

ASIA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (APMUN)

APMUN Description

Asia-Pacific International Model United Nations (APMUN), jointly organized by ASEAN Regional Center of Excellence on Millennium Development Goals (ACRMDG) and Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), is established as the first and unique Regional Model among all the other existing university-level Model United Nations (MUNs) in Asia. It aims to gather students from the five continents offering a higher-level atrium of confrontation and debate between culturally-diverse leaders, with the UN building as backdrop.

APMUN is an exclusive five-day simulation for university/college students hosted annually in Bangkok in collaboration with UN Regional Headquarters and various governmental institutions. For this year APMUN is scheduled to take place from 20 – 24 September 2012.

At APMUN, delegates will gain insight into the workings of the United Nations and the dynamics of international relations by assuming the roles of UN representatives and members of other international bodies and national cabinets, as well as press officers. The APMUN has a special focus on sustainable development and the MDGs. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss issues that confront world leaders and to draft resolutions in response to global issues.

What is a Model United Nations?

Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy and the United Nations agenda.

The participants role-play as diplomats representing a nation or an NGO in a simulated session of an organ (committee) of the United Nations, such as the Security Council or the General Assembly. Participants are assigned a country and take on roles as diplomats representing its interests. Afterwards, students investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop proposed solutions to world problems.

The voting procedures are the same as with the ones respected during the real UN works. This allows all delegates to be active participants. Therefore, during a conference participants must employ a variety of communication and critical thinking skills in order to represent the policies of their country. These skills include public speaking, group communication, research, policy analysis, active listening, negotiating, conflict resolution, note taking, and technical writing.

Why Bangkok?

Bangkok represents an important international platform in which over 25 UN agencies, 140 NGOs, 15 IGOs, and over 80 embassies are operating. Furthermore, Bangkok affirmed its strategic importance being the regional hub for the Asia-Pacific negotiation processes.

A Model UN in Bangkok offers to participating students the unique opportunity to confront with a new culture. The "amazing" charm of Bangkok and all the surrounding areas attracts every year more than 18 million tourists from all over the world.

Bangkok is one of the safest Asian cities for tourists. Walking along its roads, visitors can breathe the antique spirituality that characterizes Bangkok, melted together with the dynamism and the modernity of a metropolis constantly and fast growing.

Bangkok with its wonderful colours, unforgettable culture, spiced smells and bright lights is considered "the city that never sleeps" and it represents a great opportunity for all those who wish to try an unforgettable life experience.

Application Information

The registration for APMUN can be done by single students who want to attend individually and by Universities/MUN Clubs/MUN Associations, which will take care of the participation of an entire Delegation. However, priority will be given to Universities/MUN Clubs/MUN Associations.

To apply for APMUN 2012 the regular deadline is June 20th 2012. All applications received by the deadline will be guaranteed a delegation at APMUN 2012. Registrations will still be accepted after this date, but on a space-available basis.

Conference fees for APMUN 2012 (these fees are not refundable/ applications without payment will not be considered)

- US\$ 200 per school. This fee is for up to three country assignments.
- US\$ 125 per delegate both if applied individually or by Universities/MUN Club/MUN Association.
- US\$ 75 per Press Corp.
- US\$ 25 guest fee per faculty spouse or university guest wishing to have credentials needed to attend sessions.
- Each Delegate will be responsible for its own food, hotel, and travel expenses.
- APMUN Secretariat will facilitate reservation with Hotels offering a discounted APMUN package.

Further information can be reached at <http://www.asiapacificmun.org>