

MUNNEWS

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DAY 1

OPENING SPEECH

Honorable delegates from all over the world, fellow chairs, esteemed MUN-directors, incredible staff members, dear admins, and other guests. Welcome to the 19th edition of Model United Nations Alfrink! A big thank you to all those participating and those who made the conference possible. With that said I would like to introduce you all to this year's theme: 'the future is yours'

The world around us is constantly changing. In this modern, fast-paced society of ours, people are constantly moving, talking, walking, making decisions, and thereby changing the future, creating immense justices and injustices in our societies. We encourage our youths to engage in their community. Together, we can bring about all the changes needed for us to live in a society in which we can all live together peacefully.

As some of you may know, we also support a charity every year with MUNA. This year, we will be collecting funds for Future Hope. Future Hope is an organization which provides for vulnerable children in the slums of Calcutta, India. The children are offered an education, care, and most importantly, a new home.

In combination with our theme of youth action, we found it appropriate to introduce an element of action with the charity as well. That is why, you will all be able to buy lego blocks, with which we hope to build the future hope school by the end of the conference. Here you can see the outcome we hope to achieve. Each block costs 50 cents and will be placed at the charity stand at the study area around the committees.



INTERVIEW WITH THE STAFF



**Parisa Abdoelbasier
& Yasmine Lala**

What was the hardest thing about muna?

That everything is new, and we have to figure a lot out ourselves. However, with the help of other staff members it becomes easier. We recognise it is part of our role and the experience.

If you could change one thing about muna, what would it be?

We would increase the budget if we could. It is very hard to host such a big event within a small budget. That's also why the balance is negative.

Which staff members would you ship together and why?

Awesta and Ruben, because they work very well together and have a good connection.

Which comittee is the best looking?

We think GA 4, but there is a big contrast.



EXCURSION

Today all the international students went on an excursion to a bunch of different museums in The Hague. They got to experience a bit of the Dutch culture, see one of the big cities and travel by public transport.



Panorama Mesdag

Gymnasium Rahlstedt, Oberschule Salzhausen (Germany), and Lycée Condorcet (France) visited the museum Panorama Mesdag today. The paintings were displayed on the museum's first floor, and the top floor showcased the mesmerizing Panorama painting. The painting depicted the beach of Scheveningen in the 19th century.

Mauritshuis

The students of Albert Einstein Gymnasium (Germany), Gymnasium Essen Überruhr (Germany), and the Artura Soria College (Spain) went to the Mauritshuis. They saw various paintings by Rembrandt and Vermeer, such as the famous Girl with a Pearl Earring.

Fun fact!

Did you know that the Pearl in the 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' is just two brushstrokes that are not even connected to the ear?



Escher in Het Paleis

Quantum Stem School (Kazakhstan), Calcutta International School (India), and Engelbert-Kaempfer-Gymnasium (Germany) went to Escher in Het Paleis in The Hague. We saw many of Escher's woodcuts and lithographs and there were also lots of fun and interactive optical illusions.

SUPERLATIVES

Liam: best hairstyle



Jamila: biggest drama queen



Ibtissam: best dressed



Diego & Anouk: best chairs



Best quadruplets (avatars)



GOSSIP BOX

GA2

‘The delegation of Russia is spicy...’

GA 3

‘This MUN is so chaotic but i love it’

GA 4

‘The shorter one from china gives mafia boss vibes.’

ICJ

‘Judge 6 ate up Egypt!’

SC

‘I would try flirting with the UAE if I wasn't already taken....’

GMF

‘My toes are hurting :(’

CC

‘Russia is quite aggressive’

FC

‘East latin kingdom would be a cute couple.’

HC

‘Communism slays!!’