct well-founded resolutions, they have enormous reading assignments to do, and thus they have to use their time wisely, which many students may find difficult,” said Ms. Bella Huang.

She also expects the delegates to be well-prepared and capable of addressing the issues by providing incisive remarks and comprehensive resolutions. The other advisor, Ms. Clio Huang, has the similar expectations of all the delegates. “I hope the delegates can learn to analyze problems from different angles and benefit from participating in this event.”

When asked about the chairs, advisors think highly of Jamie and Jason as chairs, especially their diligence in composing their chair report. Jamie and Jason have done a lot of research and provide thought-provoking insights into the issues.

Both of the advisors are looking forward to TAINANMUN. They hope that not only delegates but chairs can have a fruitful conference and expand their vision.



## IBST Advisor

*By Mark Chang and Charlie Chang*



IBST comes well-prepared this year with Dr. Fruit's coaching. His students are all ambitious to become not only strong debaters but also

main-submitters of the resolution.

According to Dr. Fruit, students in IBST are skillful, though inexperienced debaters in terms of debating in a huge audience. However, they all look forward to this challenging opportunity to speak up in the TAINANMUN IV. While talking about his role as an advisor, he imagined himself as a citizen, waiting to find what the delegates have to offer their countries. In particular, he also encouraged his students to make as many speeches as possible in the conferences.

Finally, during the interview, Dr. Fruit pointed out that the directive signs on the ground are interesting. And hopefully, he is going to explore more fascinations about TAINANMUN.

## HAS Advisor

*Ruby Chen and Anny Liao*



The advisor from Hsinchu American School, Mr. Witte, kindly accepted our interview. We immediately popped out the question, "How do you encourage your students when they have difficulties writing their resolutions?" "I have the

## HGSH Advisor

*Ruby Chen and Anny Liao*

Looking into the HRC Council Room, you can see Julia, the advisor of Hsinchu Girls' High School sitting attentively, and watching the delegates lobbying. We approached her and inquired about her method to encourage her girls to participate in MUN conferences.



"Most of my girls have been to HSINMUN, and have been preparing for a long time and doing research. Our foreign teacher, Tommy, helped with the opening speeches while the senior students arranged mock conferences and lectures."

Julia further explained, "The reasons why I encourage my students to attend MUN conferences are because they can gain self-confidence and learn how to speak up in public. Like what I've always said, 'If you don't do it, you'll regret it.'" She also shared Tommy's motto, "Face your fear." In the end, she added, "TAINANMUN is a place where the advisors and chairs are friendly and warm, which is a really good encouragement to all the delegates."

more experienced students help the new members, and collaborate with each other." He explained. He accepted the job as an advisor because he is currently teaching social studies in school, which is related to MUN. As for the first-timers, he suggested that they can come to the conference as observers first.

Although it's only his third conference and the first year as an advisor, he seemed to be very supportive. He also mentioned that, "The opening speeches in the Security Council were impressive and all the delegates seemed excited to start the debate."



## SKGSH Advisor.

*By Wyonna Chen*



The Press Team interviewed Peter Lang and Ms. Yin-Pin Liao from Sheng Kung Girls High School. As an advisor, Peter Lang thinks that MUN is a rare opportunity for students not only to encounter real-life world issues but also to engage their fellow

students in a rigorous yet intellectual debate. For him, being an excellent delegate should take on the issues seriously. "Attitude is much more important than ability. With the wrong attitude, at the end of two days, all you've really done is talking (and perhaps dozing off) without getting anything done," said Peter. Besides, Peter sees MUN as a unique opportunity for students to be connected with the world.

"Because MUN is inspiring, interesting, and meaningful to students, I really enjoy participating in MUN events." said Ms. Yin-Pin Liao, the other advisor. Since preparation before MUN requires a lot of hard work, she thinks that being an outstanding delegate should have passion for every MUN event. Besides, she expects her students to manage the time well and not to miss the deadlines. Above all, she would like to tell all the delegates, "Try your best and enjoy!"

## Keynote Speaker

*By Ruby Chen and Anny Liao*

In the opening ceremony, Cheng Kai-Yuan appeared to be an enthusiastic and passionate person. Through his speech, he encouraged all the participants to take actions to make the world a better place no matter how tiny they are.

After the opening ceremony, we had an inspiring and lively conversation with him. We asked him what MUN meant to him. "MUN is about communication, building a platform for negotiation, and sharing ideas with other people even though you may have different stances on the issue," he answered positively. For the first-timers, he stated, "MUN is not about pretending to be powerful, looking sharp, and using formal words, but showing your enthusiasm through conferences and talks between you and other delegates."

"As a MUNer, we should be grateful for what we have received and remain humble at the same time," Cheng Kai-Yuan mentioned. As to the question about what his next step will be, he replied, "I would like to lower my pace and refill information through reading solid research and gain more knowledge to brainstorm with others in the future."



# Interviewing Participants

## Human Rights Council

*By Jennifer Liang, Allen Hong, and Eason Wang*

Delegates consisting of first-time novices to seasoned veterans, the Human Rights Council meeting room sparked with an aura of expectancy ready to begin two whole days of discussion and debate. This year, the council focused on the issues of the military use of children and labor rights in sweatshops. An assortment of intense discussions took place during the lobbying process. "If you eliminate sweatshops, then the poor laborers... won't have the chance to survive and turn to crime instead," said the delegate of Cambodia on the issue of labor rights. Others, such as the delegate of Thailand, begged to disagree by strongly urging the removal of sweatshops and protecting the basic labor rights of the workers. As for the issue of child soldiers, most of the countries were strongly against the military use of children.

The atmosphere in the meeting room was lightened when the delegate of South Africa took to sing-

ing in the microphone during the break. He also mentioned that, as his first time to take part in MUN, the event was "touching", both emotionally and physically. In contrast, the delegate of Sierra Leone said that NANMUN IV was her ninth MUN, and gave a lot of advice to newcomers on research and preparations, such as referring to past resolutions on the issues and lists that NGOs had made to solve the problems.

Overall, the Human Rights Council was a "meaningful, inspiring, and interesting" forum to all delegates.

## Security Council

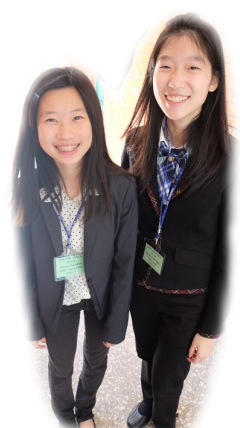
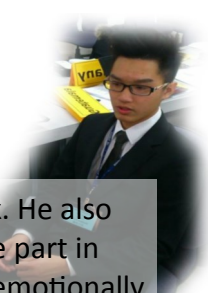
*By Tiffany Kuo and Rose Chen*

Though the experienced delegate of the Russian Federation has attended several MUN activities, Grace Chen, a delegate from National Tainan Girls' Senior High School, still considers the Security Council quite stressful. "The preparation takes effort and time, and it is pretty hard to stay calm when standing on the podium! "

Another delegate of the Russian Federation, Coco Ko told us that she hoped to polish her public speaking and debating skills. She also jokingly added that walking confidently in high heels was an-

other challenge. It was even as difficult as composing a resolution.

For many delegates, the most challenging part of preparing for TAINANMUN was to finish all the enormous reading assignments and to find the most relevant information about the assigned issues to come up with a persuasive and well-constructed resolution. Even so, their time and effort will pay off. As one of the delegate said, "I have learned how to organize my ideas better and deliver my speeches in a more effective way with each MUN conference I take part in."

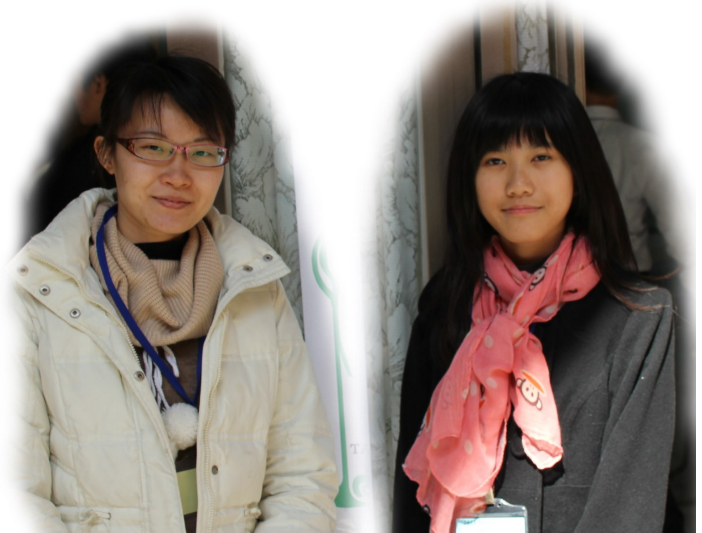


# Hou-Bi Senior High School

*By Cary Lee and Bruce Tsai*

Being conference observers, participants from Hou-Bi Senior High School had their first MUN activity experience in TAINANMUN2014. "I hope that this could help broaden students' horizons on global issues," stated their advisor, Ms. Hsu. "Since our school is located at a remote site, we are very curious about MUN-based learning experience." She thought it a very wonderful opportunity for students to think critically and globally, and hoped that they could be more than observers in next year's conference.

The participants expressed their keenest interest in issues to be discussed and were very attentive to activities going on during every conference session. They marveled at the remarkable confidence and their brilliant ideas proposed by each delegate. "After a friend of mine came back



from a MUN activity, I was intrigued and desired to experience it by myself," said one of the observers on their team. "It might be a challenge for me but I am ready for it."

Teachers in Hou-Bi Senior High School were eager to promote MUN activities. "These three observers would arouse other students' interest in activities of this kind, could encourage them to focus more on global issues, and urge them on to articulate their positions and thoughts," said Ms. Hsu.

## WHO

*By Allen Wang, Eric Hsiung and Mark Wu*

The delegate of Indonesia is a lovely girl; this is her first MUN experience. "I hope I could be more confident while speaking in public," she said. Most of the participants considered researching and presenting relevant information the most difficult work. "During the long-term preparation, I do feel like I am a resident of Pakistan," said the delegate from TNSSH.

This year, the conference took place in the auditorium. It carried out smoothly and most delegates responded to the opening speeches eagerly. The delegate of China received a lot of support for his speech. The delegate of Japan amazed others by speaking Japanese at the beginning and the end of his speech. The way he delivered the speech



infused some energy into the solemn council.

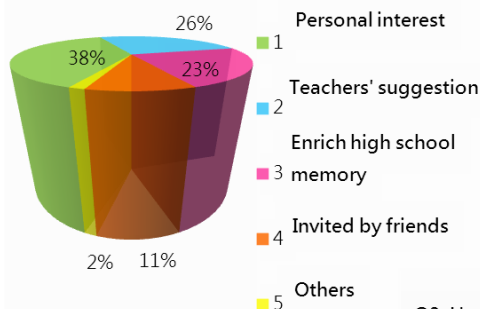
Having a common objective, the delegates of the United Kingdom aimed to unite other developed countries to fight against poverty and disease.



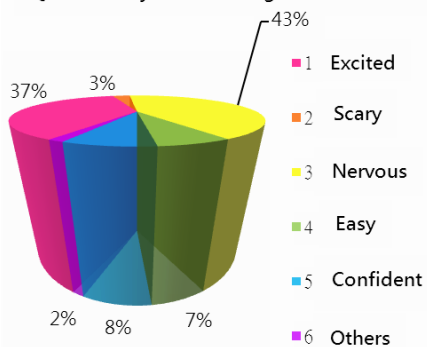
# SURVEY

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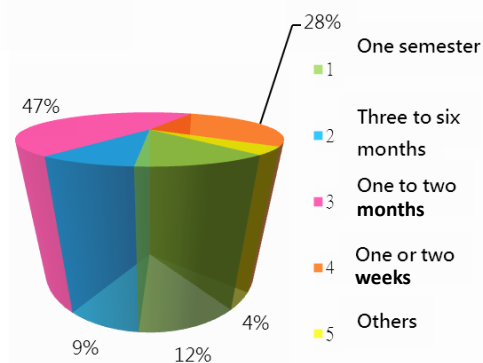
Q1: Why do you join the event?



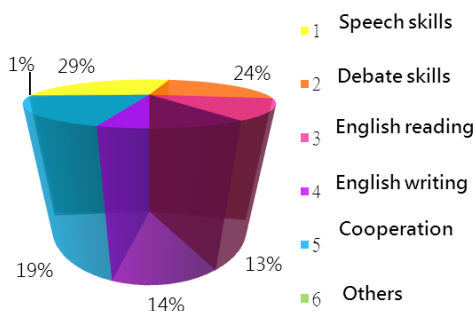
Q2: How do you feel during the conference?



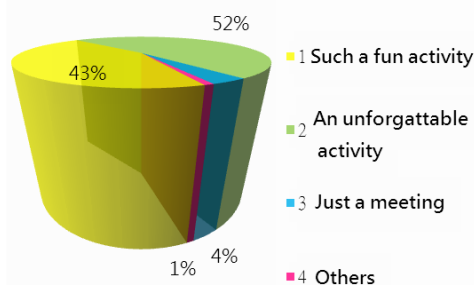
Q3: How long have you prepared for the event?



Q4: What skills do you want to improve



Q5: What do you think about a MUN event?



THE PRESS TEAM MEMBERS DID ROUGH SURVEYS WITH 91 DELEGATES. LET'S SEE WHAT THEY THOUGHT ABOUT THIS EVENT!

(P.S. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION! WITHOUT YOU GUYS, THIS SURVEY COULDN'T BE COMPLETED!)

ALL OF YOU ARE AWESOME!





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## A Few Words From The Editor-in-chief

Besides the articles in the newsletter, there are five more news reports written from different perspectives of the world's major media such as BBC, Al Jazeera, Reuters, Xinhua News Agency and so on. However, due to limited space, the editor-in-chief regrets his inability to put all the five reports in the newsletter. They are accessible at: <http://2014tainanmun.weebly.com/newsletter.html>.

Please do take a look. the editor-in-chief fully appreciates these five student journalists' tremendous efforts to take up the challenge. The following are the journalists who accomplished the awesome task: Charlie Chang (TNFSH), Johan Hsieh (TNFSH), Anny Liao (TNGS), Jennifer Liang (TNGS), and Winnie Wei (SKGHS).