



PREPMUN 2021
PROSPECTUS

SCHOOLS



Who are we?

Sean Woon

Current Secretary-General



PREPMUN always embodied the phrase “it’s the people that make the conference”. As a community of talented youths passionate to increase accessibility of MUN, I have met some of my closest friends here, learnt to tutor and nurture others, and had the privilege to lead a very capable team. PREPMUN has been a place where I’ve forged invaluable connections, memories, and relationships.

Teo Jiexuan

Former Crisis Director

Every PREPMUN involvement has been a humbling experience that reiterates the leadership mantra of “eyes on the stars, feet on the ground”. The power it holds is fascinating - while it empowers you to challenge your boundaries, it never fails to remind you to learn from your own shortcomings.



Najmus Sadat Nahian

Former Deputy Secretary-General for Academics



PREPMUN provided a wonderful platform for me to learn, grow and teach over the years of my involvement with the conference. Having experienced PREPMUN from the lens of a delegate to that of an organizing committee member, I fondly remember the many opportunities I found to better myself as an individual.



Why are we doing this?

To build an open platform for a community of youths equipped to navigate interconnected global issues.

21st century competencies — such as those identified by the Ministry of Education, Singapore — include “civic literacy and global awareness”, “critical and inventive thinking”, and “communication skills”. These skill sets are vital to the success of students, and PREPMUN believes that all students should be exposed to, and have a chance to attain these skills and accrue the long-term benefits that come with mastering these competencies.

PREPMUN encourages the development of these competencies, through the practice of public speaking, academic research and writing and diplomacy.





Model United Nations Preparatory Conference

Syria
PREPMUN 2019

How do we do this?

Programmes

Reaching to Schools

PREPMUN will be working closely with schools, especially those who have historically not been involved in MUN, to provide **MUN training sessions** to students. Students with no prior exposure to MUN will learn about the **history of the United Nations, basic research skills and presenting their arguments convincingly**. Students who have been to 1-2 MUNs would be taught to **analyse the nuances of a country's stance, how to rebut arguments, and further their understanding pertinent global trends**.

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Sharing Big Ideas

Through **PREPMUN Webinars** featuring pertinent real-world issues, we bring the perspectives of those who shape our world and Singapore to the forefront for youth.

In 2020, we had 4 PREPMUN Webinars, on topics such as **“Rebuilding Singapore’s Economy”** and **“Politics and Diplomacy”**, featuring prominent leaders such as Minister of State Alvin Tan and Acting Political and Economic Counsellor at the US Embassy in Singapore Jesse Finkel.

Guiding Beginner Delegates

Students new to the MUN circuit will be given **mentorship and guidance**, by connecting them with those who are more experienced at MUN. Our **PREPMentors** will share their experiences, vet position papers, provide feedback, and practice speeches with mentees.

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Moving Online

PREPMUN has rolled out multiple social media initiatives such as PREPMUN Recaps and PREPMUN Explains, which package information about global affairs in a **memorable and digestible manner**. Amidst COVID-19, we have made our learning materials and programmes **more accessible to students** by fully utilising digital platforms. As such, your students can now retrieve relevant content from our social media links at their own time to supplement their MUN training in school, pushing them to be more proactive in their learning.



National Preparatory Conference

SIV EYEF N/C

United Nations
Human Rights Council
UNHRC

How do we do this?

Annual Conference

Having been around for almost a decade and having served thousands of students regardless of their backgrounds we are proud to be one of the **biggest MUN Conferences** in the country. The sheer size of our conferences which has reached over **700 delegates** in recent years serves as an amazing platform for students to discuss, debate and even network with those who have the same passion as them.

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A Culture of Academic Rigour

Model UN pushes students to embark on **intensive research and analysis**, to make sure that whatever information they produce is verifiable and credible. It also encourages students to **forge alliances** with others, and find common ground even where there is little, which helps to develop the **art of diplomacy** within them and make them more well-rounded individuals. The **public speaking** aspect can also be a chance for them to improve their presentation skills in school and boost their confidence in front of an audience, regardless of the subject.

Diversity of Perspectives

Aligned with the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, our council topics have ranged from historical to recent global crises.

Our previous council topics have ranged from historical to recent global crises. In 2019, we had **21 councils**, focusing on various aspects of global issues and simulating various international fora. These included the **United Nations Security Council** which debated reviewing sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the **World Health Organisation** which debated the issue of access to common medicines.

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Hear from Thought Leaders

Inviting thought leaders from government, industry and academia to speak to our delegates up-close has always been a unique hallmark of our annual conference. We have had the privilege of hosting more than **80 guest speakers** from a variety of fields for over a decade.

Our distinguished speakers have included **politicians**, like Speaker of Parliament Tan Chuan Jin, **diplomats**, such as Mr. Rafik Mansour, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Singapore, and prominent **academicians**, like Dr. Tang Siew Mun, Head of the ASEAN Studies Centre and Senior Fellow at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.



MYANNMAR
Social, Environmental, and Cultural Committee (SECC)
2018

MYANNMAR

What is new this year?

PREPMUN 2021

Reforming our Curriculum

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PREPMUN this year will be all about starting from the first principles. Participants will engage in **dialogue with each other**, facilitated by student officers who have previously participated in Model UN before, about the role of the state in international affairs, accompanied by case study analyses, leading up to the current system of foreign policy through international organisations such as the United Nations — and how diplomats operate within this space. This **retreat-styled workshop** will be followed by a **1-2 day** application of these concepts in a simplified **modelling of a UN session**, where participants take on roles as delegates of nations, and work together to arrive at resolutions on issues while defending the interests of their assigned country.



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Renewing our Focus on Underprivileged Schools

There are still many schools and institutions in Singapore that stand to benefit from this multidisciplinary activity, but have not had the opportunity of exploring into. As the largest Model UN organisation in Singapore, we understand that we have the responsibility of sharing the benefits of Model UN to a **wider community of youth**. Hence, this year, we are taking more steps to **reach out to schools** that have **little to no prior experience in Model UN**, and meeting up with teachers such as yourselves to **understand your concerns and needs**, while also tailoring the MUN experience to better suit your requirements. We are also looking to make our annual conference **more accessible and affordable to all**, and foster an inclusive culture where different learning and speaking styles are appreciated and accepted.



Emphasized Focus on Documentation

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We will equip students with **comprehensive study guides** to ensure that they remain on track throughout the Model UN journey. These guides have been curated by qualified Model UN delegates with years of experience under their belt. We will also teach them to **craft quality Position Papers**, which is essential for every delegate to have. As each participant is representing a country, he or she must reflect the country's official stance on an issue as accurately as possible, through a document known as a Position Paper. To ensure that your students submit Position Papers of a high standard, we will teach them methods for **retrieving reliable data and researching from objective sources**. We believe that this will also help them be more critical thinkers and be less susceptible to falling for unreliable sources in the course of their work.



