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Northwestern Polytechnical University
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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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UNITED NATIONS

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
All Day | 23 NOVEMBER 2008
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
10:00am – 10:30pm 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
10:00am – 10:30pm Historic Museum
3:30pm – 5:30pm Opening Ceremony
6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner Qu Jiang Hotel

WEDNESDAY | 26 NOVEMBER 2008
7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast Qu Jiang Hotel
9:00am – 12:00pm Committee Session II
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch
10:00am – 11:00am Committee Session III
1:30pm – 6:00pm Dinner
7:30pm – 9:30 pm Committee Session IV

THURSDAY | 27 NOVEMBER 2008
7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast Qu Jiang Hotel
9:00am – 12:00pm Committee Session V
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch
10:00am – 11:00am Committee Session VI & Voting
1:30pm – 5:00pm Banquet
6:00pm Dragon Palace Grand Ballroom

FRIDAY | 28 NOVEMBER 2008
7:00am – 7:45am Breakfast Depart Hotel for New Campus
8:00am Visit to New Campus and Closing Ceremony New Campus Students’ Center
9:00am – 11:00am Lunch
12:00pm – 1:30pm Afternoon Free
6:00pm – 7:30pm Dinner

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

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.
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, astronomic 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.

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.

**Imagine how**

National Model United Nations is the world’s largest college-level conference of its kind. We bring together 4,000 students from across the globe to address a wide range of contemporary international issues. Participants leave with the insights needed to become better global citizens and the next generation of international leaders. Students develop an appreciation of differing viewpoints, the frustration of negotiation, the rewards of cooperation, and a broader view of the human side of international relations and diplomacy.

**EXPANDING THE MODEL UN EXPERIENCE WORLDWIDE**

NEW YORK, NY • WASHINGTON, DC • XI’AN, CHINA
The United Nations and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

**Distinguished Speakers:**
- Mr. Yang Xiwen, Director of Shannxi Provincial Educational Bureau
- Dr. Yin Yin Nwe, UNICEF Representative to China
- Mr. Chen Jian, President, UNA-China

**Northwestern Polytechnical University:**

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**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 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 ballots 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.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT / DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

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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.

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- Offer suggestions and assistance to new faculty members.

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 Secretary-at-arms selects recipients based on 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.

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**

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.

**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 with 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.

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<td><strong>Point of Order</strong> (Can be used any time)</td>
<td>Correct an error in procedure</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Refers to a specific rule</td>
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<td><strong>Point of Inquiry</strong></td>
<td>Ask a question</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Ask a question of the speaker</td>
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<td><strong>Appeal of the Chair</strong></td>
<td>Challenge a decision of the Chair</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Question the Chair's ruling</td>
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<td><strong>Suspension of the Meeting</strong></td>
<td>Recess meeting for a defined period</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Used to go into caucus or to break for a given time</td>
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<td><strong>Adjournment of the Meeting</strong></td>
<td>End meeting</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Used only on Sun.; ends committee for the year</td>
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<td><strong>Adjournment of Debate</strong></td>
<td>End debate w/o a substantive vote</td>
<td>2pro/2con</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Tables the topic; requires a roll call vote</td>
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<td><strong>Closure of Debate</strong></td>
<td>Vote on all draft resolutions; move to immediate vote</td>
<td>2 con</td>
<td>2/3rds</td>
<td>Ends all discussion on current topic</td>
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<td><strong>Division of the Question</strong></td>
<td>Consider clause(s) separately from rest of draft resolution</td>
<td>2pro/2con</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Part I: Procedural vote on the matter of if this motion should be considered</td>
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<td>Automatically granted once requested</td>
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<td>Pass a draft resolution as a body</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Once motioned Chair must ask if there are any dissentions</td>
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<td>Re-open debate on an issue (motion must be made by a member that voted for Adjournment of Debate)</td>
<td>2 con</td>
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<td>un-tables topic that was tabled by Adjournment of Debate</td>
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<td><strong>Close the Speakers List</strong></td>
<td>No additional speakers added to speakers' list on topic; re-opening speakers list allows speaker to be added on list again</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>No new speakers can be added to list; one list is exhausted go directly into voting procedures</td>
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