



YALE MODEL UNITED NATIONS KOREA

2017 DELEGATE GUIDE



**DEAR DELEGATES, ADVISORS
AND PARENTS ...**



WELCOME TO YALE MODEL UNITED NATIONS KOREA 2017.

For those of you that have joined us in previous years, welcome back -- we could not be more excited to host you again.

My name is Yoojin Han and it is my great pleasure and honor to serve as Secretary General for Yale Model United Nations Korea 2017. The Yale International Relations Association and Yale MUN Korea Secretariat is proud to announce that this year's conference will be held in Seoul from May 19th - 21st, 2017 at Seoul Olympic Parktel.

Concluding our splendid five years in Korea and preparing for further progress, Yale MUN Korea 2017 dedicates itself to fulfilling its educational mission for our delegates. Yale MUN Korea 2016 has been a true success, hosting over 250 delegates from all around the world; holding avid debate and drafting cogent resolutions in our nine committees with our unique Yale MUN Procedure of debate; and attracting students of all backgrounds through our newly-founded financial aid program. Yale MUN Korea 2017 now hopes to build on these accomplishments, rendering our conference more accessible with our revamped financial aid, better

preparing our first-time delegates through our newly established delegate training platform, and ensuring high-quality debate with our unique committees and an improved Yale MUN procedure.

Planning for Yale MUN Korea 2017 is currently underway, with our Yale secretariat working in full capacity. Delegate Registration is currently live, and more updates regarding our conference will be announced as we approach the conference dates. We will also be providing opportunities for high school students to be involved in the conference.

As my devoted Secretariat and I continue preparing for Yale MUN Korea 2017, be sure to like our Facebook page and check the website frequently for updates. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ymunkorea.secgen@yira.org.

I am more than happy to be contributing to the educational mission of Yale MUN Korea once again, and I seek to render Yale MUN Korea an experience as meaningful for everyone involved as it has been for me. Thank you very much for your interest in our conference, and I encourage and invite you to join us again next year for the best Yale MUN Korea experience yet!

Looking forward to meeting you next May,

**– YOOJIN HAN
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

THIS IS OUR WORLD: CONNECTIONS

While our world is constantly changing and evolving, one thing is certain: we are more connected than ever. Whether it's economic ties being established across borders, political agreements and international resolutions being approved through multilateral organizations, a social media post viewed around the world, or even a song topping music charts from China to Uruguay, the cultural, economic, political, and social connections between people are increasingly apparent. Our connections are not simply a consequence of the current political climate – they help us understand and grow closer to people of different countries, cultures and identities. At Yale MUN Korea 2017, we hope you will embrace these connections in all of their diversity, and work together to strengthen them for the years to come.

THIS IS OUR WORLD.



OUR MISSION

The Yale Secretariat of Yale MUN Korea 2017 is dedicated to creating realistic simulation of the United Nations, provided students with hands-on experience and knowledge about world issues and the diplomatic process. Committee topics are specifically tailored towards our conference theme – they will challenge students to be creative and analytical in thinking of ways to tackle global issues. It is our belief that Yale MUN Korea will allow students to build connections with their peers on multiple levels through joint efforts to address issues facing global stability, and that students gain greater awareness about global citizenship and use it to influence their homes and communities.



HISTORY

Yale MUN Korea is an annual Model United Nations Conference for high school students hosted by the Yale International Relations Association (YIRA) in Seoul, South Korea. YIRA is a nonprofit student organization at Yale University that aims to raise awareness of and stimulate debate about global affairs and international relations. Yale MUN Korea held its first annual conference in the spring of 2012, but its partner organization, YMUN, has been in place since 1974. Yale MUN Korea is the first conference in Asia to be hosted single-handedly by an American university. With a spirit of both tradition and innovation, along with the Yale commitment to educational excellence, Yale MUN Korea is rapidly making itself known as one of the premier educational simulations of international relations in Asia.

In its committees and throughout the conference, Yale MUN Korea has always encouraged delegates to think thoroughly, quickly, and creatively through structured and constructive debate on a variety of relevant issues. Overseen by Yale student staffers, Yale MUN Korea offers a vast range of historically and geographically diverse committees on international peace, security, and socioeconomic progress each year.

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THE CONFERENCE

Attracting delegates from South Korea and other Asian countries, Yale MUN Korea will host approximately 350 students at Seoul Olympic Parktel from May 19th to May 21st, 2017. Our secretariat is a group of passionate Yale students who, in tandem with South Korean high school upperclassmen, are dedicated to organizing the best intellectual and social conference experience for delegates. The Secretariat are well-trained in MUN protocol, and their committees utilize unique YMUN procedure, a hallmark of our renowned Yale conferences. Building off of Yale MUN Korea 2016's successes and useful feedback, we are proud to bolster new initiatives such as an online delegate training platform, better food and accommodation options, and a revamped financial aid program. We hope these additions improve the educational experience of the conference and provide the experience to an increasingly diverse group of delegates. Notable improvements include:

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM:

Yale MUN Korea is dedicated to providing students of all socioeconomic backgrounds the opportunity to participate in our conference. Financial aid is available for both individual and group delegations through applications on our website. Yale MUN Korea has a substantial financial aid fund which is allocated based on both demonstrated need and merit, as it is the goal of Yale MUN Korea to provide an educational experience which benefits from delegates from all backgrounds. As our conference grows and we expand

our program, so does our financial aid program.

ONLINE DELEGATE TRAINING PLATFORM:

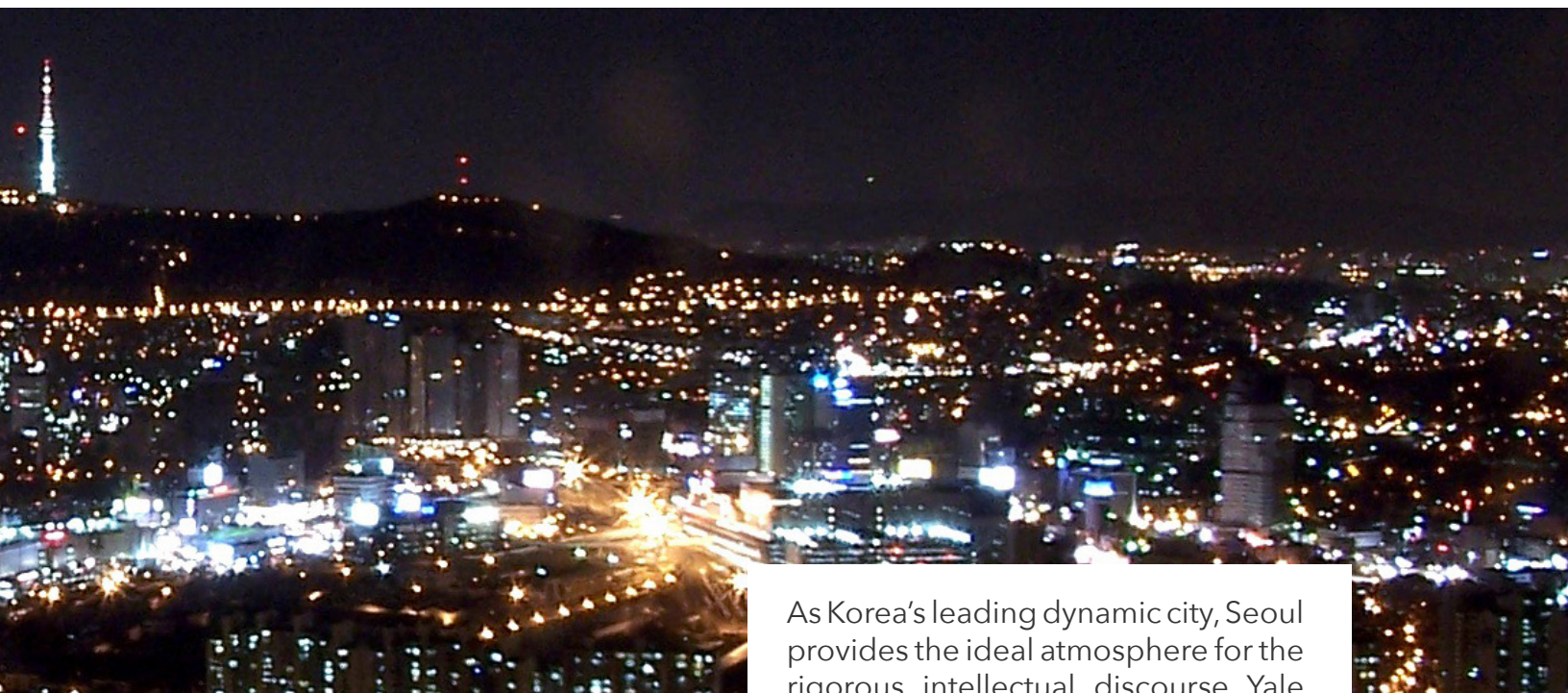
For the first time ever Yale MUN Korea will help its delegates make the most of the conference by providing a free online training program. All delegates are encouraged to sign up. The online training program will consist of videos, presentations, and assignments, on topics such as Yale MUN Korea Procedure, good MUN Practices, clause-writing, position papers, and Intersectional Committees. By participating in the online training program, and by viewing the accompanying textbook, delegates will be fully prepared to succeed.

IMPROVED COMMITTEES:

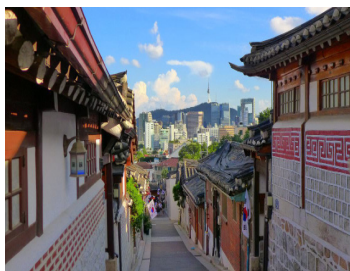
Yale MUN Korea's diverse group of committees gives delegates the opportunity to explore unique and fascinating topics. Small committee sizes allow delegates to have increased interactions with and guidance from their chairs. Chair office hours will also give delegates the opportunity to get feedback on their performance.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Yale MUN Korea will offer unique and enriching workshops led by the Yale Secretariat members. A special Yale Information Session led by the Secretariat and Yale Admissions Office will be held where delegates can ask questions and learn more about student life at Yale University. In addition, delegates will have a chance to socialize and have fun at our Yale Ball on Saturday night. Yale MUN Korea is dedicated to providing a fun and unforgettable experience to all delegates.



LOCATION: SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



As Korea's leading dynamic city, Seoul provides the ideal atmosphere for the rigorous intellectual discourse Yale MUN Korea facilitates. Combining centuries of Korean culture and tradition with breakthrough technology and rapid economic growth, Seoul is the perfect stage upon which hundreds of passionate young delegates can gather and engage with the most pressing issues in international affairs. For Yale MUN Korea's numerous international delegates, Seoul is wonderfully accessible for foreign visitors with a variety of cultural heritage sites and other attractions.

Seoul is home to Korea's most renowned research institutions—and with them, some of the brightest and most academically curious students the nation has to offer. This is an accurate reflection of the incredible caliber of Yale MUN Korea's delegates. Seoul, South Korea truly is the premiere location for a what will be an unprecedented Model UN experience.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

ICE BREAKERS

After arriving at the Olympic Parktel and checking in, delegates can meet members of the Secretariat and other delegates through fun games and activities.

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Before the first committee session, delegates that are new to the Model United Nations system are encouraged to participate in an introductory workshop explaining the conference and committee procedure. The session will be led by the Under-Secretary-General of Committees and provide a solid foundation for the upcoming debate sessions.

YALE INFORMATION SESSION AND SOCIAL

Take a trip to New Haven through informative sessions led by Yale students and Yale Admissions Officers about Yale's academic opportunities, extracurricular options, and more. Delegates will have the chance to sit down with the Yale Secretariat to have casual conversations about life in the U.S., their college experiences. Delegates can also mingle with their peers and enjoy snacks.

SECRETARIAT-LED WORKSHOPS

Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in fun and informal workshops taught by Yale students on a variety of topics.

YALE BALL

A highlight of the conference, delegates can swap their debate skills for dance moves at the Yale Ball, a semi-formal dance at the conclusion of the day's committee sessions.

SCHEDULE

Please note the schedule is subject to change.
The conference will be taking place May 19-21, 2017.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

3:00-6:00 PM:	Registration
5:00-5:30 PM:	Pre-Conference Training Workshop
5:30-6:00 PM:	Seating For Opening Ceremonies
6:00-6:30 PM:	Opening Ceremonies
6:30-7:30 PM:	Committee Session 0
7:30-8:30 PM:	Delegate Dinner
8:30-10:30 PM:	Committee Session I

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00-9:30 AM:	Chair Office Hours
9:30 AM-12:00 PM:	Committee Session II
12:00 PM-1:00 PM:	Lunch
1:00-2:00 PM:	Yale Information Session
2:00-4:30 PM:	Committee Session III
4:30-5:30 PM:	Secretariat Led Workshops
5:30-6:30 PM:	Dinner
6:30-9:00 PM:	Committee Session IV
9:30-11:00 PM:	Yale Ball

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:00-12:00 PM:	Committee Session V
12:00-1:00 PM:	Lunch
1:00-3:00 PM:	Committee Session VI
3:00-4:00 PM:	Closing Ceremonies



WHAT IS MODEL UNITED NATIONS?



Model United Nations provides students with the opportunity to learn about and discuss today's most relevant issues in international diplomacy through participation in an academic simulation of the many bodies of the United Nations as well as other similar international organizations.



Through the process of pre-conference research and in-conference debate, caucusing, and resolution writing, delegates work together to fashion solutions to these questions, while simultaneously articulating the opinions of the real United Nations ambassadors and delegates whom they represent.



By converting this research into resolutions and material for discussion in committees, students hone their analytical abilities, while the debate and lobbying processes afford students the opportunity to practice their public speaking and conflict resolution skills. Through academic research, intellectual debate, public speaking, and group problem-solving, Model United Nations allows participants to hone their understanding of global issues and their ability to think critically about them.

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1. Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)
2. Legal Committee (LEGAL)
3. Social, Cultural, And Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM)
4. United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
5. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
6. Asian Security Council
7. Cold War Committee
8. United Nations Security Council

OVERVIEW

At Yale, we pride ourselves on our commitment to rigorous debate. Students here engage in serious conversations about the issues that matter both in and out of the classroom. The committees at Yale MUN Korea will offer an authentic taste of the university experience. Chairs are chosen from the ranks of Yale's most enthusiastic and knowledgeable, bringing the expertise necessary to ensure the success and academic rigor of every committee. Yale MUN Korea's delegates also contribute their own unique perspectives; Yale MUN Korea 2016 brought together delegates from over 11 countries including China, Japan, Indonesia, The Philippines, Mongolia, India, Australia, and Jordan. At Yale MUN Korea, we hope to bring the spirit and culture of debate at Yale into the lives of high school students around the world.

In 2014, Yale MUN debuted Yale MUN Procedure (formerly Hybrid) to create a conference that provides the best experience for our delegates. Yale MUN Procedure is an innovative MUN procedure that builds on strengths of both US and international procedure: It expands on the US Procedure's focus on collaboration and public speaking, while incorporating the international style's focus on

content and writing. Yale MUN Korea will be using Yale MUN Procedure, which is structured so that each topic is debated equally throughout the conference.

By the end of the conference, delegates will have debated and voted on one resolution per topic, worked directly with their Chairs on the content of the debate, and improved their writing, public speaking, and debating skills. This procedure allows delegates to focus in on specific aspects of the topic and then incorporate all of these concepts into one resolution for the issue. Yale MUN Procedure returns MUN to its original spirit: diplomacy, collaboration, and problem-solving.

DELEGATE TRAINING

Recognizing that delegates come with varying levels of experience, Yale MUN Korea hosts a delegate training session that outlines parliamentary procedure, the structure of committee debate, and strategies for participating in debate. In addition to the training session, online training materials will be available prior to the conference. Both help to ensure that all delegates can fully participate in and get the most out of the conference. Delegates will also be able to receive feedback from their chairs on their position papers.

JOIN US: REGISTRATION

INDIVIDUAL DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Yale MUN Korea is a Model UN conference for students in Grades 9 to 12 or equivalent by the time of the conference. Given the Korean education system, all students between the ages of 13 to 18 are eligible, even if currently in what is termed 'middle school' in Korea. Students who have begun their undergraduate studies by the time of the conference are ineligible for participation. Registration forms are available on the website.

Failure to make the payment on time will lead to cancellation of registration.

Students will receive a payment verification email upon sending payment.

If payment is under a parent's name, you must notify the USGs of Delegations of the account holder's name at ymunkorea.domestic@yira.org or ymunkorea.international@yira.org. Include your full name (in Korean and English), your school, and your registration date with your payment.

GROUP DELEGATION REGISTRATION

Yale MUN Korea welcomes group delegations from both Korean and international schools. Groups of 5 delegates or more are eligible for group delegate registration through the registration page. There is a per-delegate discount of \$10 for groups of 5 students or more, and \$20 for groups of 10 or more.

FINANCIAL AID

Yale MUN Korea is committed to allowing students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to participate in our conference through financial aid. Delegates registered both as individuals and as a group are eligible to apply, but delegates from group delegations must apply for financial aid individually as opposed to applying for the entire delegation.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration and conference placement will be processed on a rolling basis. After registering, delegations must fully pay their registration fee within 7 days from online registration and no later than May 7th, 2017. Fees are payable through either domestic account transfer or international wire transfer, bank account information will be sent via automated email after online registration.

Please submit your Financial Aid Application within two weeks of online registration and no later than May 7th, 2017. As applications will be considered on a rolling basis, delegates should submit their application promptly, as there are limited funds available for financial aid.

Please send all materials to Robert Proner at ymunkorea.international@yira.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The full list of FAQs can be found on our website (www.ymunkorea.yira.org/faqs/). Feel free to contact us with any further inquiries.

WILL FOOD BE PROVIDED?

YaleMUNKorea2017 will be providing lunch and dinner for our delegates during the conference. Delegates are also able to eat at nearby restaurants for any meal except for the delegate dinner, but we will not be covering those meals.

WILL ACCOMMODATION BE PROVIDED?

Upon request, Yale MUN Korea 2017 will offer accommodation arrangements at Seoul Olympic Parktel. Delegates will be assigned accommodation with up to three other delegates of the same gender per room and charged accordingly apart from the delegate fee.

IS THERE ANY WAY DELEGATES CAN PREPARE FOR THE CONFERENCE?

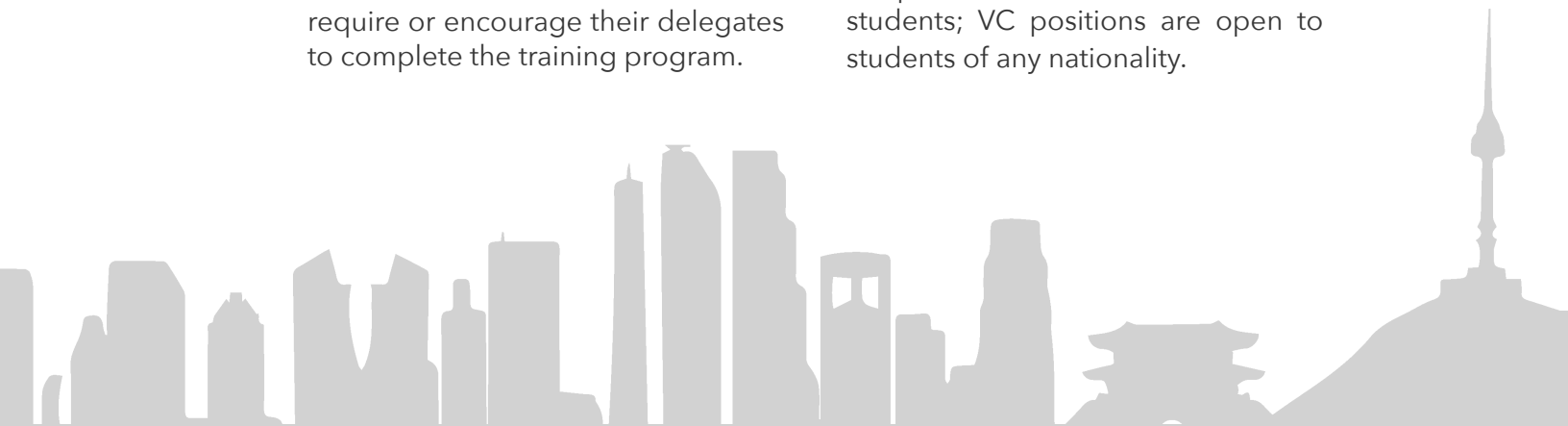
Yale MUN Korea 2017 is newly launching a free online delegate training platform for all delegates. It begins on March 27th, 2017, and advisors are recommended to require or encourage their delegates to complete the training program.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DEBATE PROCEDURE AND COMMITTEE TOPICS?

If you have completed registration and payment, in early April you will receive your committee/country assignments and the password to access Yale MUN Korea's resources page, which includes topic guides and information about Yale MUN Korea's unique debate format and procedure.

ARE THERE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE CONFERENCE BESIDES REGISTERING TO BE A DELEGATE?

Yale MUN Korea 2017 has various positions for high school students. Assistant-Secretaries General will work closely with the corresponding Yale Secretariat to organize the conference, and Student Ambassadors will cooperate with the USG of Domestic Delegations to represent our conference and communicate with Korean schools, advisors and delegates. Vice-Chairs will assist Yale USGs run their committee. Eligibility for ASG and SA positions are limited to Korean students; VC positions are open to students of any nationality.





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