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TAIMUN XXI

"Facing the Challenges of Humanity: Renewing Hope"



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# AST TAIMUN Director's Letter

Dear Delegates and Special Guests,

We are especially excited to welcome you to our campus this year for the twenty-first session of the TAIMUN conference. As a relative newcomer, who has been to just one TAIMUN, it is hard for me to imagine this complex, student-run, operation occurring every year for twenty years. After all, all of the students who will be attending and leading the conference were not even born when TAIMUN began.

Today, TAIMUN is part of a larger, remarkable ecosystem of Taiwan-based Model UN conferences. What an incredible network of youth diplomats we have in Taiwan. We thank you in advance for honoring us with your presence at this special mile-marker event.

“Facing the Challenges of Humanity: Renewing Hope” is our TAIMUN XXI theme. While we celebrate the history of TAIMUN this school year, we aren’t just focused on the past. The United Nations is about building a brighter future for all people. As MUN-ers, you are global citizens who study global issues in order to be effective problem solvers and peacemakers.

When we see so many challenges and so much suffering in our world, the news does not always inspire hope. In February, we watched a member of the UN Security Council, the guardian of world peace, invade a sovereign nation state, attacking even civilian targets.. Despite being unable to prevent the attack, member states rallied in large numbers at the UN to condemn Russia’s actions. Governments and multinational corporations, in turn, have responded more forcefully than expected with punishing sanctions and a halt to business operations, crippling the Russian economy. The global community, including Taiwan, has responded with widespread protests and donations of humanitarian aid. UN agencies such as UNHCR and UNWFP are busy coordinating and providing relief to refugees on the ground. This surely gives some hope to Ukrainians and the thousands inside Russia who have been arrested for protesting their government’s aggression. Of course, more must be done.

The news about climate change continues to be grim. Global warming seems unavoidable, but the extent of it is still within human control. Perhaps we can find hope in the talks at UN’s COP26 in Glasgow last year and the vigorous street protests of students leading the environmental movement. The tremendous growth in green energy and green technologies is another sign of hope, even as we struggle to give up our global reliance on fossil fuels.

Our charge to you is to not succumb to pessimism or cynicism, attitudes that lead to dead-ends. The future belongs to you and it has not been written. You hold the pen. We dare you to be optimistic, even with the knowledge that the world is complicated and vehicles like the UN are imperfect. Use your best thinking and collaborate with other young diplomats to devise creative solutions. Be persistent and be patient in order to realize your hopes for a brighter world.

With Hope,  
Laura Moye  
AST MUN Director

# Editor's Letter

Greetings fellow chairs, delegates, and esteemed guests,

Welcome to the twenty-first conference of the Taiwan Model United Nations—TAIMUN XXI! We are Carilyn Chang, the Head of Reporters, and Jun Choi, the Deputy Head of Reporters, from the Press Team. As the modern world continues to evolve and rely on popular media, the practices of documenting, recording, and analyzing global issues surrounding the conflicts of humanity become increasingly critical for the better of society. On the same side of the spectrum, awareness of sustainability and environmentally friendly enactments are growing apace, serving as key factors of the world’s changing trends—to this end, we have decided to digitize the three magazines: the Program Book, the Pre-conference Issue, and the First Issue. Despite this transition, the Press Team strives to continue documenting information and moments of the conference with the assistance of reporters, layout designers, and photographers. We sincerely appreciate the efforts they have shown in their preparation for the conference, including constructing insightful articles, capturing significant moments in the conferences, and organizing all the material into magazines that present a thorough synopsis of each issue. We would like to convey our thanks to every member of the Press Team who has exhibited dedication and commitment to making TAIMUN XXI a pleasant experience for all.

We hope you enjoy your time in TAIMUN XXI!

Best regards,  
Carilyn Chang and Jun Choi  
TAIMUN XXI Head and Deputy Head of Reporters

# Editor's Letter

Greetings, fellow participants of TAIMUN XX!

Welcome to TAIMUN XXI! We are Lily Lai and Song Kim (Press Layout Head and Deputy), and we are very excited to be part of this year's TAIMUN Press team. It is always exciting for us layout editors to present the reporter's articles in the best manners. In this Pre-Conference issue, we decided to use Danube, Corn, Gulf Blue, and White as the primary colors. These colors symbolize wisdom, peace, and positiveness, and this is also the message we look forward to TAIMUN XXI and the year 2023. We would like to thank the reporters, photographers, and layout designers for their great work.

We hope you enjoy TAIMUN XXI and wish you enjoy yourselves in the TAIMUN Conference Issue!

Best regards,  
Lily Lai and Song Kim  
TAIMUN XXI Press Layout Head and Deputy

# Welcome to TAIMUN XXI

## Facing the Challenges of Humanity: Renewing Hope

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other" (Mother Teresa).

When it comes to the word humanity, it encapsulates diverse aspects. Ranging from one's support to another to one's contribution to the community, to one's devotion towards the environment. Humanity requires maintaining peace in human society and using the power the human race has to conquer multiple difficulties. However, in recent years, many global issues have raised serious concerns: warfare leading to refugee crises, food shortages, economic crises, over-construction that leads to the vanishing of ecosystems, human trafficking, destruction of culture, lack of protection of children, and so forth. As global problems escalate, the humanity at the foundation of human society has been deeply challenged.

Human society has revealed its weakness, signaling changes must occur.

Change can include starting within one's own household, one's own small community, or simply understanding that acting on those close issues connect to huge steps towards resolving the larger global challenges. Throughout the conference, delegates propose cohesive and constructive solutions through collaboration and collective thinking that can spark the fire; igniting the action of renewing hope for humanity.

Written by Lydia Chen

# Committee Introduction



# GA6

ARTICLE BY: THOMAS CHEN

**Ken Miao** - Head Chair -

Meet Ken Miao, a senior at the Dominican International School Taipei. Ken is a seasoned Model UN participant with nearly five years of experience under his belt. During this time, he's made some of his best friends and fondly recalls intense debates amongst delegates as one of his favorite aspects of the MUN world. A swimmer by sport, Ken is also heavily involved in student organizations at his school, serving as the founder and manager of the swim team, president of the student athletic committee, and deputy secretary general of the DISMUN club. Ken is driven by his Asian heritage and finds motivation in his cultural background. When it comes to academics, Ken excels in languages and the arts of words, but struggles with mathematics. In his free time, he enjoys reading and swimming. With a quick wit and a love for dad jokes, Ken describes himself as a humorous fellow. He encourages shy delegates to embrace public speaking and push through their fears, as the more they speak, the more confident they will become.



**Linson Lee** - Deputy Chair -

Linson Lee is a 17-year-old 11th grader who attends IBSH. He has been involved in Model UN for 3 years and remembers his first MUN conference as a delegate as the most memorable event in his MUN journey. Linson's hobbies include playing basketball, video games, reading manga/anime, and following the news. His favorite food is ramen, and he also enjoys playing basketball and used to play soccer and badminton. Despite enjoying the opportunities to travel and meet new people through MUN, Linson dislikes it when delegates make speeches that do not contribute to the debate. To encourage shy delegates, Linson suggests starting with asking points of information to gain a better understanding of the topic and build confidence for future speeches and amendments.



# GA1

## ( Disarmament and International Security)



**Siaya Kaufman**  
- Head Chair -

Siaya Kaufman, a senior in Hsinchu International School, is one of the Chairs for this year's Disarmament and International Security. She is a fairly outgoing, creative, talkative, and bubbly person; however, it does take her a while to adjust sometimes when she is put in a new environment. This year will be her sixth and final year doing MUN as she started in 7th grade in hopes of improving her public speaking, debating, and social skills. However, it has grown to be so much more to her since then as she made wonderful memories debating and meeting amazing people. Some of the greatest challenges she has had to face were getting over the initial nervousness before conferences begin. On the other hand, her greatest success was overcoming the fears that

she used to have when it came to public speaking. She now leads the MUN club at her school, and also had the honor of hosting HIMUN as a deputy secretary general and a secretary general this year. Besides MUN, some of her hobbies include making music, reading, writing, and going out with friends. One of her biggest long-term goals is to make it into the music industry and be able to share her music with the world. If delegates are shy, she would encourage them to take a breath before approaching the podium and speaking with confidence. She believes that confidence really is the key to everything. Whether or not what you think you're saying makes sense, as long as you deliver your ideas in a calm and confident manner, you will make your point across.

Michelle Yang, a sophomore in Kang Chiao International School, is a Chair for this year's Disarmament and International Security. She is an enthusiastic and positive person who loves dogs. She started her MUN experience in the eighth grade, with the intention to improve her English speaking skills, and has since been doing it for 2 to 3 years. One of her biggest challenges in the MUN experience was to be brave enough to communicate with others and speak against others' speeches. However, once she

overcame that obstacle, she was met with applause every time her resolutions successfully passed. As a delegate, the most prideful moment she has ever experienced was that all of her draft clauses appeared on the final resolution, and the resolution passed. Besides MUN, some of her hobbies include singing, swimming, and taking pictures. Some of her long-term goals are getting 1500 on SAT and 110 on TOEFL and then successfully admitting to a high-ranking college.



**Michelle Yang**  
- Deputy Chair -

# GA3 (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural)



Kyra Dean  
- Head Chair -

Kyra Dean, a current junior at Hsinchu International School, is the head chair of GA3 for TAIMUN XXI. She started her MUN experience in seventh grade after joining the MUN club because of the positive feedback

Tammy Hsu, a current Sophomore from Asia American International Academy, is the Deputy Chair for GA3 in TAIMUN XXI. She's been in MUN since 6th grade, so this is her 4th year and Taimun marks her 21st conference. The thing she likes the most about MUN is the knit tight community, meeting new people, feeling refreshed after a conference, being able to learn in depth about diverse topics, and growing to be more aware of international issues. Although, sometimes it can get quite tiring to go to school following the conference. Besides TAIMUN, she likes to participate in climate activism by joining a climate organization called FFF Taiwan. She also likes watching and playing tennis, playing

from other students. Furthermore, she wanted to work on her public speaking and her general knowledge of world issues by understanding topics from different viewpoints and defending those perspectives. The MUN moment she is most proud of was her first chairing experience when she was directing delegates to the exact same seats she sat in at her very first conference. She was proud of how much her experience had grown after two years of MUN and was also thrilled to support other people and watch them learn. If delegates are shy, she would advise them to speak up by coming to the conferences prepared by researching the topic they will discuss. She would encourage them to be confident in their stance and get more familiar with the debate procedure to get more comfortable with debating. She hopes to make herself as

volleyball in her school's varsity team, exploring new places, and completing her seasonal bucket lists. Furthermore, if she can visit anywhere in the world, she would like to visit somewhere tropical in Southern America like Brazil or Mexico. Her favorite foods are tied between salted caramel ice cream and ramen. One of her long term goals is to continue to give back to her community and help those who are in need. She describes herself as outgoing, easy to approach, and passionate about trying new things and meeting new people. The thing that motivates her is the fact that there are so many things left

approachable as she can so that if delegates ever have any questions, they can always approach her. She would also encourage them to make friends which she believes will not only help you feel more comfortable in debate, but will also help you find familiar faces in future conferences.

Aside from MUN, she has been in the Student Council for five years, is currently the Vice President at HIS, and is also the current Under Secretary General of Administration for their school's MUN Club. Her all-time favorite movies are the Pitch Perfect Trilogy or the Star Wars Trilogies and her favorite food is Italian and sushi. Her hobbies include reading or listening to podcasts. She is often motivated by academics and validation.

unexplored in life that she seeks to discover more about.



Tammy Hsu  
- Deputy Chair -



Jaida Dean  
- President -

Jaida Dean is currently a senior attending Hsinchu International School. She has been a long time participant of MUN conferences, beginning her journey in 7th grade. Although like many other delegates she found her first conference intimidating, however, over time she has developed a strong fondness for MUN conferences. Jaida has accomplished amazing feats, being the president of her student government, the secretary of the MUN club at her school and

opening a student store. She finds MUN to be a great place to meet new people as she has met some of her closest friends at MUN. In addition she finds being a chair to be an extremely rewarding role to play as she can observe many first time delegates gain confidence over the course of the conference. She hopes that all participants in her conference would gain confidence, grow to love MUN, and meet groups of new friends as she has.

## Advisory Panel Question

Article by Declan Chang

Celine Shih is a 10th grader who is currently attending American School in Taichung. She attended her first MUN conference when she was in middle school and has been to various MUN conferences over the past years. To her, the MUN conferences are a great chance to meet amazing people from different schools and experience playing the role of a diplomat from various nations. Celine has a wide range of hobbies from watching anime to playing volleyball with her friends in her spare time. Celine cherishes her friends that she has made both at school and during MUN conferences. She hopes that during

this conference she will meet many more. She has come far from being shy and afraid to speak at her first conference to now being a chair. Being a chair requires a high level of leadership skills, and Celine is ready with multiple leadership experiences under her belt. She has just recently excelled for the Sai Jia Elementary program, founded the Write for Delight club at AST, been an MUN trainer, and served as an officer for Red Cross. She is well prepared to take on the role of a chair for this year's TAIMUN.



Celine Shih  
- Deputy President -

## Curtis Ko - President -

Curtis Ko, a junior at International Bilingual School in Tainan Science Park (IBST), will be serving as this year's head chair for UNDP. He began his MUN career looking for something similar to a debate but less competitive, and since then he has chaired nine MUN conferences and is currently the MUN club president at his school. Curtis's main hobby is robotics as he is part of the FRC team at his school, but he does dabble in sports such as swimming, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. One memorable success in his MUN experience would be being able to chair at STMUN for his first conference in ninth grade. Meeting new people is one feature of MUN that Curtis finds enjoyable. On the other hand, one aspect he dislikes about delegates is when they don't contribute to the committee. Aside from MUN, Curtis mentions that if he could travel to any part of the world, he would love to explore Europe for its advanced rail system and exquisite cuisines.

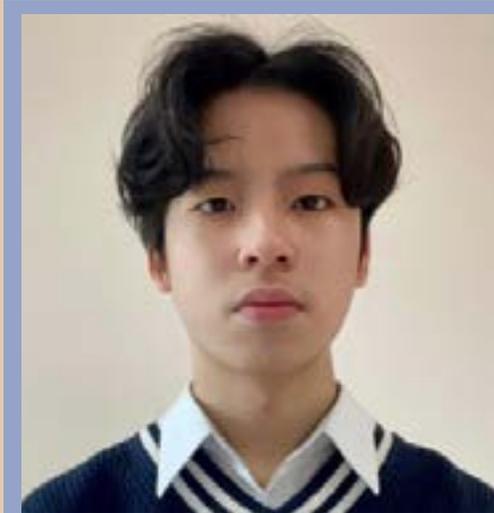


United Nations

# UNDP

Development Programme

Anderson Chung is a sixteen-year-old student currently in tenth grade at HCAS (Hsinchu County American School). He has a variety of hobbies, including playing the piano and drawing. One of his biggest passions is participating in the Model United Nations conferences, which he began in seventh grade out of curiosity. Over time, Anderson has come to understand the significance and value of joining this discussion as a community brought together by students from all over Taiwan. If given the opportunity to live in any historical era, Anderson would choose the 1980s for its nice music, good movies, and banger hairstyles. He also has advice for delegates who are shy, as he can relate to their fears of having been in their shoes. Anderson's advice is to remember that even the most eloquent speakers were once timid and shy too, and that there is no need to be intimidated. Aside from his academic and extracurricular pursuits, Anderson also enjoys playing tennis and basketball. If he could travel anywhere in the



## Anderson Chung - Deputy President -

## Head Chair Audrey Wang



Meet Audrey Wang, a seventeen-year-old senior at the International Bilingual School at Tainan Science Park (IBST). Audrey has been a part of the Model UN (MUN) club since their sophomore year and has gained a lot of experience in international politics and public speaking. With a passion for activism and advocacy, they have learned the importance of listening and collaborating with others to achieve a common goal. They're a prospective double-major in political science and psychology and is currently interning at an eye-tracking lab where she studies the significance of eye contact in social situations. Audrey loves food, especially sushi and spaghetti, playing Animal Crossing, and hopes to travel to New York in the future, a city they see as a representation of diversity and acceptance. If they could live in any historical era, Audrey would live in the American Civil Rights Movement that spread from the 1950s to the 1970s. They observe that people collectively view the American Civil

Rights Movement as something foreign and historical, especially from an Asian-specific perspective. Yet Audrey appreciates the movement as something more than a "justice-for-all" coalition that only existed in a discrete unit of time in the past—it is an ongoing fight that gave rise to the modern waves of protests for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Tyre Nicholas. They are powerful evidence in today's world that prove the Civil Rights Movement is not yet at its end. Audrey believes that as Asian Americans (or just Asians in general), we are the subjects who promote allyship in discussions of activism and human rights. Intersectionality is the only power to both communities, as we hold shared and exclusive experiences we can learn from each other. Historically, Asia's anti-black belief is a result of colonialism and the model minority myth distributed by white supremacists. By polarizing two communities, Audrey argues that we do more than just precipitating racism: we end up fighting each other. There are so many historical events in Taiwan that can be drawn in similarity to those of the American Civil Rights movements, such as the Japanese colonialism and brutality, the Sunflower Student Movement, and the political attacks made by China on Taiwan. Audrey is certain that we have so much to learn from the American Civil Rights movement, and that we are the hope to ensure an equitable and well-intentioned society.

# Human Rights Council

## Deputy Chair John Kao



John Kao is a fifteen-year-old sophomore at AST and has a great passion for the Model United Nations. John has been participating in MUN conferences for three years, beginning his journey back in eighth grade at a STMUN conference. One of the most memorable moments in his MUN career was during the 2022 STMUN conference when he volunteered to make a speech, but unfortunately was at a loss of words when he started speaking. This experience taught John the importance of being well-prepared, detail-oriented, and organized. In the long run, his goal is to learn more about the logistics behind the TAIMUN conference. When John is not busy with MUN, he enjoys reading, playing table tennis, and making music. His favorite book is 1984 by George Orwell, and his favorite dish is authentic shrimp dumpling. While John is great at understanding topics discussed in class, he admits he struggles with staying focused after school, which affects his ability to complete longer essay-like assignments, such as chair reports. John also enjoys playing tennis and basketball, as well as taking on leadership responsibilities. He is always eager to encourage shy delegates to participate actively in MUN conferences. Overall, John is a diligent and motivated student who is committed to MUN, continuously seeking ways to develop and nurture his skills.

Article by: Thomas Chen

# SECURITY COUNCIL



Emma Hwang  
- Head Chair -

Emma Hwang, a senior in Hsinchu County American School, is a Chair for this year's ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). She is an approachable and motivated person, and enjoys challenging herself and pushing to do the best she can. She has been doing MUN since sophomore year (Although she thinks it's a little late, but she made every moment worth it). She started doing MUN to experience something new as she remembers sitting nervously as the delegate of New Zealand in HRC but getting mesmerized by the professionalism and pace of the debate. Now, TAIMUN XXI will be her fifth time chairing. Some challenges she faced during MUN was that she always procrastinated when writing chair reports. However, the feeling of completing the chair report and the conference provides her with a great sense of fulfillment and success. Besides MUN, she also enjoys spending her free time reading, playing video games, and hanging out with my pet birds. In the long term, she would like to study something animal-related. If delegates are shy, she would try sending them notes with tips on what to say based on their country stance. Emma believes that speaking for the first time can be pretty daunting but once you get past that, you'll become more confident.

## ECOSOC

Economic and Social Council



Morris Chang  
- Deputy Chair -

Consequently, his success was that he was slowly gaining the courage and confidence to then act in spite of his fear. Besides MUN, some of his hobbies include reading, playing the violin, and playing basketball. In the long term, he hopes to continue playing violin, making music, and learning more about the world. If delegates are shy, Morris thinks that it's important to acknowledge the fact that nervousness and caring about what others think of you is totally normal. Accept your nervousness or shyness and know that it will only get better the more you speak and contribute to the group. Everybody's different as Morris was a shy person once before he joined MUN, but it's really about finding the reason in MUN that motivates you to push past your reservations. And lastly, he wants all delegates to know that there's power in belief, so whatever it is, believe that you can do it, it'll totally help.



Jessie Chiang  
- Deputy Chair -

Jessie Chiang, a sophomore in Taipei American School, is a Chair for this year's ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). She is an ambiverted and responsible person. She started MUN in middle school because her mom wanted her to try something new, and she has since been doing MUN for 3 years. At the beginning, she was less willing to raise her placard and speak up during the conferences. However, after some encouragement from her mentors and fellow delegates, she started speaking up a lot and ended up getting top speaker points in most of her MUN conferences. of one's comfort zone as it was a real challenge just making a speech at the podium. Consequently, his success was that he was slowly gaining the courage and confidence to then act in

spite of his fear. Besides MUN, some of his hobbies include reading, playing the violin, and playing basketball. In the long term, he hopes to continue playing violin, making music, and learning more about the world. If delegates are shy, Morris thinks that it's important to acknowledge the fact that nervousness and caring about what others think of you is totally normal. Accept your nervousness or shyness and know that it will only get better the more you speak and contribute to the group. Everybody's different as Morris was a shy person once before he joined MUN, but it's really about finding the reason in MUN that motivates you to push past your reservations. And lastly, he wants all delegates to know that there's power in belief, so whatever it is, believe that you can do it, it'll totally help.

Article by: Alan Lin



Fiona Stokes  
-President-

Fiona Stokes, the Head Chair for the Security Council in TAIMUN XXI, is in her third year at MUN. She is a current senior waiting for college decisions at Hsinchu International School (HIS). She joined MUN after fulfilling her wish to join a debate club at her school. Joining MUN allowed her to meet new people from all over Taiwan, making several new friends through each conference—though she couldn't escape the familiar ache in her formal dress shoes. Her hobbies include reading, journaling, and occasionally going to her dad's room to sing as he plays the guitar. Her long term goals include opening a cafe, writing a book, and buying a bean bag with her own money. She would like to travel to Italy for the beautiful scenery she sees on Youtubers' vlogs. Her favorite food is condensed milk, given as a side with the yin si juan (golden thread bread), which she often sheepishly asks for two extra dippings. She is a listener who often finds herself listening to people often whether in class, over lunch, or on the phone. She tries to tune in to how those around her feel and what they wish to express. The consistently stable and free lifestyle of her retired grandparents—reading books and quality time with loved ones—motivates her to work harder for her future.



Matthew Hsieh  
-Deputy President-

Matthew Hsieh, the Deputy Chair of the Security Council this year, started his MUN journey in sixth grade as a press team member and later attended conferences more frequently in high school. He is currently a junior in Taipei American School (TAS) and has taken a wide range of roles in MUN, including being a chair, an academics officer, deputy secretary-general, and head of moderating. He enjoys being in a leadership position to take initiative and lead others to ensure a successful conference. With that being said, there is no need for delegates to be worried or nervous during conferences, as he will always try his best to help delegates get past their barriers by sending them personal notes of encouragement, guiding them in developing practical solutions, and talking to them during breaks. Matthew's proudest moment in MUN is during his first time as a chair, where the role models he often looked up to as a shy delegate in the past made him realize the improvements he's made since middle school. His goal is to pass on his knowledge and assist the delegates as much as he can by trying to be an approachable student officer in order to make the conference a fun and memorable time. Matthew aspires to make a difference by raising awareness on global issues that largely go unnoticed, as well as enhancing the delegates' capabilities as future world leaders. Besides MUN, some of his other hobbies are playing sports, chess, and video games. He plays basketball and volleyball at school, and has been playing chess since lower school, having been a national team member for Taiwan for six years. He is a huge fan of Star Wars, having watched every movie and still following the new releases on Disney Plus. Matthe's favorite food is ramen—when he was younger, he would always go to Ichiran Ramen whenever he traveled to Japan. Now that Ichiran is in Taiwan, he has the luxury of visiting the store near his house often. Matthew is motivated by his past failures and often makes an effort to not repeat any of his mistakes, all the while competing with himself to improve upon his weaknesses.

# UNESCO

Article by Declan Chang

## Maya Braunstein



President

Maya Braunstein is a 17-year-old student at Hsinchu County American School. Maya first started her MUN journey for the sake of being with her friends and for her college application. However, she has grown to love MUN and found a passion for it soon after attending her first conference. She has quickly become acquainted with the MUN system and became a chair after only three conferences. Being a chair allowed Maya to assist many newcomers to the MUN family. She understands that everyone's first conference is often difficult as she has struggled during her first time, but she is willing and eager to aid any MUN first-timers to build up confidence. Maya hopes everyone in her committee can enjoy their MUN experience as much as she does. Throughout her time as a delegate, she found the intensity and fast-paced debates to be challenging yet extremely enjoyable. As a chair, she looks forward to hosting the debates that are equally lively in her committee.

# WHO

Article by Brenda Hung

## Cindy Yang



President

Cindy Yang, a senior at Hsinchu County American School, will be serving as this year's head chair for the World Health Organization (WHO). She began her Model United Nations career in a mandatory class during eighth grade and has been actively taking part in many conferences ever since. Well-versed in many sports, her various hobbies include activities such as skateboarding and playing basketball, tennis, golf, and volleyball. Cindy is also the President of the Student Council and the captain of both the basketball and volleyball teams. Furthermore, a place she would like to visit would be Rome, Italy. One of the aspects she likes the least about MUN is when there is an awkward silence among the delegates when no one is willing to speak. Despite this, one feature she enjoys the most about MUN is the opportunity to meet and interact with new people.

## Jeffery Wan

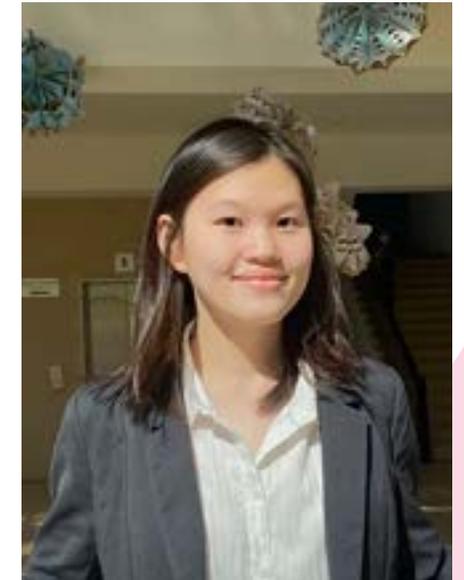


Deputy President

Currently in his junior year at International Bilingual School at Hsinchu-Science-Park (IBSH), Jeffery Wan is a well-acquainted MUN participant with over 4 years of experience. Jeffery has fond memories of his first HSINMUN conference where he discovered his love for MUN. While he found making speeches challenging in his first several conferences, he has gradually built up his confidence and is now an avid MUN participant. Jeffery also has experience in various sports and holds leadership positions in an assortment of clubs. He enjoys the friendly and social atmosphere of MUN as he finds participants to be amiable and understanding other than—of course—during debates. He finds it interesting that people often have to support and speak for beliefs they personally do not believe in order to better represent their nation. Jeffery is a capable leader who is apt for the chair role and looks forward to another delightful MUN conference this time around at TAIMUN. And, most importantly, he hates clams.

Hannah Chu, a senior at Hsinchu International School, will be serving as the Deputy-President for this year's World Health Organization (WHO). She began her MUN career in her sophomore year, which is relatively late because of her fear of public speaking. However, Hannah is proud to say that stepping out of her comfort zone by joining the Model United Nations is one of the best decisions she has made in her life. One of her many memorable successes would be delivering her arguments and essential points with confidence and without hesitation. Moreover, as a chair, she understands that standing up in front of the podium is no easy task, and encourages everyone to try their best. Aside from MUN, Hannah is passionate about drawing and painting in her free time, as well as cooking and baking. She enjoys spending her free time watching true crime television, scrolling through Twitter, and cafe hunting with friends. In the future, she would like to travel to Europe, particularly Santorini, Greece, and Amalfi, Italy, because of the profound cultural differences in architecture, cuisine, and history in comparison to Taiwan.

## Hannah Chu



Deputy President

# Article Page





Human rights are the rights and freedom all human beings are born with, regardless of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, or other statuses. These rights are essential for protecting every individual from inequality or discrimination and ensuring that they can live with respect and justice.

Human rights has played a crucial role in the foundation of civilization. However, it wasn't until the late 18th century during the Enlightenment period that the concept of universal human rights was widely recognized. This movement strived towards the idea that everyone is born with natural rights, including the right to life, liberty, and property, which could not be taken away by any form of authority.

Article by Thomas Chen

# What Are Human Rights?



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, authorized by the United Nations in 1948, was one of the most important human rights documents in the world. The movement, which took place in France, Paris, listed civil and political rights, like freedom of speech and religion, as well as economic, social, and cultural rights like equal access to education and healthcare. Regardless of this significant progress, human rights violations did not cease to spread.

The most common violation of human rights include torture, extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, discrimination, and violations of freedom of expression. Many of these violations are used to suppress political protests, intimidate the majority populations, or deny equal education or employment.

The most iconic incidents of human rights violation include: The Holocaust, apartheid in South Africa, the Salvadoran and Guatemalan Civil Wars, and the current situation in Syria and North Korea. These are all major examples of human rights violations that have occurred throughout history, where every involved individual is stripped away of their personal rights and received inhumane tortures.

To maintain an ongoing peace, it is the responsibility of governments, international organizations, and individuals to ensure that every person's rights are respected. Together, we can create a more interconnected global society where there exists no violation of human rights.

# Mars Migration

From hunting dangerous animals to surviving harsh ice ages, humanity has come a long way through the efforts and determination of our ancestors. However, these difficulties that directly challenge the longevity of humanity have only been proliferating, both on a global and individual scale, in recent years. Despite advancements and improvements in the fields of

technology and medicine that lower death rates from catastrophic events such as climate change and world hunger, new conflicts have continued to emerge. Consequently, humanity currently is facing one of its most dire issues: resource depletion. From our daily use of tissue papers to the increasing utilization of fossil fuels for energy production, we have been con-

tinuously and carelessly taking the natural resources our home, planet Earth, has given us for granted. For instance, the World Bank estimated that the net loss of global forest between 1990 and 2016 was approximately 1.3 million square kilometers. Moreover, if no significant efforts were made to reduce the exploitation of fossil fuels, it is highly likely that all fossil fuels would be depleted by 2060, which is only 37 years from now. From our current rates of consumption of resources, all scientists, researchers, and experts have pointed out that Earth may no longer be habitable and sustainable in 2050.

Although some of the brightest minds in the world have been tackling this problem over the past decade, one particular individual has a different approach. Born June 28, 1971, Elon Musk, one of the most successful businessmen in the world, a certified genius, the owner of Tesla and Twitter, and the wealthiest man alive, had this one profound idea that would potentially solve the detrimental effects of resource depletion. This idea was none other than migrat-

ing to another planet, more specifically, Mars. Located at an average distance of 140 million miles away, Mars is one of Earth's closest habitable neighbors that receives decent sunlight (it's colder, but it can be warmed up). It also has an atmosphere composed of primarily CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen, and argon, meaning that plants can be grown on Mars just by compressing the atmosphere. Lastly, the duration of one day is remarkably close to that of Earth. All these factors show that humans can easily adjust to life on Mars, if crucial changes are made first of course.

With a strong determination and a resolute belief in his crews and his own brilliancy, Elon Musk established SpaceX in 2002, a corporation that aims in spacecraft manufacturing and launching. Although the company has gone through ups and downs – it almost went bankrupt in 2008 and has failed multiple rocket launch attempts – Elon Musk's resilience made SpaceX strive and achieve what even NASA couldn't accomplish: vertical propulsive landing of an orbital rocket booster for reuse. However, Musk did not just stop there, he continued to follow his plan to inhabit Mars. To do so, SpaceX has been working on a rocketship design called Starship, which will be the world's most power-

ful launch vehicle ever developed. It has the ability to carry in excess of 100 metric tonnes to Earth orbit with a refueling system that allows it to travel back and forth between Earth and Mars. If everything goes accordingly, we should be seeing it in action as soon as 2024, which is only a year from now.

By first landing on Mars, astronauts can start implementing and experimenting different methods to alter the Martian environment to make it habitable for humans, such as injecting synthetic greenhouse gasses into its atmosphere. Even though this tedious process would require years to accomplish, the final result would be outstanding as it would provide us humans with a new home with a new beginning, a shelter where we can nurture and sustain to build towards a second Earth. This would not only solve the problem of depleting resources, but it would also solve issues like overpopulation and uninhabitability of some regions due to global warming. In the end, once Mars becomes habitable, a new civilization may begin, and it all might happen sooner than you think.

Even when encountering the most difficult challenges, humans still strive. Even when presented with dreadful problems, humans still find solutions. It is humans ourselves, not technology, that allow humanity to survive and prosper. It is humans ourselves that

give us a glimpse of hope even when all seems lost. This is why we should never surrender when facing global challenges to humanity; we are the ones that renew hope.



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# Take A Look At Us Now

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Have you ever wondered about the possibility of humans and animals living in harmony again? A few centuries ago, humans and animals used to live together and help each other survive in the wild. Although humans killed animals for survival, humans also provided fertilizer for plants in order for herbivores and omnivores to consume, reproduce and live on. It was a beneficial life-cycle; however, today, purposeful hunting of animals to make high-end products and technological advancements has decreased the biodiversity of our planet and disrupted the flow of this life-cycle. Conserving most endangered species and their habitats might cost up to 76.1 billion USD per year, but I encourage everyone to reflect on the severity of this issue and support organizations that help solve these issues.



Significantly, this disruption of the natural life-cycle has negatively affected the mammal population. The extinction of one or several species can create many problems such as the overpopulation of other species. This extinction can further result in a chain reaction that eventually leads to other species experiencing the same fate due to competition for food sources from overpopulated species in the absence of predators, and the starvation of predators due to diminishing food sources. Even though human activities such as the Industrial Revolution have made transportations and communication more efficient for the human population, everything comes with a price: in this case, the damaging of wildlife habitats. Building highways and overhunting in areas that once housed various species destruct the habitat of the organisms and catalyzes their population decline. These activities will affect the

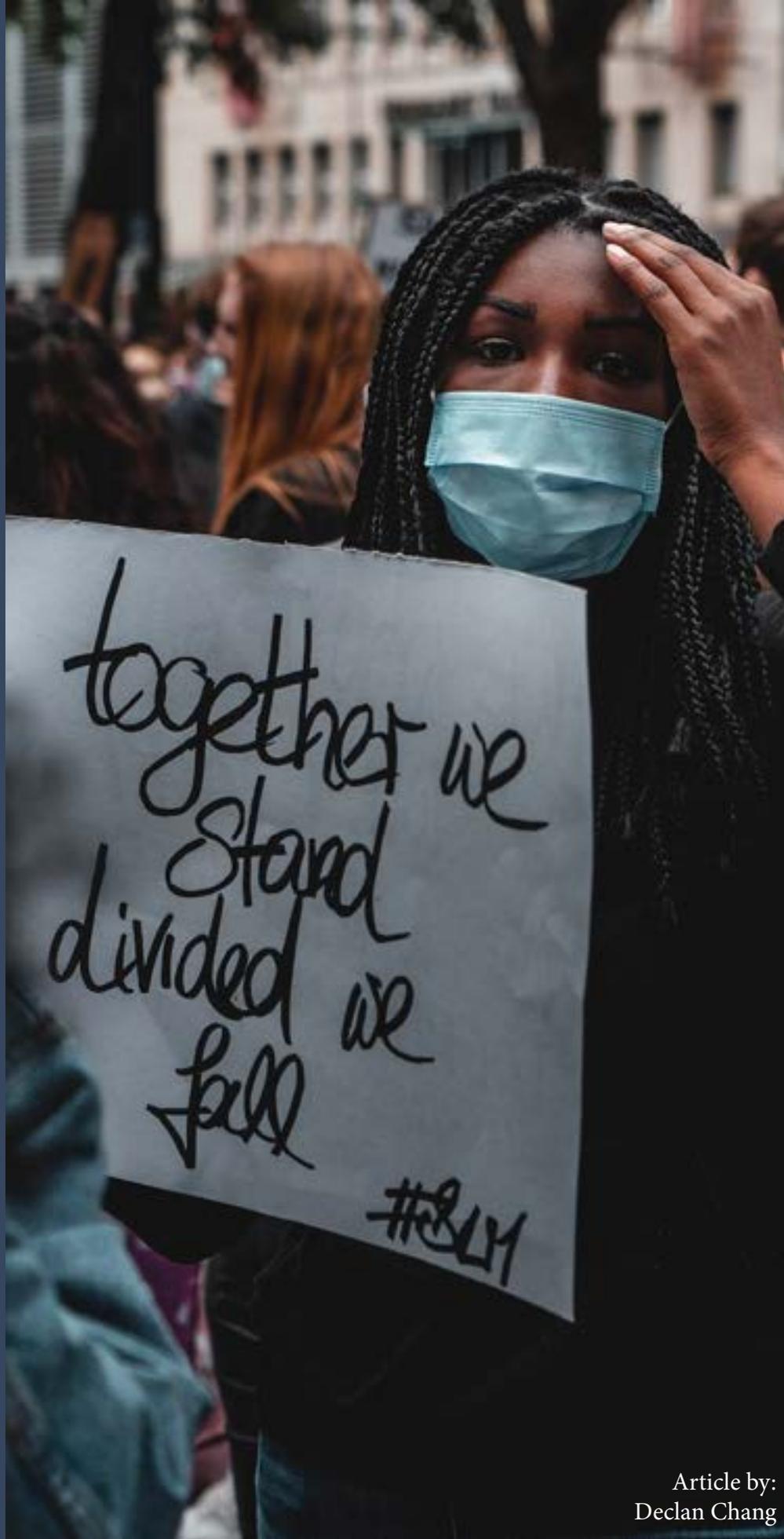
valuable education of more diverse animal species for younger generations. Hunters also often target mammals because of the amount of meat they provide and cold-blooded animals for their skin to make high-end products such as bags and purses from Louis Vuiton, Gucci, and Hermes. Close your eyes and imagine a world where we are hunted for common hobbies and the production of luxury items: well, these are the same circumstances that animals are experiencing right now. Most of those animals are often hunted and murdered cruelly. According to PETA, "Workers electroshocked crocodiles then attempted to kill them by cutting into their necks and ramming metal rods down their spines....experts have found that crocodilians remain conscious for over an hour after their spinal cord has been severed and their blood vessels cut." Imagine the process they have to go through to be cut open alive while writhing and shrieking in agonizing pain! Would you want that done to yourself? How would you feel in their situation?

To conclude, saving endangered animals can be a win-win situation for both sides. According to Global Vision International, an organization that focuses on high-quality conservation and community development programs, "A balanced ecosystem can provide us with plants that have medicinal properties." Humans can enhance our medical fields while animals can



live in peace and pass on their genes to their offspring. Moreover, an enhanced medical field can help further our research and develop stronger medicines to fight against viruses and perhaps treat or cure previously incurable diseases. We can also rely on the Endangered Species Act that has previously brought a number of species back from the brink of extinction to conserve a balanced ecosystem. This act changed previous Endangered Species laws to place greater emphasis on ecosystem preservation and seeks to preserve the experience of being able to see certain species roaming their natural habitat. Picture

# Racism



In our modern day and age, it seems as if we have agreed as a society to disapprove and condemn all forms of discrimination, especially discrimination based on racial profiles. Racial discrimination is a powerful weapon that has been applied throughout history to establish the idea within a group of people that they are superior to another based on the colour of their skin, their accent, or where they are from. We all know of horrid examples such as the Nazi party's mass genocide or the millions of slaves in the Confederate States of America. While many brush it off as a relic of the past, racism is still prevalent in our modern society. For instance, the persecution of minorities from the Chinese government or various Taiwanese citizens looking down on migrant domestic workers. It seems ironic to have developed so much as a species yet still resort to violence towards people simply because they are of a different skin colour. Let's take a look at the reasons behind racism. Racism seems to occur due to one of two reasons. The first is the natural human instinct to "label" people based on first impressions: it takes only one-tenth of a second for a person to make a first-time judgement on another. This judgement contains many aspects of a person such as outfit, height, weight, facial features and of course, race. The reason this first-impression-based judgement is flawed is due to certain individuals associating a person's race to common stereotypes with negative connotations, for example the array of cases depicting police brutality against coloured individuals in the United States of America. The second reason racism occurs is due to people trying to divert the blame or fault of an issue. During Hitler's rise to power, he manipulated the German population to believe that Germany's loss in the first World War was due to Jewish people, for example. Humans like to find scapegoats for unfortunate events — someone to blame to make themselves feel better. The heart of this issue seems to lie within human nature itself. However, this is starting to change. During these past years the world has undergone various disastrous events, most significantly, a pandemic. As a direct result of the pandemic originating from Asia, assaults targeting Asians rose in numbers. This in turn led to many young people banding together and protesting against the hate and discrimination the Asian community was facing. Another more extreme example is the mass persecution and genocide the Chinese government is committing on ethnic minorities within its borders. These acts are now condemned by the global community; protests are being staged all around the world calling for a stop to the action of the Chinese government. The progress being made is incredible, communities are being formed at a rapid pace around the globe to stand up for what they believe in and what is right. To illustrate, the Black Lives Matter movement was extremely successful and it was led by a group of passionate young individuals. Young people are starting to become more and more aware of the issue's severity and are working together to change it. The stance against racism has gotten so much more firm over the years and it will only continue to grow stronger. It would be cliché to end this article by saying words along the lines of "if the future generation works together and strives for more equality, we can solve this issue." That will likely not happen, as this is an issue so deeply engraved in human nature and history. Whilst it might be discouraging to make such a claim, it is still not an impossible problem to solve. It will take time—a great amount of time. We could all hope for this seemingly impossible-to-solve matter to simply dissipate and do nothing, or we could take action against this challenge of humanity and renew hope for the future generations.

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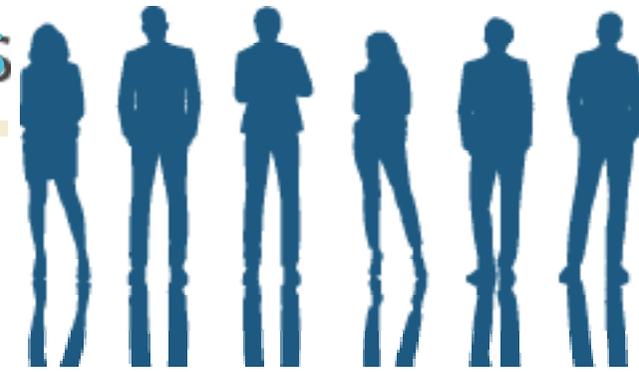
# THE CHANGE WITHIN OUR WORLD

In today's world, we are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as poverty and political unrest, which impact people's lives globally. The root causes explored today go over potential solutions to renew hope for a better future. This article looks at three things: focusing on the impact of poverty on human conditions, advancing technologies to overcome global challenges, and applying art and culture to challenge and broaden perspectives on humanitarian crises.

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## Human Conditions

Poverty has a significant impact on the physical and mental health, education, and economic stability of many. A research study conducted by Alividza et al. (2018) found that people living in poverty are more likely to suffer from chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity than those with greater access to resources. Moreover, poverty is a major contributor to mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and trauma due to the stress associated with daily life. Additionally, poverty has been found to have a connection to the lack of educational achievements of those who often lack the resources and support to pursue higher education. Ultimately, poverty has been associated with a decrease in economic stability, for many, impacting the well-being of countless people.



## Technology

Technology has been identified as one of the main drivers of global changes with the potential to provide solutions to many of the world's challenges. "Foster and Yaoyuneyong (2016) state that technology can help unite countries, cultures, and economies, resulting in greater collaboration and increased access to resources all around." Advances in mechanization, for example, can reduce the need for manual labor, allowing workers to focus on more productive activities such as pursuing higher education. Additionally, technology can help to reduce the environmental impact of pollution and provide clean, sustainable energy sources. Renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro can help reduce emissions and promote sustainability.



## Art and Culture



Art and Culture often reflect solutions to the numerous humanitarian crises across the globe. In regard to this, we are able to address these issues that have been explored by Stierl (2018). Maurice Stierl is a professor in International relations at the University of Sheffield and argues that by tapping into the creative and imaginative powers of art and culture, we can address



humanitarian crises in ways that go beyond the accustomed political and economic frameworks. Art and culture can provide a unique perspective on humanitarian crises, through social movements on a great deal of political solutions, simultaneously acquiring a greater acknowledgment of the issues at hand. Therefore by engaging humanitarian predicaments through the use of artistry, we are able to challenge humanitarian crises and disrupt normalized understanding.

In conclusion, the challenges humanity faces can seem daunting, but there is still hope for a greater future. Through a proactive approach, change can be promoted through respecting human rights, living a more environmentally friendly life, and using creative expressions and cultural practices. Maintaining hope is crucial as it allows us to recognize the potential of using art and culture as political solutions to address humanitarian crises. With hope, we can remain open to new and creative approaches that can help us confront these challenges. It is also important to acknowledge the impact of poverty on human conditions and the many challenges facing our world today. However, through technology and innovation, we can find new and effective ways to address these issues, making it essential that we do not give up hope while challenging the adversities of humanity to strive for a better future.

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