

Dear MUN Directors

Welcome back to a new school year full of exciting MUN opportunities and the continued support of the THIMUN Qatar office for MUN programs throughout the region. We wish you all the best in the upcoming school year. Please feel free to contact us about our range of conferences and programs or about the needs of your school's MUN program.

THIMUN Qatar's new Leadership

Please join us in welcoming Lisa Martin as the new Head of THIMUN Qatar. She is the founder of the Online MUN program having spent the past several years developing and running the program, recently partnering with the THIMUN Foundation. OMUN has expanded to offer MUN opportunities for middle school student up through the university level in over 30 countries. She is joining us from The American Community School in Amman where she served as the school's activities coordinator and middle school educator. We look forward to welcoming her to the team in Doha.

The Olive Branch

Each month, the newsletter *The Olive Branch* provides readers with important news, teaching activities and MUN events in the region. If you are interested in featuring your students or advertise your MUN conference, please don't hesitate to send your articles for printing. We are always looking for student submissions and opinions for the newsletter.

You can subscribe at <http://forms.aweber.com/form/84/340096384.htm>

Leadership Conference

The third annual leadership conference will take place from **October 16-18** at the state-of-the-art Qatar National Convention Centre. With over 80 speakers from around the world, this will be an exciting weekend of learning and exchanging ideas. If you are registered to attend, please stay tuned for the conference publication and other important information. Please remember that the dress code is smart causal. If you are interested in attending please contact our office, as there are a limited number of spaces available.

Best Delegate Directors Institute

The purpose of the MUN Directors Institute is to help MUN directors and university level students promote Model UN. Participants will learn how to deliver a series of one-hour lessons and activities for teaching research, public speaking, resolution writing, and procedure to new delegates. Teachers will receive lesson plans, training materials, and online videos that can be used to teach MUN. The training will be delivered by the folks at Best Delegate during an all-day session at the Leadership Conference.

Participants are expected to complete several preparation activities beforehand and follow-up training is required for final certification. You can apply to attend this training session at

<https://thimunqatar.wufoo.com/forms/mun-directors-institute/>

MUN Conference

The registration deadline for the February 3-6, 2015 conference is **September 17th**. If you wish to attend please ensure that your registration is completed online and that your conference deposit is submitted. The online link is:

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/46ynk836c37u>

Also if you have students who wish to apply for special assignment including Student Officers, Press Team, Advisory Panel or the International Court of Justice please be sure to have their applications emailed to thimunqatar@qf.org.qa by September 17th. We plan on announcing delegation assignments by 11th October so you can begin preparing your delegates as soon as possible.

Film Festival

We are looking forward to the annual THIMUN Qatar Northwestern Film Festival in April 2-4, 2015. Last year saw a record number of submissions from students around the world. 40 young film makers were nominated to take part in three days of workshops, social activities and the gala awards night. The submission deadline for this year's festival is **February 14th**. If you are interested in submitting films for this year's festival, please check out our Youtube channel (THIMUNQatarFilmFest) to see past nominations or view a short film explaining the festival.

Planning for your conference in 2014-15?

Please remember the goal of the THIMUN Foundation is to provide a quality MUN experience to as many students as possible. A large part of our mandate is to support our partner school's MUN conferences. We can offer support with online MUN training sessions, conference management applications, in-school training workshops, and a large number of resources. Virtually all of our services are offered for free or at a nominal fee. Please do not hesitate to contact us and find out how we can serve you and your student leaders.

Looking forward to another exciting school year

Yours truly

THIMUN Qatar Regional Office Staff and Student Leaders