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Dear Delegates,

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to NMUN•China, which is held in partnership with Northwestern Polytechnical University and takes place in Xi'an, an ancient and charming city in China. The conference is proud to integrate students from different parts of the world into this educational program.

This conference is a milestone in the history of NMUN development, for it is the first time that NMUN steps outside the USA and comes to China! Guided by the slogan "One World, One Dream", the Beijing Olympics in August of this year has been recorded in history as an "exceptional" Olympic Games. Undoubtedly, as a gathering of athletes from all over the world, the Beijing Olympics left every participant with deep and unforgettable memories. Similarly, four months later, NMUN•China is an international gathering of MUN enthusiasts and will surely further promote MUN programs in China and around the world.

The four committees being simulated are: General Assembly Plenary, Security Council, ECOSOC Plenary, and Special Session on Global Warming. The topics under discussion cover issues of significant concern at the United Nations — economic development, non-proliferation of weapons, food security and climate change. The conference will offer you the opportunity to articulate your assigned country's views through raised awareness as a conscientious and responsible global citizen.

Today, we are exposed to a world where the overall potential is inspiring but the challenges for human beings have yet to be eased or solved. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon emphasized the role of youth in the opening ceremony of NMUN•New York 2008, *"Your support is crucial. Your voice and your organization, activity and energy can help highlight the UN's successes, and explain the organization's constraints. You can be catalysts for change by creating social networks in support of our work. And as leaders of the future, you can come up with innovative approaches to help confront the challenges facing the global community."* We believe that the cooperation and communication among you, the future of the world, will exert positive and promising influences on the agenda topics before each committee.

As the Secretary-General of NMUN•China, and as the President of the NPU MUN team, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our sponsors, the National Collegiate Conference Association, Northwestern Polytechnical University and the NPU MUN team, for their belief and full support promoting Model United Nations worldwide. On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to congratulate you for your preparation and hard work so far, wish you a fantastic stay in Xi'an, China, and above all, wish you a successful and productive conference.

Best Regards,



Li Ni
Secretary-General, NMUN•China



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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Xi'an, 22-29 November 2008

You are meeting at a crucial time for international cooperation. We can all sense the perils of our current passage. We face a global financial crisis and a global energy crisis. Trade talks have collapsed, yet again. The price of rice – the food staple that feeds half the world's population – has more than doubled in the past year. We have seen new outbreaks of war and violence. And many countries are not on track to reach the Millennium Development Goals by the target date of 2015.

The threats of the 21st century spare no one. Nations can no longer protect their interests, or advance the well-being of their people, without the partnership of the rest. Yet there is a danger of losing sight of this new reality. I worry that nations will look inward rather than towards a shared future, and that we will see a retreat from the common progress we have made. Never have global leadership and partnership been more important.

Partnership is the way of the future. Just look at recent advances on malaria, which have brought us within range of containing a disease that kills a child every 30 seconds. We are doing this through better planning, top-notch science and technology, and unified global management. What we are doing with malaria we must do with the other Millennium Development Goals. Models like these can also help tackle climate change, which ever more clearly threatens our planet and is the defining issue of our era.

The challenges we face are increasingly those of collaboration rather than confrontation. The United Nations is uniquely placed to mobilize the collective effort that is needed for success. You can count on me to do my part, and I will count on you to do yours. We are not fated to watch our world disintegrate. Each of these challenges is the product of human choices, of mistaken priorities, of inadequate institutions and laws. Each can be resolved through the innovative ideas and fresh energies that will emanate from your generation of problem solvers. Together, we can set the stage for a new era of global prosperity, more widely and equitably shared. In that spirit, I wish you a most stimulating conference.

Ban Ki-moon

NMUN•CHINA | conference schedule

SUNDAY | 23 NOVEMBER 2008

All Day Registration and Bank Exchange Lobby, Qu Jiang Hotel

MONDAY | 24 NOVEMBER 2008

7:00am – 8:15am Breakfast Qu Jiang Hotel
 8:30am Depart for City Tour & Cultural Visits* Lobby, Qu Jiang Hotel
 8:30am – 11:30am City Wall
 11:30am – 12:30pm Lunch
 1:00pm – 3:00pm Big Wild Goose Pagoda
 3:30pm – 5:00pm North Plaza of Big Wild Goose Pagoda
 5:30pm Return to Hotel
 6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner Qu Jiang Hotel

TUESDAY | 25 NOVEMBER 2008

7:00am – 7:45am Breakfast Qu Jiang Hotel
 8:00am Depart for Cultural Visits* Lobby, Qu Jiang Hotel
 8:00am – 11:00am Terra Cotta Warriors
 11:00am – 12:00pm Lunch
 1:00pm – 3:00pm Historic Museum
 3:00pm Return to Hotel
 4:00pm – 5:30pm Opening Ceremony International Conference Hall 1
 6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner Qu Jiang Hotel
 8:00pm – 10:00pm Committee Session I See locations on next page

WEDNESDAY | 26 NOVEMBER 2008

7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast
 9:00am – 12:00pm Committee Session II
 12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch
 1:30pm – 6:00pm Committee Session III
 6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner
 7:30pm – 9:30pm Committee Session IV

THURSDAY | 27 NOVEMBER 2008

7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast
 9:00am – 12:00pm Committee Session V
 12pm – 1:30pm Lunch
 1:30pm – 5:00pm Committee Session VI & Voting
 6:00pm Banquet Dragon Palace Grand Ballroom

Student meals are included (690 RMB) during the above times on the dates of 24 Nov. – 28 Nov. Attendees arriving early or staying beyond 28 Nov. are responsible for additional meal cost. Tea is included, but additional charge for other beverages.

*Separate fee. Tours will depart promptly. Please respect Chinese culture and be punctual.

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FRIDAY | 28 NOVEMBER 2008

7:00am – 7:45am Breakfast
 8:00am Depart Hotel for New Campus Lobby, Qu Jiang Hotel
 9:00am – 11:00am Visit to New Campus and Closing Ceremony New Campus Students' Center
Transportation provided to and from New Campus
 12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch Qu Jiang Hotel
 1:30pm Afternoon Free
 6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner Qu Jiang Hotel

SATURDAY | 29 NOVEMBER 2008

Shuttles to Airport (based on flight departure times)

COMMITTEE LOCATIONS AT QU JIANG HOTEL

General Assembly Plenary (GA Plenary) International Conference Hall 2
 Security Council Function Room 1
 ECOSOC Plenary Function Room 2
 Special Session on Global Warming International Conference Hall 3

COMMITTEE TOPICS

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY
 1. Economic Development and Regional Cooperation
 2. Preventing Armed Conflict in the International Community
- SECURITY COUNCIL
 1. Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
 2. Terrorism & Threats to International Peace and Security
- ECOSOC PLENARY
 1. The Promotion of Food Security
 2. Technology and Economic Development
- SPECIAL SESSION ON GLOBAL WARMING
 1. Economic Development and Its Impact on the Environment
 2. Global Warming and Its Effect on Biodiversity



Celebrating its 70th anniversary, Northwestern Polytechnical University has trained more than 100,000 students including 2,000 Ph.D. and 13,400 Master students. NPU is a multi-disciplined, research-oriented university with an emphasis on aeronautic, astronautic and marine engineering and offers undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral programs.

NPU has actively developed its international academic exchange programs with more than 100 universities, research institutions and industries in the U.S., U.K., France, Germany and others. The UNESCO Chinese UNISPAR Working Group was established at NPU.



Originally built in 652 during the reign of Emperor Gaozong of the Tang Dynasty (618-907), the **BIG WILD GOOSE PAGODA** was used to house Buddhist materials taken from India by the hierarch Xuanzang. Xuanzang traveled from Chang'an (the ancient Xi'an), along the Silk Road and through deserts, finally arriving in India, the cradle of Buddhism. Enduring 17 years and traversing 100 countries, he obtained 657 kinds of Buddhist sutras. His story was written into the famous Chinese novel, *Journey To the West*. In the pagoda temple, Xuanzang translated Sanskrit sutras into Chinese, a total of 1,335 volumes, which heralded a new era in the history of translation.



The **TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**, located in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province were discovered in 1974 by farmers digging a well. Built thousands of years ago by Emperor Qin, the first emperor of China, to be his escort in his tomb, there are three vaults of the pottery army.

Magnificent in battle arrays, they are presented on a grand scale, exquisitely shaped with distinctive individual expressions. Strong and dynamic, the warriors, chariots and horses are colorful and lifelike. These artistic treasures of the Qin Dynasty are without doubt, one of the world's great wonders.



The **XI'AN WALL** is among the oldest and best preserved Chinese city walls. Construction of the first city wall of Chang'an began in 194 BCE and lasted four years. Xi'an is one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China and was the capital of some of the most important dynasties in Chinese history. The 3,100 year old city is the eastern end of the Silk Road.

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Security Council	Committee Staff: Kristy Mordhurst, Yuan Junwei
Economic and Social Council Plenary	Committee Staff: Stacy Jer, Zhang Yang
Special Session on Global Warning	Committee Staff: Jennifer Contreras, Chen Fei, Guo Wenbo

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The United Nations and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Distinguished Speakers:

Mr. Yang Xiwen, Director of Shanxi Provincial Educational Bureau
James Fallows, National Correspondent, The Atlantic Monthly
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Afghanistan	California State University, Fullerton	Italy	UN Model Italy
Algeria	New Mexico State University	Jordan	Texas Christian University
Angola	De La Salle - College of St. Benilde	Kazakhstan	California State University, Northridge
Australia	Jinan University	Libya	Austin College
Austria	Xi'an International Studies University	Madagascar	Queen's University
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Benin	Long Island University	Mexico	Central Michigan University
Bolivia	Tallahassee Community College	Mozambique	Brigham Young University
Brazil	Tallahassee Community College	New Zealand	Universidad Católica Andrés Bello
Cameroon	UN Model Italy	Nicaragua	Riverside Community College
Canada	Johnson County Community College	Niger	Riverside Community College
Chile	Taylor's University	Pakistan	Beijing Normal University
China	Benedictine University	Panama	University of Windsor and Beijing Normal University
Costa Rica	California Polytechnic State University, SLO	Philippines	Southwest Jiaotong University
Croatia	Model United Nations of the Russian Far East	Portugal	Xi'an Jiaotong University
Cuba	China Foreign Affairs University	Republic of Korea	Texas Christian University
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Dalian University of Foreign Language	Romania	Dalian University of Technology
Denmark	International Christian University	Russian Federation	Samford University
Egypt	Wright State University	Saudi Arabia	Bellevue Community College
France	(joint) Francis Marion University & Ursinus College	Singapore	Taylor's University
Germany	Wright State University	Somalia	University of Paderborn
Greece	Sichuan International Studies University	South Africa	Westfield State College
Iceland	International Christian University	Sudan	University of Massachusetts Boston
India	Shaanxi University of Science and Technology	Sweden	University of Massachusetts Boston
Indonesia	New Mexico State University	Syria	Valdosta State University
Iran	San Diego State University	United Arab Emirates	Grant MacEwan College
Iraq	Universidad Católica Andrés Bello	United Kingdom	Northwestern Polytechnical University
Israel	Brigham Young University	United States	Austin College
		Venezuela	Valdosta State University
		Viet Nam	University of Wuerzburg

Although the NMUN recognizes the potential of awards to foster competition rather than collaboration in its simulation, awards will continue to be offered in response to requests by the majority of participating schools. The Secretariat selects recipients based on the criteria and methodology outlined below. No one can observe every action in committee or truly judge an individual's learning and growth. We believe participation in the simulation is its own reward. It advances understanding of the UN and contemporary international issues, and it has changed the lives of many delegates. We urge all delegates and their faculty advisors to maintain an appropriate perspective regarding the awards. The fundamental basis of the simulation is collaboration and cooperation among nations, which includes working together through multilateral diplomacy. There are, therefore, no winners and certainly no losers in this process.

DELEGATION AWARDS |

The National Model United Nations Conference has established criteria for evaluating delegate performance. Each element is equally important to the overall awards determination process. All committees are weighted equally, and delegations are rated on a mathematical formula in relation to the total number of committees represented by the individual Member State.

Areas of evaluation are:

- **Remaining in character** – defined as advocating your assigned country's position in a manner consistent with economic, social and geopolitical constraints.
- **Participating in committee** – evaluated both during formal sessions and caucusing.
- **Proper use of the rules of procedure** – NMUN uses the rules of procedure to facilitate effective workings of committee and debate.

COMMITTEE AWARDS |

A majority of faculty surveyed in Fall 2005 indicated a desire for individual committee awards in addition to overall delegation awards. The survey results favored balloting by delegate peers. When voting for their peers, NMUN asks delegates to keep in mind that the conference believes outstanding delegates are those who cooperate and stay in the policy/character of their assigned member state. Yelling, standing on chairs and other examples of unprofessional behavior are not characteristics of model diplomats. Recipients will be announced at the final committee session.

A full description of criteria are available at www.nmun.org/participating.htm

SEXUAL HARASSMENT / DISCRIMINATION POLICY |

It is the intention of the NCCA and Northwestern Polytechnical University (organizers) that the environment of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) supports our educational goal. The organizers will not tolerate any instances of discrimination based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age or handicapping condition. If any delegate, staff or faculty member believes they have encountered discrimination, which results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment, they must bring it to the attention of the Secretary-General of the conference. In the event that this is not possible, they must bring it to the attention of the organizers. The Secretary-General and a member or members of the organizers' Board must investigate the merits of the allegations, interviewing all parties involved.

Based on the investigation findings, NMUN may:

- take no action
- issue a verbal reprimand
- separate the individual from the conference
- implement any other action deemed appropriate

DRESS CODE |

All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If a delegate's attire is deemed inappropriate by the NMUN staff, the delegate will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is business jacket, slacks (or skirts for women), dress shirt (with tie for men) and dress shoes.
- Dress sweaters, shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers and sunglasses are considered too casual. Clothes that expose excessive bare skin or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate.
- It is not appropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.

Western business dress is preferred. Cultural dress is only permitted for international delegates in whose native countries "professional business dress" includes traditional cultural dress. NMUN will not tolerate any delegate's attempt to portray a "character" using traditional cultural attire as costume.

DELEGATES |

While participating in the National Model UN conference, delegates have a responsibility to always maintain the highest level of professionalism and diplomacy. Conference staff, faculty, and fellow delegates, should always be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance on behalf of delegates is a requirement of this conference, and necessary to its educational mission. It is assumed that all delegates will respect the property of the United Nations and the host hotels.

NMUN reserves the right to restrict future registration for any participant or school, whose delegates or faculty are not able to uphold their responsibility to the conference's code of conduct.

Delegates are expected to:

- Remain "in character" by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of the country assigned. To act "in character" also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideals of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideals conflict with a given delegate's own country priorities.
 - Collaborate with fellow delegates where possible.
 - Conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner at all times.
 1. Excessive alcohol consumption should be avoided.
 2. The consumption of alcohol and other drugs in committee sessions is forbidden.
 3. Any issues related to illicit drugs will be immediately directed to the attention of authorities.
 4. Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems in the hotel may be barred from further participation in the conference.
- Delegates are encouraged to enjoy the variety of nighttime activities. Please bear in mind, however, the purpose of your participation in NMUN.

HEAD DELEGATES |

Head delegates provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegations by serving as information resources. They should attend and participate in head delegate meetings. Head delegates may be assigned to a committee or may serve solely in an advisory role. Head delegates assigned to a committee should observe the delegate code of conduct. Those not assigned to a particular committee should interact with delegates as would a faculty advisor.

FACULTY |

The role of faculty, while at the conference, is to make all efforts to see that their students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference. The educational quality of the conference is primarily dependent on all delegates' active and professional participation. Faculty can ensure this by monitoring their students' attendance at committee meetings, and helping them in understanding the skills of diplomacy as practiced at the National Model UN conference. Faculty advisors must maintain the highest level of professionalism toward all conference participants and staff.

During the conference, faculty are encouraged to advise students on specific questions such as a state's policy or issues of international law, but must not participate in the actual writing of resolutions or caucusing activities. The NMUN conference allows students an opportunity to demonstrate their preparation and research skills. While faculty members are encouraged to observe their students from the back of committee rooms, participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference staff.

Faculty members are expected to:

- Provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegations by serving as information resources, where appropriate.
- Respond to questions and concerns without interfering with the work of the committees or the deliberations of delegates, whether in formal session or in caucus.
- Refrain from using academic credit and grading policies that force participation beyond that country's normal position in the UN.
- Remind their delegates of the educational purpose of the simulation. Awards should not be a delegation's main emphasis.
- Attend and participate in faculty meetings.
- Offer suggestions and assistance to new faculty members.

NMUN•CHINA | rules short form

Motion	Purpose	Debate	Vote	Explanation
<i>Point of Order</i> <i>(Can be used any time)</i>	Correct an error in procedure	None	None	Refers to a specific rule
<i>Point of Inquiry</i>	Ask a question	None	None	Ask a question of the speaker
<i>Appeal of the Chair</i>	Challenge a decision of the Chair	None	Majority	Question the Chair's ruling
<i>Suspension of the Meeting</i>	Recess meeting for a defined period	None	Majority	Used to go into caucus or to break for a given time
<i>Adjournment of the Meeting</i>	End meeting	None	Majority	Used only on Sun.; ends committee for the year
<i>Adjournment of Debate</i>	End debate w/o a substantive vote	2pro/2con		Tables the topic; requires a roll call vote
<i>Closure of Debate</i>	Vote on all draft resolutions; move to immediate vote	2 con	2/3rds	Ends all discussion on current topic
<i>Division of the Question</i> <i>(Used in voting only)</i>	Consider clause(s) separately from rest of draft resolution Part I: Procedural vote on the matter of if this motion should be considered Part II: Substantive vote to accept/reject separated by procedural vote	2pro/2con None	Majority Majority	Voted on in order of most to least destructive. If pass: clause(s) are removed and voted on separately If fail: clause(s) remain as is Clause(s) separated out voted on as an annex to the original draft resolution If passed: annex passes If fail: clauses discarded and no longer part of any draft resolution
<i>Roll Call Vote</i> <i>(Used in voting only)</i>	Vote by roll call, rather than show placards	None	None	Automatically granted once requested
<i>Vote by Acclamation</i> <i>(Used in voting only)</i>	Pass a draft resolution as a body	None	Majority	Once motioned Chair must ask if there are any dissensions
<i>Reconsideration</i>	Re-open debate on an issue (motion must be made by a member that voted for Adjournment of Debate)	2 con	2/3rds	un-tables topic that was tabled by Adjournment of Debate
<i>Close the Speakers List</i>	No additional speakers added to speakers' list on topic; re-opening speakers list allows speaker to be added on list again	None	Majority	No new speakers can be added to list; one list is exhausted go directly into voting procedures
<i>Adoption of the Agenda</i>	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority	Determines the order by which the topics will be discussed; Approved topic order = agenda