

APMUN 2008 in Incheon

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Distinguished participants,

Greetings! We cordially welcome you to take part in the third WFUNA Asia and Pacific Regional Model UN Conference. This conference is hosted by UNA-ROK & Incheon Metropolitan City and will be held in Incheon, from **21-25 July 2008**. As with the first World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) regional Model UN conference, hosted by UNA-China in 2004, and the second, hosted by the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) in 2006, the conference in the Republic of Korea will simulate the UN Economic and Social Commission of the Asia and Pacific (ESCAP).

1. The Theme of the Conference

The main theme of the conference will be “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015: Proactive Approaches Beyond Conventional Wisdom.” As with the previous conferences, debates will focus on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Asia Pacific Region.

The main issue of debate for the Plenary and each of the three Committees will be as follows:

- **Plenary:** “Ensuring the future against threats of climate change: the need to pursue alternative energy sources.”
- **Committee I:** “Strategies for poverty reduction: diminishing the risk of disasters.”
- **Committee II:** “Advancing towards a knowledge-based economy: challenges and opportunities.”
- **Committee III:** “Regional collaboration to stop human trafficking.”

Background concept papers regarding the principal issue of the Plenary and each respective committee will be made available to students upon registration.

Further information on the MDGs in Asia can be found on the following websites:

WFUNA: www.wfuna.org

ESCAP: www.unescap.org

UNDP's Millennium Campaign: www.undp.org/mdg

2. Objectives and Goals

The principal objective of this conference is to develop a network of young people in the Asia Pacific region with the capacity to become future leaders. To this end, we aim to support the enhancement of their research, negotiating and public speaking skills, and optimize the use of information and communications technologies. Throughout this process, we wish to highlight the innovative ways in

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which young people collaborate with each other and to showcase the benefits of this for strengthening cooperative as opposed to competitive modes of behavior.

3. Participation

An estimated 300 people from 34 countries will participate in the Model UN conference. VIP participation will include members of the diplomatic corps, local and foreign Judges and staff of UN related agencies. Local participation will be comprised of 40 students selected through the Korean Model UN Conference held in early July 2008 and 5 chaperones. Foreign participation will include approximately 132 students and 33 chaperones from 33 UNA delegations.

A group of four students and a chaperone would be invited to comprise a delegation for this Model UN conference. It is important that the students are properly prepared to participate. Therefore, considerable effort needs to be given to this selection process. In countries that have an established UNA, the selection of four university participants will be done by the UNA.

We will also approach universities and civil society groups interested in promoting understanding of the UN of those countries that do not have established UNAs, so that they may possibly contribute to setting up UNAs after their participation in APMUN.

4. Representation

Each delegation will be assigned to a country to represent at the Model UN conference, other than their own country. The registration form will enable UNAs to indicate the top three countries that they would like their delegation to represent. Accordingly, the four students of each delegation would represent their assigned country in the Plenary and each of the three committees throughout the course of the conference.

The students will be required to undertake research into the position of the assigned country's government, submit a position paper in advance of the conference and come prepared to engage in debates and negotiations with other delegates.

5. Awards Policy

The APMUN provides awards to those students that exemplify the cooperative spirit and modes of behavior stressed by the APMUN. Student selection for awards will be determined by VIP judges from different countries, based on the following criteria *inter alia*:

- A thorough understanding of the committee topics
- Representation of their nation's interests and politics
- Skillful, active participation in caucusing, amendment and resolution writing, and debate

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- Timely submission of quality position papers
- Exemplifying diplomatic conduct throughout the course of formal and informal debate
- Ability to work with other delegates
- A thorough understanding of the APMUN Rules of Procedure

6. Leadership Positions at the Model UN Conference

The Vice-Chairperson of the Plenary and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the 3 Committee sessions of the Model UN conference will be selected from among students who have demonstrated a high level of competence in leadership positions at previous Model UN conferences.

There will be a separate on-line application form for UNAs to complete for candidates they wish to nominate for these 7 leadership positions. They must send in applications at the extended deadline of **20 May**. Students accepted for leadership roles will be expected to arrive in Incheon by 18 July, so that they can attend the Leadership workshop and have an opportunity to prepare together for the Model UN.

7. Funding

All in-country costs for delegations, including transport to and from the airport, food and accommodation, will be covered by Incheon Metropolitan City.

Participating UNAs are requested to cover the cost of international travel, of selecting and preparing the students, any necessary visas and transportation to and from their airport.

8. Selection and Registration of Delegates

This Model UN conference will be held at the university-level, and debates will be conducted solely in English. Therefore, UNAs will be required to show how they selected the four students in line with WFUNA guidelines, and to ensure that their delegation is proficient in English, and are comprised of university-level students.

Please see the WFUNA website for a best practices document on student selection, based on the delegations that attended previous Asia Pacific Model United Nations conferences.

On-line registration has been extended until **20 May 2008**. Those who have registered will soon after receive the preparation materials for the conference. As an incentive for early registration, they will be given priority in country assignments. There will be a second extended deadline for delegate registration until 30 May 2008. Applications received by this date may be given a disadvantage in country assignments.

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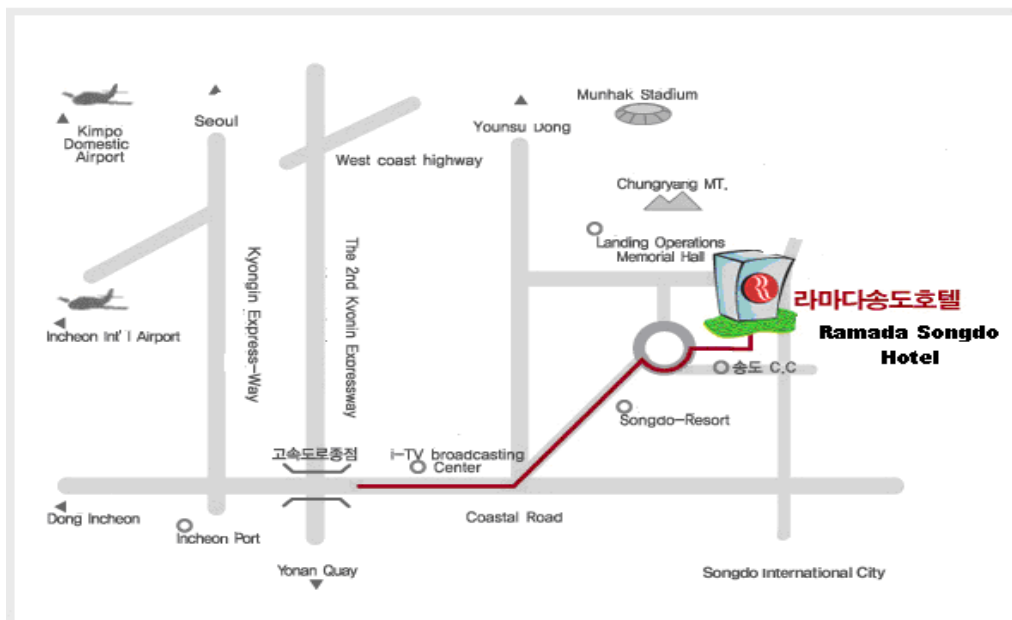
After the student delegation has been registered, they will receive the background concept paper on the theme of the conference. Students are expected to undertake research into the position of the country they are to represent on the issues outlined in the concept paper.

9. Dress Code

Formal dress attire is required for all delegates during sessions of the Model UN Conference.

10. Detailed Logistics

Venue: Ramada Songdo Hotel (www.ramada.com)



We look forward to welcoming you in Incheon for what we expect to be a great Model UN conference.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary-General
WFUNA

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Conference Schedule

Day 1 : July 21, 2008, Monday

	Arrival & Check In at Ramada Songdo Hotel
10:00 – 16:00	Registration
16:00 – 17:30	Orientation
18:00-	Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Banquet

Day 2 : July 22, 2008, Tuesday

-08:00	Breakfast
08:00 – 09:00	1 st Morning Conference
09:00 – 12:00	1 st Plenary and Committee Session
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 17:00	2 nd Plenary and Committee Session
17:00 – 18:00	Break
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner

Day 3 : July 23, 2008, Wednesday

-08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 09:30	2 nd Morning Conference
09:30 – 12:00	3 rd Plenary and Committee Session
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 17:00	4 th Plenary and Committee Session
17:00 – 17:30	Break
17:30 – 19:00	Dinner
19:00 – 21:00	Break
21:00 – 23:00	Cultural Night

Day 4 : July 24, 2008, Thursday

-08:30	Breakfast
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08:30 – 10:00	3 rd Morning Conference
10:00 – 12:00	Final Plenary (Incheon Declaration)
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Board of Judges: Final Evaluation of Each Committee's Resolution Participants: IFEZ tour
17:00 – 18:00	Award Ceremony & Closing Ceremony
18:00 – 21:00	Farewell Dinner

Day 5 : July 25, 2008, Friday

Morning	Breakfast & Hotel Check-Out
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