



BEIMUN XXXI

*Coexistence with
Differences*

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Letter of Invitation

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Foreword from the Secretariat

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Dear Directors,

We're exceptionally ecstatic to share that the 31st annual Beijing Model United Nations conference is now in preparation. BEIMUN XXXI will be hosted from March 15th to 17th, 2023 – totally in person.

This will be the start of a new decade and the very first offline conference after the pandemic. Expecting to bring back the joy of the offline MUN conference, the team is now updating the website. Committees, topics, Form 1, chair applications, and more will be updated by the end of June.

The theme of this year's conference will be: "Coexisting Peacefully in a Polarized World." A more detailed description of this year's theme is available in a later section of this letter.

BEIMUN has a proud history of serving as a platform for global-minded debate and discussion amongst the leaders of tomorrow. We hope to see you join us in this engaging experience next March.

Sincerely,
BEIMUN XXXI Secretary Generals



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is stylized and appears to be 'Sally'. The signature on the right is more legible and appears to be 'George M'. The background of the page features a decorative pattern of overlapping triangles in various shades of blue at the bottom.

Statement of Purpose

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"The Model United Nations program in Beijing is an extension of The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN). As an affiliate, BEIMUN seeks to reflect the ideas and principles of a peaceful post-Cold War world. The Coordinators of the program believe that this world order more accurately reflects the original motives of the authors of the 1945 San Francisco Charter than events following the Potsdam Conference of the same year. It is our hope that BEIMUN will continue to act as another regional centre of THIMUN conference affiliates helping to revitalize the original ideals of the United Nations.

Current events confirm that the attitudes and voting patterns of the United Nations members are changing. Hence, at BEIMUN, the diplomat of any member state, no matter how large or small, rich or poor, who exercises independence of character and a critical mind, can truly serve his nation honorably in a great experiment in world community. The individual delegate's efforts at communication and behavior will be the most important factors in the drive for a better world and a quality MUN conference. Any delegate who sits idly by weakens his/her own nation's significance in this simulation and therefore the forum as well.

MUN teachers have the daunting instructional task of destroying stereotypes to free students to think and communicate both as delegates and diplomats of a world community. Those with so called non-essential countries, and those with spotlighted countries have equally difficult tasks. Some of you, who view the conference and events on the world stage, think they know the correct position of the spotlighted countries, and that the other countries have little or nothing to contribute. The history of the United Nations in the 1980's, points to the folly of such thinking. This attitude must be overcome if schools are to contribute to establishing the best precedents for future world citizens.

We ask for your understanding, cooperation, and quality work in preparation and participation in order to uphold the principles described above. Victory belongs to all of the delegates at the conference who negotiate the best solutions possible to the most complex issues of this new era in which we live. I do believe that the day is coming when THIMUN and their affiliates become the voice of the youth of this planet and that you, BEIMUN delegates, will have the opportunity to contribute to the shaping of our world."

– Irwin Stein, Founder of BEIMUN, January 1993

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About the International School of Beijing

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The International School of Beijing (ISB) is a private international coeducational day school located in Shunyi District, Beijing, China. ISB has a history of excellence that spans more than 40 years. We are proud of our vibrant, culturally diverse community, where each day 1,650 students representing over 50 countries engage in challenging and joyful learning. Research-based programs, high-quality teaching, and outstanding and ever-improving facilities mean students at ISB are being prepared for success in a world that keeps changing at a breathtaking pace. To learn more, visit <https://www.isb.bj.edu.cn/>.



Conference Theme

Coexisting Peacefully in a Polarized World



Today, people are entrenched in polarization and hatred, standing on opposite ends of society, and raging against one another. The theme of peaceful coexistence offers a potential solution to this problem. However, many are not cooperating to address this polarization, they make hate speeches, inflammatory comments, and social media posts. Some even worsen the polarization for political purposes and advancement. The privileged, rich, and majority are respected and supported, while the minorities are ignored, discriminated against, and abandoned. It is time for us as a global community, to seek ways to go back to a unified community or something close to that. We must respect each other and embrace different cultures, acknowledging our differences and seeking a peaceful way to coexist in this turbulent world. We can achieve satisfactory coexistence of minorities and the majority only through the collective efforts of human society, while never forgetting the history of marginalization and polarization. By promoting understanding and respect for those with differing opinions, we can create a world in which people of all backgrounds can live together in harmony and find ways to bridge the gaps that divide us. Ultimately, peaceful coexistence requires a willingness to listen, to learn, and to empathize with those around us, even if we disagree with their views. By striving for peaceful coexistence, we can create a world that is more just, more compassionate, and more united.



Committee & Topics



General Assembly (GA1)

- Developing a framework for addressing the ethical concerns raised by the use of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence such, biotechnology, and nanotechnology
- Develop strategies to combat recent rise in social, political, and racial polarization in MEDCs

General Assembly (GA2)

- Combating discrimination at workplaces and society in LEDCs
- Addressing the impact of the pandemic on education and ensuring equitable access to education in the post-pandemic world

General Assembly (GA3)

- Developing policies to address the impact of corruption on global development and promote transparency and accountability in South East Asia
- Examine the role of corporations in promoting or violating human rights and exploring ways to hold corporations accountable for their actions in Africa.

Disarmament Commission (DIS)

- Addressing the challenges of regulating and reducing the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) weapons, including small arms and light weapons.
- Develop measures to address growing religious and racial violence on the civilian population sponsored by extremist religious organizations in Afghanistan (ISIS-K)

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

- Measures to strengthen social safety nets and promote social protection for vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those living in poverty in developing nations
- Developing policies to address the impact of the pandemic on global economic inequality and promote economic recovery and resilience in the African continent

Environmental Commission (ENV)

- Addressing the challenges of promoting sustainable fisheries and exploring ways to reduce overfishing and promote sustainable fishing practices especially in African coastal regions
- Examine ways to protect natural resources and promote sustainable development use while simultaneously ensuring the completion of the UN SDG goals by 2030.

Human Rights Council (HRC)

- Address challenges faced by people with disabilities, including issues related to accessibility, discrimination, and social exclusion
- Addressing reformation of international policies regarding racism-motivated crimes and terrors given recent rise in hate speech and racially motivated discriminatory policies in MEDCs

World Health Assembly (WHA)

- Developing policies to address the global shortage of medical personnel and improve access to healthcare in low-income countries
- Develop strategies in combatting lack of access to clean water and sanitation in rural and less economically developed areas

Security Council (SC)

- Developing a framework for the addition of new Weapons of Mass Destructions as well as the renewal and expansion of current treaties
- Mitigating the proliferation of totalitarian and religious extremist ideologies within governments

Historical Security Council (HSC)

- Addressing global cooperative efforts in the extermination of the smallpox virus
- Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the Soviet Union's dissolution

Registration and Deadlines

June 12th, Form 1 and Chair applications open

October 27th, Chair applications close

November 24th, Chair appointments are announced

December 15th, Form 1 closes

January 2nd, Form 2 opens

January 22nd, Chair reports published

January 31st, Form 2 closes

February 26th, Form 2 final changes



"I truly enjoyed the very well-run online conference. The conference was well organized and overall I loved it! Thank you for all of your hard work!"
- Feedback from BEIMUN XXX

"Thank you for all your incredibly hard work throughout the conference, from patiently dealing with tech issues to doing all the behind-the-scenes work to coordinate between 300+ delegates. [We] look forward to participating in the future!"
- Feedback from BEIMUN XXX



Conference Details

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BEIMUN XXXI will be an offline conference taking place at the International School of Beijing. While we do not have a direct conference fee yet, the estimated cost per delegate will be 550 RMB.



INVITED OFFLINE

Although BEIMUN XXXI will be an offline conference, delegates will be allowed to use technology during the conference.

Lunch and snacks will be provided by ISB.



FAQs

Q: When does BEIMUN XXXI take place?

A: BEIMUN XXXI is a three-day conference, taking place from March 15th to 17th, 2024.

Q: Will BEIMUN XXXI be entirely offline?

A: Yes. BEIMUN XXXI will be a completely offline conference.

Q: Who can attend BEIMUN XXXI?

A: BEIMUN XXXI is a high-level conference designed for high school students. Any school interested in participating in the conference can apply. Students must attend as a part of a teacher-led delegation from their school. More details will be on the official BEIMUN website.

Q: How do I register for BEIMUN XXXI?

A: Form 1 for BEIMUN XXXI will be available on our website www.beijingmun.org under the "Registration" tab.

Q: What is the language of the conference?

A: The conference will be conducted in English.

Q: What are the registration deadlines?

A: The final due date for Form 1 (pre-registration), in which schools are required to provide an estimate of how many delegates and directors they intend to bring to BEIMUN XXXI, will be updated by the end of June.

Q: Is BEIMUN XXXI free?

A: No, as this is an in-person conference, we will be charging a conference fee of 550 RMB to the schools.

Q: Can students from participating schools apply for leadership positions?

A: Yes. While the secretariat and head admin positions are always held by ISB students, students from other schools may apply for chair positions through the Student Officer Applications page under the Registration tab on our website.

Q: Does BEIMUN follow THIMUN rules of procedure?

A: Yes. BEIMUN is a THIMUN-affiliated conference, and all debate is run according to THIMUN protocol.

For any additional questions/ concerns, please refer to the FAQs section on our website, <https://www.beijingmun.org/faq>, or send us an email at sally.kim01@student.isb.bj.edu.cn



