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Deputy Head of Admin - Exclusive Interview with Maryam Al Thani

I recently had the opportunity to interview Maryam Al Thani, the Deputy Head of Admin for THIMUN Qatar 2023. Maryam has been involved with THIMUN for many years, starting as a delegate in grade 6 and working her way up to her current role. When asked about her experience, Maryam provided insightful answers regarding her role, the significance of THIMUN, and what she enjoys most about the conference.

Maryam explained that as Deputy Head of Admin, her main responsibility is to ensure that everything runs smoothly during the conference. She referred to the admins as the “backbones” of the conference and explained that they are in charge of everything from preparing the room for the chairs to escorting people throughout the event. Maryam’s role is crucial in ensuring that the conference runs smoothly and that all attendees have an enjoyable and productive experience.

In discussing the significance of THIMUN, Maryam shared her personal experience as a former delegate. She explained that the conference helped her improve her public speaking skills and provided her with a unique perspective on global issues. Maryam emphasized that THIMUN is significant in developing youth leaders and giving them a platform to share their ideas and opinions on how to improve the world and their future.



“Throughout my years of participation, I have always looked forward to the next conference, but considering this is my last one, I feel proud of what I have achieved and am excited for what is to come...”

When asked about what she enjoys most about THIMUN, Maryam expressed her love for the friendships she has made and the opportunity to meet new people from all over the world. She emphasized the importance of interacting with different cultures and nationalities and how THIMUN provides a unique platform to do so.

She discussed the uniqueness of the conference she was attending. She stated, “This is my last conference, so it is very different from everything else.” She expressed that every time she finishes a conference, she looks forward to the next one, but in this case, she can’t look forward to the next one. Additionally, the conference is being held at her school, which allows her to reminisce through the times she was training as a delegate. She acknowledged that she is now in a different role, which showed her the way she developed through the years. Maryam highlighted the sentimental value and personal growth that made this conference different from previous ones.

Finally, as Maryam prepares to graduate, she reflects on what she will miss most about THIMUN. She noted the dynamic atmosphere and the excitement that comes with attending such a large and impactful conference.

FreeWater: Socially Conscious Business Practices

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FreeWater is a socially conscious company that has found a unique way to make money while making a positive impact on the world. They provide free natural spring water to consumers by printing advertisements on their aluminum bottles and paper cartons. By partnering with advertisers, FreeWater is able to generate revenue that covers the cost of producing the water and the packaging, while also promoting businesses that want to reach consumers in a more sustainable way.

The company’s mission is to lead what they call the “giving economy,” in which companies are committed to making a positive impact on society and the environment. FreeWater is doing this by donating 10 cents per beverage to build water wells for people in need. This

means that every time someone drinks a bottle of FreeWater, they are not only quenching their thirst, but also helping to provide clean drinking water to those who don’t have access to it.

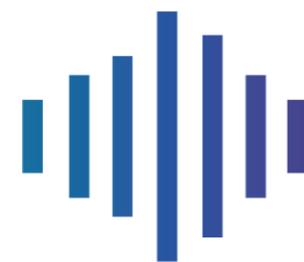
By giving away their product for free, FreeWater is able to reach a wider audience and create a larger impact. People who might not otherwise be able to afford premium bottled water are able to access it for free, while also contributing to a good cause. The company’s commitment to sustainability also helps to attract consumers who are looking for environmentally responsible products and companies.

FreeWater’s model is also attractive to advertisers who are looking for new and innovative ways to reach consumers. By sponsoring FreeWater’s bottles and cartons, they are able to promote their brand while also supporting a socially responsible company. This is a win-win situation for everyone involved. FreeWater is a company that is making a difference in the world by providing



free natural spring water and donating to build water wells for people in need. Their unique business model of printing advertisements on their packaging allows them to generate revenue while also promoting sustainability and social responsibility. FreeWater is leading the way in the giving economy, and their success is proof that doing good can also be good for business.

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Empowering Youth Political Inclusion in Post-Colonial Countries: Challenges and Solutions

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In recent years, there has been a growing concern about the political participation of youth in post-colonial countries. To shed light on this issue, I conducted an interview with two young admins, Sophia Lutfi and Charles Gestin, who shared their thoughts on the biggest challenges facing youth political inclusion in post-colonial countries and possible solutions to address them. Sophia Lutfi believes that one of the biggest challenges facing youth political inclusion is the feeling of disempowerment and under-representation. Many young people feel that they have no power and their voices are not heard, which hinders their political advocacy. To address this issue, Sophia suggests that young people need to be shown that they do have a voice and can make a change in their country. Charles Gestin thinks that one way to promote the political participation of young people is to give them great opportunities, like participating in Model United Nations

(MUN) conferences. MUN allows students to speak their minds and work together in collaboration to try to achieve a goal and improve the world. Charles believes that giving young people the opportunity to express themselves and have the resources to do so is crucial for their political engagement. Regarding the use of technology to engage young people in political processes, Sophia believes that social media is a big factor. Social media can be used to amplify the voices of young people and spread their messages because almost every teenager is on social media. Sophia thinks that governments and organizations can utilize social media better to reach out to more youth and engage them in political processes. On the role of education in promoting youth political inclusion, Charles suggests that research skills are important. Being able to do good research is a crucial skill that everyone needs to have, and participating in MUN and conferences can

help young people develop and improve their research skills. Charles believes that education, in general, can help young people get involved in political processes and become more confident in learning new skills. In terms of additional steps that need to be taken to promote youth political inclusion, Sophia suggests that more initiatives need to be taken to include young people in decision-making processes in governments. Charles thinks that more student-led initiatives, like THIMUN, can give young people the opportunity and a chance to be involved in political processes and pay more attention to their

importance. There are several challenges facing youth political inclusion in post-colonial countries, but young people have suggestions for how these challenges can be addressed. The interviewees suggest that giving young people opportunities, utilizing social media, promoting research skills, and involving them in decision-making processes are some of the ways to promote youth political inclusion. It is crucial that governments and stakeholders work together to promote youth political inclusion to ensure a vibrant and inclusive democracy.

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Animal Impact on Humans

Animals have a significant impact on human life in various ways, including:

Food: Animals such as cows, chickens, and fish provide us with a significant source of food, including meat, dairy products, and eggs.

Clothing: Many animals provide materials that are used in the production of clothing, such as wool from sheep and leather from cows.

Medicine: Many drugs and medicines used in modern medicine have their origins in animal research, and animal-derived products such as insulin are used to treat various medical conditions.

Companionship: Animals such as dogs and cats provide companionship, comfort, and support for many people, particularly those who are elderly or living alone.

Agriculture: Many animals play an essential role in agriculture, such as bees, which are critical for pollination, and horses and oxen, which are used for plowing fields and other farm work.

Ecosystem services: Animals play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems, such as pollinating plants, controlling pests, and recycling nutrients.

Tourism: Many people travel to see and interact with animals in their natural habitats, such as safari tours, whale watching, and visiting zoos and aquariums.

Overall, animals have a significant impact on human life, and it's essential to

recognize their value and treat them with respect and care.

Animals have a significant impact on human life in many different ways, and their importance cannot be overstated. It's important to ensure that we treat animals with respect and care, whether they are used for food, clothing, research, or companionship. We must also strive to protect and preserve their natural habitats and ecosystems to maintain the balance of nature and ensure their survival for future generations.

Animals provide various benefits to humans beyond just providing food or materials. They can also improve human well-being and mental health in many ways, such as through therapy animals or emotional support animals. Dogs, in particular, have been trained to assist people with disabilities, such as guiding individuals who are visually impaired or alerting individuals who have hearing impairments. During natural disasters or emergencies, animals such as dogs or horses can be used to aid in rescues and search operations. Additionally, animals provide companionship and can help reduce loneliness and social isolation, particularly for elderly individuals or those living alone. Overall, animals play an essential role in improving human welfare and quality of life.

Animals provide a wide range of benefits to humans, from physical assistance

and rescue operations to emotional support and companionship. The use of therapy animals, emotional support animals, and service animals has become increasingly popular in recent years due to the positive impact they can have on human well-being and mental health. Dogs, in particular, have been trained to perform various tasks and services that aid individuals with disabilities or special needs. Additionally, animals can help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and provide a sense of purpose and connection for their owners. Overall, animals are an integral part of our lives and have a significant impact on human welfare and quality of life.

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Experience Thrills at Six Flags Qiddiya: Saudi Arabia's Amusement Park



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Six Flags Qiddiya is a highly anticipated amusement park currently under construction in Qiddiya, Saudi Arabia. Expected to open in 2023, the park is a joint venture between Qiddiya Investment Company (QIC) and Six Flags Entertainment Corporation, one of the world's largest amusement park companies.

The park will cover an area of 79 acres and feature over 28 rides and attractions, including 12 roller coasters, a water park, and various family-friendly attractions. It will also include themed areas, restaurants, and entertainment venues, making it a destination for families and thrill-seekers alike.

Six Flags Qiddiya aims to be a world-class theme park, offering a range of unique and exciting experiences for visitors of all ages. Some of the park's most anticipated attractions include the Falcon's Flight, which is set to be the world's tallest, fastest, and longest roller coaster, and Sirocco Tower, a massive free-fall ride that

drops riders from a height of 135 meters. In addition to its impressive array of rides and attractions, Six Flags Qiddiya will also feature state-of-the-art technology and innovative design elements. The park's layout is based on the six lands of Qiddiya, each with its own unique theme and attractions. Visitors can explore the park's different zones, which are designed to transport them to a world of fantasy and adventure.

Six Flags Qiddiya is part of the larger Qiddiya development, a multi-billion dollar project that aims to transform the desert landscape of Saudi Arabia into a world-class entertainment destination. Qiddiya will also include a range of other attractions, including a motorsports park, a golf course, and cultural and entertainment venues.

Six Flags Qiddiya promises to be a game-changer in the world of theme parks, offering a unique and unforgettable experience for visitors from around the world.

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Promoting Nuclear Disarmament: A Path Toward Global Peace

Promoting a move towards a nuclear-weapon-free world is an important and urgent task. The use of nuclear weapons could lead to catastrophic consequences, and the continued existence of nuclear weapons creates the potential for their use, whether by accident, miscalculation, or design. Accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments is therefore essential for global peace and security.

One of the key commitments to nuclear disarmament is the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). The NPT has been in force since 1970 and has three main pillars: non-proliferation, disarmament, and the peaceful uses of nuclear technology. The non-proliferation pillar aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to additional states, while the disarmament pillar seeks the eventual elimination of all nuclear weapons. The peaceful uses pillar promotes the use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, such as energy production and medical research.

Despite progress made under the NPT, disarmament commitments have not been fully implemented. The five nuclear-weapon states recognized under the NPT (the United States, Russia, China, France, and the United Kingdom) have made some reductions in their nuclear arsenals, but they still possess thousands of nuclear weapons between them. Moreover, none of these states have shown a clear commitment to the elimination of nuclear weapons. This lack of progress on disarmament has been a source of frustration for many non-nuclear-weapon states, who argue that the nuclear-weapon states have failed to fulfill their obligations under the NPT.

To accelerate the implementation of nuclear



disarmament commitments, several steps can be taken. One important step is to increase transparency and confidence-building measures. Nuclear-weapon states should provide more information about their nuclear arsenals, including the number of weapons they possess, their locations, and their delivery systems. This information can be shared through existing mechanisms,

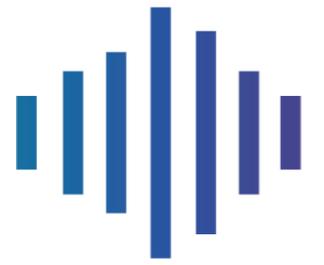
such as the NPT review process, or through new initiatives, such as a nuclear disarmament registry. Confidence-building measures, such as joint verification visits and exchanges of technical data, can also help build trust and reduce tensions.

Another important step is to increase public awareness and support for nuclear disarmament. This can be done through education campaigns, public forums, and media outreach. Governments can also engage civil society and non-governmental organizations in the disarmament process, including through the establishment of consultative mechanisms. By involving a wide range of actors in the disarmament process, governments can build a stronger consensus for disarmament and increase the political will to take action.

The international community should explore new approaches to disarmament. One such approach is a nuclear weapons convention, which would establish a legal framework for the elimination of nuclear weapons. Such a convention could include provisions for the dismantling of nuclear arsenals, the verification of disarmament, and the establishment of a monitoring body. While a nuclear weapons convention would be a challenging and complex undertaking, it could provide a clear path towards a world free of nuclear weapons.

In conclusion, accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments is essential for global peace and security. This can be achieved through increased transparency and confidence-building measures, public awareness and support, and exploring new approaches to disarmament. While the road to a nuclear-weapon-free world will be long and challenging, it is a goal worth pursuing, and one that requires the collective efforts of all states and actors.

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Refugees: A Well-being At Stake



“Efforts to uphold the well-being of refugees must be guided by the principles of human rights and dignity. Refugees are entitled to the same human rights as any other person...”

The world is facing a humanitarian crisis with millions of refugees forced to flee their homes due to conflicts, persecution, and other forms of violence. The global refugee population is vulnerable and often faces significant challenges in accessing basic needs such as food, shelter, healthcare, and education. Governments, international organizations, and civil society must work together to implement measures that uphold the well-being of the global refugee population. In this essay, we will discuss some of the measures that can be implemented to uphold the well-being of refugees.

Governments and international organizations need to ensure refugees' access to basic needs. Refugees often arrive in their host countries with few possessions and limited resources. They must be provided with access to basic needs such as food, water, shelter, and healthcare. Education is also crucial for the long-term well-being of refugees; access to education must be provided to refugee children.

Refugees are often fleeing violence and persecution, and they may face similar threats in their host countries. Governments and international organizations must work to ensure the safety and protection of refugees, including protection against violence, exploitation, and abuse.

Refugees often face significant barriers in accessing employment, which can have long-term negative impacts on their well-being.

Governments and international organizations must work to promote the social and economic inclusion of refugees, including access to employment, occupation, and other forms of support.

Psychological support is also crucial to the well-being of refugees. Refugees often experience trauma and mental health challenges due to their experiences of conflict and displacement. They must provide access to psychological support services to help refugees cope with the challenges they face.

Finally, efforts to uphold the well-being of refugees must be guided by the principles of human rights and dignity. Refugees are entitled to the same human rights as any other person, including the right to freedom from discrimination, the right to access basic needs, and the right to safety and protection. Governments and international organizations must prioritize upholding the human rights and dignity of refugees in all their efforts.

In conclusion, the global refugee population is facing significant challenges, and measures must be implemented to uphold their well-being. Access to basic needs, safety and protection, social and economic inclusion, psychological support, and upholding human rights and dignity are some of the measures that can be implemented to uphold the well-being of refugees. It is the responsibility of governments, international organizations, and civil societies to work together to ensure that the needs of refugees are met and their well-being is upheld.

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Measure to Engage Political Advocacy for the People of the Western Sahara

Political advocacy for the people of Western Sahara is indeed a complex and ongoing process that requires a sustained effort and a multi-pronged approach. Raising awareness about the issue is a crucial first step, as many people may not be familiar with the history and current situation of the Western Sahara. Advocates can use various channels, such as social media, traditional media, and events, to spread awareness and educate the public about the issue.

Lobbying decision-makers, including government officials and politicians, is another important step in political advocacy. Advocates can work to influence policy decisions by meeting with decision-makers, sending letters and petitions, and organising protests or demonstrations. By making their voices heard and presenting the case for the people of Western Sahara, advocates can help to pressure decision-makers to take action.

Mobilising public support is also key to political advocacy for the people of Western Sahara. Advocates can work to build a coalition of supporters, including civil society organisations, religious groups, and other community members. By engaging with diverse groups and amplifying the voices of those affected by the issue,

advocates can build a strong and effective movement.

Direct action can also be an effective tool in political advocacy. Advocates can use nonviolent tactics such as civil disobedience, sit-ins, and protests to draw attention to the issue and put pressure on decision-makers. These actions can help to raise awareness and bring the issue to the forefront of public consciousness.

Finally, seeking international support can be a critical part of political advocacy for the people of Western Sahara. Advocates can work with international organisations such as the United Nations or human rights groups to raise awareness and advocate for action. International pressure can help to hold decision-makers accountable and create momentum for change.

In summary, political advocacy for the people of Western Sahara requires a sustained effort and a multi-pronged approach, including raising awareness, lobbying decision-makers, mobilising public support, engaging in direct action, and seeking international support. By working together and using a variety of tactics, advocates can help to bring attention to the issue and pressure decision-makers to take action.

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Addressing Cybersecurity Threats: An Interview with Jonathan Braveman

In a recent interview with Jonathan Braveman, the topic of international security in the field of information and telecommunications was discussed. According to Braveman, the biggest threats to telecommunications are cyber attacks that can damage physical critical infrastructures and intellectual information. He cited the examples of the 2005 cyber attack that destroyed nuclear centrifuges in Iran and the 2020 attack that stole intellectual property related to the COVID vaccine from private companies in Europe. Braveman emphasized that these attacks are hugely important assets for the community, citizens, and governments as a whole.

When asked about measures that should be taken to enhance international cooperation and collaboration in addressing these threats, Braveman suggested that clarifying definitions surrounding cybersecurity and cyber attacks and establishing legislation in response to such attacks are essential. He pointed out that there is currently no extensive legislation regarding how a nation can respond to a cyber attack, even though they could be equally if not more damaging than something physical.

The topic of balancing the need for security with the need for privacy and freedom of expression in the context of information and telecommunications was also discussed. Braveman suggested that countries need to ensure they have



strong data protection regulations in place before implementing any cybersecurity strategies. He cited the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation as a great example of a system that protects privacy and enables the implementation of effective

"Security should be built in, not bolt-on..."

cybersecurity policies. In terms of international cooperation in sharing information and intelligence on cybersecurity threats, Braveman emphasized that cooperation is extremely important. He suggested that sharing best practices and policies that have worked in the past is crucial to ensure effective sharing of information and intelligence. Finally, Braveman discussed best practices for building developments in the field of information and telecommunications that prioritize security while also promoting innovation and growth. He suggested that technology is constantly changing in the field of cybersecurity, so it is important to keep up with the latest developments and implement the newest technologies to prevent cyber attacks. He recommended creating a subcommittee to recommend the latest technologies around the world to prevent cyber attacks. Overall, Jonathan Braveman provided valuable insights into the biggest threats to international security in the field of information and telecommunications and suggested measures that can be taken to address these threats through international cooperation and collaboration. He also highlighted the importance of balancing the need for security with the need for privacy and freedom of expression while promoting innovation and growth in the field of information and telecommunications.

Forming Friendships

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THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) is an annual conference that brings together high school students from around the world to discuss global issues and develop their skills in diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking. THIMUN provides a unique opportunity for students to interact with peers from different countries and cultural backgrounds, which can lead to the development of new friendships. Here are some ways in which THIMUN can help you develop new friendships:
Networking opportunities: THIMUN provides students with numerous opportunities to network

with other students from around the world. This can include social events, informal gatherings, and formal committee sessions where students can meet and interact with their peers.

Shared interests: THIMUN attracts students who share a common interest in global issues, diplomacy, and public speaking. This shared interest can serve as a basis for developing new friendships and connecting with other like-minded students.

Cultural exchange: THIMUN provides a platform for students to learn about different cultures and ways of life. This can lead to a greater understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity, which can in turn foster new friendships.

Team building activities: THIMUN often includes team building activities, such as icebreakers, games, and workshops, which can help students bond and develop a sense of camaraderie.



Group accommodations: THIMUN often provides group accommodations for students, which can provide an opportunity for them to get to know each other better and develop friendships outside of the conference setting. Overall, THIMUN provides a unique opportunity for students to interact with

their peers from around the world, learn about different cultures and perspectives, and develop new friendships. The experience can be both enriching and rewarding, and it can lead to lifelong friendships that extend far beyond the conference.



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Preventing Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants: Key Measures for Human Security

Human trafficking and smuggling of migrants are heinous crimes that continue to pose a significant threat to human security and dignity. These crimes involve the exploitation of vulnerable individuals for financial gain and violate fundamental human rights. To prevent these crimes, governments, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders must take collective action to address the root causes and implement effective measures. This essay will explore some of the measures that can be taken to prevent the trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. One of the most critical measures to prevent trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants is to strengthen legal frameworks. Governments should establish comprehensive laws that criminalize these crimes and provide for severe punishments for those involved. Additionally, countries must ensure that their legal frameworks comply with international standards and provide adequate protection for victims. By establishing strong legal frameworks, governments can send a clear message that these crimes will not be tolerated, and perpetrators will face severe consequences. Raising awareness is another essential measure to prevent trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. Governments and civil society organizations can use various methods, such as media campaigns and public events, to educate the public about the risks and consequences of these crimes. This can help vulnerable individuals to recognize the signs of trafficking or smuggling and avoid



being victimized. Additionally, by raising awareness, governments can create a culture of zero-tolerance for these crimes, which can help reduce demand and deter potential perpetrators. Strengthening border controls is also crucial to preventing smuggling of migrants. This includes increasing patrols, using modern technology to detect illegal border crossings, and collaborating with other countries to

“Most traffickers are never convicted for their crimes...”

share intelligence and information. By strengthening border controls, governments can disrupt criminal networks and prevent the smuggling of migrants, thereby reducing the risk of trafficking in persons. Providing support for victims is another critical measure to prevent trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. Victims of these crimes require a range of services, including shelter, medical care, legal assistance, and job training, to help them recover and rebuild their lives. Governments and civil society organizations can provide these services to help victims reintegrate into society and reduce the risk of re-victimization. Combating corruption is crucial to preventing trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. Corruption is a major facilitator of these crimes, and governments must take action to tackle corruption at all levels. This includes within law enforcement agencies, border control agencies, and other government agencies. By addressing corruption, governments can enhance accountability and transparency, which can help prevent these crimes. In conclusion, preventing trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants requires a multi-faceted approach that includes strengthening legal frameworks, raising awareness, strengthening border controls, providing support for victims, and combating corruption. By working together and implementing these measures, governments and other stakeholders can prevent these crimes and protect the basic human rights of vulnerable individuals.

Promoting Political Inclusion

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Political inclusion of youth in post-colonial countries is an essential aspect of democratic governance. However, despite being the largest demographic group in many of these countries, youth often face significant barriers to meaningful participation in the political process. Therefore, measures must be taken to develop and promote the political inclusion of youth in post-colonial countries.

One crucial step in this direction is the provision of civic education programs to young people. Civic education teaches young people about the political system, their rights and responsibilities, and how they can participate effectively in the political process. It also helps them develop critical thinking skills, which are essential for informed decision-making. These programs can be delivered through schools, youth organizations, and other

community-based initiatives. Another measure that can promote political inclusion is the creation of youth-led political platforms. These platforms can give young people a voice in the political process, allowing them to articulate their concerns, advocate for their rights, and propose solutions to problems affecting their communities. These platforms can also serve as a training ground for young leaders, enabling them to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in politics. Political parties can also play a crucial role in promoting youth political inclusion by opening up their leadership and decision-making structures to young people. Parties can create youth wings, for example, which would enable young people to participate in decision-making processes and provide them with a platform to engage in political debate and discourse. Parties can also allocate a certain percentage of their electoral lists to young candidates, ensuring that young people have a meaningful role in the political process. Another measure that can promote youth political inclusion is the provision of funding and resources for youth-led initiatives.



Governments and other stakeholders can support youth-led initiatives that seek to address issues affecting young people, such as education, unemployment, and social inclusion. This support can come in the form of grants, scholarships, mentorship, and other resources that enable young people to develop and implement their ideas effectively. Technology can also play a crucial role in promoting youth political inclusion. Online platforms and social media can enable young people to engage in political discourse and participate in decision-making processes. Digital platforms can also provide access to information and resources that are critical for

informed decision-making. Measures to develop and promote youth political inclusion in post-colonial countries are essential for building strong and sustainable democracies. These measures must be comprehensive and address the many barriers that young people face in the political process. By providing young people with the tools, resources, and platforms necessary for meaningful participation in politics, post-colonial countries can create a brighter future for their youth and their nations.



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Developing a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

Tourism is a major industry that contributes significantly to global economic growth and development. However, there are also ethical concerns associated with tourism, such as the exploitation of workers and the negative impact on local communities and the environment. Developing a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism can help to promote responsible tourism practices and ensure that the benefits of tourism are shared in a fair and equitable manner. Here are some steps that can be taken to develop a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism:

Establish a multi-stakeholder working group: Developing a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism requires the involvement of various stakeholders, including governments, industry associations, civil society organizations, and academia.

Establishing a multi-stakeholder working group can help to ensure that different perspectives and interests are taken into account. **Conduct research and analysis:** Before developing a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, it is important to conduct research and analysis to understand the ethical concerns associated with tourism and identify best practices that can be incorporated into the code.

Define the scope and content of the code: The Global Code of Ethics for Tourism should define the scope of its application, including the types of tourism activities and destinations that are covered. It should also outline the ethical principles and



standards that tourism stakeholders are expected to adhere to. **Consultation and engagement:** It is important to engage in consultation and engagement with stakeholders throughout the development process to ensure that the code is relevant, practical, and widely accepted.

Establish mechanisms for implementation and monitoring: Developing a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism is just the first step. It is equally important to establish mechanisms for implementation and monitoring to ensure that the code is effectively implemented and enforced.

Promote awareness and capacity building: Raising awareness about the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and building capacity among tourism stakeholders is essential to ensure its effective implementation. This can be achieved through training programs, workshops, and awareness-raising campaigns.

Overall, developing a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism requires a collaborative effort by all stakeholders. It should be grounded in ethical principles and standards that promote responsible tourism practices and ensure that the benefits of tourism are shared in a fair and equitable manner.

The Power of Paralympic Games

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The Paralympic Games are a global multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities, held every four years immediately following the Olympic Games. The Paralympics were first held in Rome, Italy in 1960, and since then they have grown in size and popularity, featuring thousands of athletes from over 160 countries competing in a variety of sports, including athletics, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, and many others.

The Paralympics is more than just a sports event. It is a celebration of diversity, inclusivity, and human potential. It provides a platform for athletes with disabilities to compete at the highest level and showcase their abilities, challenging the stereotypes and prejudices that exist in our society. It also inspires and

motivates people with disabilities to pursue their dreams and aspirations, showing them that nothing is impossible if they have the will and determination to succeed.

Supporting the Paralympics is crucial for promoting equality and social justice. People with disabilities are often marginalized and discriminated against in many areas of life, including education, employment, and healthcare. The Paralympics provide a platform for people with disabilities to showcase their abilities and break down barriers, promoting greater understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.

It can also have a positive impact on society. It can help to break down stereotypes and misconceptions about people with disabilities, and can promote inclusion and acceptance of those who are different. It can also encourage more people to take up sport, and to become more active. This can have a positive impact on health and wellbeing, as well as providing an opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

The Paralympic Games are a powerful and inspiring global event that celebrates the



achievements of athletes with disabilities and promotes inclusivity, diversity, and human potential. Through the Paralympics, we can challenge stereotypes and discrimination, promote greater understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities, and inspire others to pursue their dreams and aspirations. The Paralympic movement plays an important role in promoting social justice and equality, and by supporting it, we can create a more inclusive and accepting society. The Paralympic Games have a positive impact on individuals, communities, and

society as a whole, promoting greater health and wellbeing, socialisation, and friendship, and showcasing the incredible abilities of all people, regardless of their abilities.



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The Willow Project

The Willow Project is a controversial oil and gas drilling project proposed for Alaska's North Slope. The project was approved by President Joe Biden in November 2021, despite opposition from environmentalists and Indigenous groups.

The Willow Project is being developed by ConocoPhillips, a multinational energy company. It involves drilling up to 250 wells in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, a vast area of public land on Alaska's North Slope. The project is expected to produce up to 160,000 barrels of oil per day, which would be transported via a new pipeline to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

Proponents of the Willow Project argue that it will create jobs and boost the economy, while also reducing America's reliance on foreign oil. They also point out that the project has undergone an extensive environmental review process and will be subject to strict regulations to minimize its impact on the environment.

However, critics of the Willow Project argue that it will have significant negative impacts on the environment and Indigenous communities. They point out that the project will involve the construction of roads, pipelines, and other infrastructure in a pristine wilderness area, which could harm wildlife and disrupt ecosystems. They also argue that the project will contribute to climate change by releasing greenhouse gas emissions. Opponents of the Willow Project



also point out that it will have a significant impact on Indigenous communities in the region. The Inupiat people, who have lived in the area for thousands of years, rely on the land and wildlife for their subsistence and cultural traditions. The Willow Project could threaten

their way of life by degrading the environment and disrupting traditional hunting and fishing practices.

Despite the controversy surrounding the project, President Joe Biden approved the Willow Project in November 2021. In his statement announcing the approval, Biden emphasized the importance of ensuring that the project is developed in a responsible and environmentally sustainable way. The Willow Project is a complex issue with valid arguments on both sides. While it will undoubtedly bring economic benefits to the region and the country, it is also likely to have significant negative impacts on the environment and Indigenous communities. The key to moving forward with the project will be ensuring that it is developed in a way that minimizes its impact on the environment and respects the rights of Indigenous people. Only time will tell if this is possible.

Why National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Matters

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National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an annual event held in March to increase public awareness of people with disabilities and promote their rights, dignity, and well-being. The month-long campaign aims to celebrate the achievements of people with developmental disabilities and raise awareness of the challenges they face in their daily lives.

Developmental disabilities refer to a range of conditions that affect a person's physical, intellectual, or social development. These

disabilities can be caused by genetic factors, environmental influences, or a combination of both. They can affect people of all ages and backgrounds, and may have a lifelong impact on their ability to learn, communicate, and participate in society.

During National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, communities across the country come together to raise awareness of these issues and advocate for policies that promote inclusion, accessibility, and support for people with disabilities. This may include organizing events, fundraisers, and awareness campaigns, as well as working with local government and community organizations to improve access to services and resources. Through these efforts, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month aims to promote a more inclusive



and equitable society for people with disabilities, where they are valued for their unique abilities and contributions. By raising awareness and understanding of these issues, we can help create a world that is more

accessible, supportive, and inclusive for all people, regardless of their abilities.



Behind The Scenes: The Press Team



The Press Team at THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) is responsible for producing daily newspapers that cover the events and discussions taking place during the conference. The team is composed of a group of students who are interested in journalism, writing, and communication.

Here are some key responsibilities of the press team at THIMUN:

Layout (daily newspaper): The press team produces a daily newspaper that covers the events and discussions taking place during the conference. This newspaper provides updates on the various committee sessions, highlights the speeches and debates of delegates, and reports on any important developments or breaking news.

Social Media: The Press Team also produces online content, including blog posts, social media updates, and video content. This content is shared on THIMUN's website and social media channels to keep participants and interested parties informed about the conference.

Interviews: The press team conducts interviews with delegates, committee chairs, and guest speakers to provide insights and perspectives on the various topics being discussed at the conference.

Photography: The press team is responsible for taking photos of the conference and its participants, which are used in the daily newspaper and other promotional materials.

Press Conferences: The Press Team hosts press conferences where delegates can share their perspectives and answer questions from journalists.

The Press Team at THIMUN provides an excellent opportunity for students interested in journalism and communication to gain practical experience in a fast-paced and dynamic environment. Members of the team develop skills in writing, interviewing, and reporting and gain valuable insights into the workings of international diplomacy and global issues.

"What part of your role do you enjoy the most?"

Alyaa Al-Asmakh (Head of Press): Recruiting the team is the most enjoyable aspect of being head, primarily because it allows me to create connections by merging talents and creative minds in the hope of creating memorable memories at our conference.

As such, I believe that each and every individual must play a crucial role through brainstorming to form an outstanding conference. Not only that, but I also enjoy reading applications because they tell multiple stories about each person.

Aisha Alshaibi (Deputy Head of Press): As deputy head of press, I love to communicate with people and put in the time and effort to see the accomplishments and successes of my press team.

Roudha Al Asmakh (Layout/Photography): Being part of the press team, as my first time, has proven a rather fascinating learning experience as I got to use applications, such as Adobe's "Indesign," for the first time and understand the fundamentals of working a photo camera, all of which are essential to my role for this conference.

Almayasa Al-Mohannadi (reporting): As a reporter at THIMUN, I have the opportunity to interact with and interview people from a wide range of roles, including conference organisers, delegates, advisors, and experts in various fields. By speaking with these individuals, I gain valuable insights into the topics being discussed at the conference and the perspectives of the people involved. Additionally, interviews can help me uncover stories that may not be immediately apparent and can provide me with a deeper understanding of the issues at hand. As a reporter, my ability to connect with people and draw out their perspectives is a valuable skill that can help me to produce insightful and engaging coverage of the conference.

Al-Johara Al-Subaey (photography): Being part of the THIMUN Qatar press team as a photographer, I enjoy entering different committees to listen to all the inspiring stories and speeches given while capturing the incredible memories with my camera, as well as sharing them with the public so that everyone can experience and know what it's like in THIMUN Qatar.

Hissa Al-Mana (photography): Being part of the press team as a photographer at THIMUN, I believe the best part of the role is the opportunity to capture important and exciting moments of the conference. Additionally, as a press photographer, I have the chance to meet interesting people from all over the world, which can be very exciting. The role of a photographer can be an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Deema Al-Khalifa (Head of Layout): As head of layout, I particularly enjoy organising and finalising the QMUNITY VOICE news. It is extremely rewarding to hold and distribute the final paper. I also enjoy being able to spread news in THIMUN, including the good, the bad, and everything in between.

Shahad Al-Fadala (Head of Social Media): I enjoy being part of a team alongside other like-minded members. Being a member of the press team gives me the chance to expand my skills and gives me exposure to international affairs and global issues from a variety of perspectives.

Saad Khan (Editing): Interacting with other editors for best output possible as well as supporting other roles in the team

Roudha Al-Attyiah (Social Media): As a person who currently is doing social media for THIMUN '23 and has done reporting for QLC I like the fact that I am able to show others outside of the conference what's happening throughout the events

Innaya (editing): My favourite part of my job is being able to turn a vision for a video into reality. I love the process of seeing all the clips come together and form something memorable for people to take away.

Maryam Al-Kuwari (layout): As a layout press member, I enjoy using my creativity and design skills to produce visually appealing publications that effectively communicate the ideas and perspectives of the conference. I also enjoy working with and sharing with the reporting team to ensure that the content is accurately represented and visually presented in an engaging way.

Hissa Al-Hitmi (Head of Reporting): I enjoy conducting the interview the most, as I get to interact with delegates from all around the world.

Aisha Al-Suwaidi (videography): My favourite part of my role of being a videographer is to capture memorable moments and share them with our community

Arman (editing): The part I love most about my job would be presenting my finalised work to a crowd and getting their reaction, as it lifts my mood and makes me proud to see the impact I've made.



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