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Meet the Secretary General

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Shoug Khozestani's Inspirational speech that navigating education, privilege, and responsibility at THIMUN-Qatar 2024

Secretary-General Shoug Khozestani broke through tradition in a moment that will go down in THIMUN-Qatar history. She gave a multilingual speech that looks deeply into topics such as privilege, education, and the shared responsibility that unites the global community.

Shoug immediately struck a tone of unity and respect by opening her speech with the Islamic greeting, "بسم الله الرحيم، السلام عليكم، ورحمة الله وبركاته." She accomplished this through embracing the language diversity of the THIMUN community. But this was just the start of a discussion that would take place well beyond the conference room.

Her outstanding introduction in Arabic explored the everlasting wisdom found in the words of Al-Mutanabbi's, "ذو العقل يشقى في النعيم بعقله وأخو الجهالة في الشقاوة ينعم." The phrase highlights the contrast between those with intellect facing challenges even in prosperity and the blissful ignorance of adversity experienced by the uninformed. Shoug took the speech to a deeper reflection on knowledge as a gift and an obligation.

She stated, "فإن العلم الوعي," highlighting the fact that awareness is the fundamental component of knowledge. Intellectually gifted people manage their time well, and education is a blessing and a burden that necessitates reflection, deductive reasoning,



and research.

In her position as Secretary-General, Shoug warmly welcomed attendees to the thirteenth THIMUN-Qatar conference. She did more than just welcome everyone, however; she asked important questions and encouraged discussion on the responsibilities that thinkers, innovators, and dreamers play in society. She sparked an

audience reflection that would resonate throughout the conference by doing this.

The main point of Shoug's speech was her profound acknowledgment of the privilege that comes with learning and achievement. Her sincere acknowledgment of the honour of being in that space and having the discussion struck a chord with attendees,

organisers, press, admins and executives.

Shoug tackled the heavy topic of the ongoing genocide in Palestine with courage and compassion. Her remarks acted as a call to action, imploring everyone in attendance to acknowledge their common privilege and use it to bring about genuine change.

In conclusion, Shoug Khozestani's speech stands not just as an opening address but as a transformative speech for THIMUN-Qatar 2024. It served as a call to action for the delegates to persevere, take the initiative, and effect positive change, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who witnessed this significant conference.

The World of Press

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In the intricate world of THIMUN, Arman, Maryam, Inaaya and Hissa play major roles, each contributing their unique strengths to the collective effort. The Press team consists of a head of press, Arman, working alongside three deputies, Inaaya, Maryam and Hissa. These four members work harmoniously together to make THIMUN the life-altering experience it is. Without them THIMUN would lack its well-known student-led touch. This is an interview with Arman & Inaaya, to get their personal insights and perspectives on THIMUN and how it changed throughout the years.

Arman, driven by a lifelong desire to share stories and capture memories, leads a team this year dedicated to precisely that. He takes pride in embedding his ideas through his team, fulfilling a childhood dream of managing a team. Witnessing the team discovering their passions in writing, photography, and more during THIMUN is not just inspiring to him; he sees it as a valuable lesson in handling pressure and real-life scenarios.

Inaaya stands alongside Arman, playing a crucial role in managing the press team of 35 members. Her responsibilities involve effective task delegation and conflict management. In dealing with conflicts, Inaaya emphasises



Head of Press Arman Azad



Deputy Heads of Press Maryam Al Mana and Hissa Al Mana



Deputy Head of Press Inaaya Tazkiya

the idea of rationality, seeking mutual understanding to avoid escalation. Her favourite aspect of THIMUN revolves around meeting new people, a transformative experience for her as an introverted individual. It helped her break out of her shell, pushing her to engage with strangers and people from different nationalities.

Reflecting on their THIMUN journeys, Arman boasts three years of experience, having started as a delegate and

eventually finding his passion in the press. Inaaya, in her first year at THIMUN, draws from past experiences in various MUNs, particularly in the social media realm. Her preference for the press over debating became evident during her first hands-on experience as the head of editing, exposing her to intense pressure and the realities of the professional world.

As THIMUN executives, both Arman and Inaaya acknowledge the challenge

of dealing with a range of people and conflicts. Arman highlights the positive side, noting that conflicts are always resolved, leading to lasting friendships.

This year's THIMUN holds special significance for Arman as it marks his farewell conference. Despite the melancholy, he finds joy in leading a segment of the conference at the prestigious QNCC venue and witnessing the growth of friends and acquaintances over the years.

Culture Night and GAIA Awards

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With the steadfast approach of the THIMUN culture night, the enticing atmosphere, and the exciting nature throughout the years. A marvelous amalgamation of diverse crowds and incredible music. Vibrantly celebrating the culmination of an incredible conference. Negotiations, diplomacy, and the art of debate are all on display for three consecutive days. And so in remembrance of this amazing accomplishment, every year THIMUN Qatar holds culture night. A night of socializing. On the last day. An impeccable chance to develop lasting friendships and relationships. The people you will meet there will be some of the most interesting and unique people in the world. Developed by the supreme delicacies presented by TQ, your taste buds are elevated to a new level as well as enhancing and improving your overall experience of the night. This event is one well remembered by all you have attended before. Speaking to previous attendee and deputy head of press Inaaya Tazkia “It was really nice experiencing the



different cultures and especially the dabke, and the desi dances”

In these divided times, it is imperative to remain interconnected with the people of the world THIMUN Qatar is a conference filled with the leaders of tomorrow. A key to understanding the life of those around you is to understand their

history and culture. This becomes the foundation of all future diplomatic associations, For what are these nights, events, and conferences for; if not to find yourself through the bonds formed during them. With the massive presence of International students and their unwavering confidence to come all this way for the conference, take it

as a chance to create international friendships.

When walking into the event tonight on the 25th, dress to impress, and get ready to interact for the ages. Enjoy the harmonic music, food that envelops your taste buds, and the beautiful nighttime vibe.

History of Qatar

Joy Kim
Park House English School

If you take a look closer at the treasure trove which goes with the name 'Middle East', there will be a gem hidden within its core. Small but so prominent, Qatar has been a crucial contributor to the Arabian Gulf region.

Qatar starts writing its modern history from 1766, when all tribes came under the rule of the Al Thani family. The new monarchy paved the way for Qatar's stability and independence from neighbouring countries. The centralised leadership created balance and harmony between the numerous entities within Qatar. In 1868, Sheikh Mohammed bin Thani successfully signed an agreement with the British authorities in the Arabian Gulf, officially recognising Qatar as an independent political entity.

Qatar's economy was constructed from the depths of the ocean through pearl diving. With skilled divers and restless merchants, in no

time, Qatar was a busy harbour buzzing with life and trade. Merchants, traders and sailors from all across the globe came to Qatar. The pearl trade not only enriched Qatar's economy but also shaped the country and its people to become the Qatar it is now. Pearl trade was a significant era for Qatar, shaping Qatar's culture and identity.

However, the pearl trade came to a halt after the discovery of oil, which opened up a new chapter to Qatar's economy and stance in the world. In the mid-twentieth century, the metamorphic discovery of oil occurred in the Dukhan field in western Qatar. A decade later, Qatar started exporting petroleum and in 1977, independent from Britain, Qatar started exporting natural gas to the world. These milestones transformed Qatar from a wild desert into a developed cosmopolitan country. From only having the Sheraton hotel in West Bay



to building Qatar's famous skyline, Qatar has developed itself to become the Qatar it has evolved to today. In 2023, Qatar again didn't fail to write history. By hosting the famous World Cup, Qatar once again made its name known to the World. The streets were filled with vibrant individuals filled with their own cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Stadium was filled with cheers and excitement. Qatar

in December 2023, was a hot and passionate country regardless of the cold weather. Now, in January 2024, Qatar is hosting the Asian Cup. Once again, the stadiums have been filled with devotion and spirit of people all around the World.

Qatar has never failed to write history. We all await the incredible future Qatar holds within.



Story of the Oryx

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In the vast, sun-drenched expanses of arid lands, a creature of captivating mystery roams – the oryx. Its sleek, sandy coat acts like a camouflage, allowing it to seamlessly blend with the sandy surroundings. Picture a creature with long, slender legs and hooves adapted to navigate the unforgiving desert terrain. What makes the oryx so impressive is its horns – elegant, yet powerful, they curve upward like nature's own works of art. These majestic horns aren't just for show; they're a testament to the oryx's ability to triumph over the challenges of its harsh habitat. As the desert sun casts its golden glow, the oryx stands as a living sculpture etched against the backdrop of endless sands.

In Qatar, the oryx stands not only as a captivating creature of the desert but also as a powerful symbol deeply intertwined with the nation's identity. Known for its resilience in the face of challenging environments,

the oryx mirrors the spirit of the Qatari people and their determination to thrive in the harsh desert conditions. Embodying qualities of strength, grace, and adaptability, it symbolises Qatar's unwavering commitment to progress and sustain itself. This iconic creature holds particular significance in Qatari culture, representing a balance between nature and modernity. The oryx's significance extends beyond the desert sands, as it proudly takes its place as the mascot of Qatar Airways, a global symbol of the nation's soaring ambitions and hospitality. Just as the oryx navigates the challenges of the desert, Qatar, with the oryx at its side, sets a path for success and innovative breakthroughs.

There are many symbols of the Oryx throughout all of Qatar, including a specifically designed

school named after the Oryx. Oryx International School, classed as a 5 star British school, is exclusively for Qatar Airways staff to enrol their children. They offer places for both boys and girls from nursery to high school. "Perfect location for our family, outstanding curriculum and personalised attention is offered for each child". Another place named after the Oryx is the Oryx Airport Hotel. The hotel offers a "welcoming oasis of five-star hospitality, and a wonderful place to relax, unwind and recharge before their next flight". It's conveniently in the airport, within the terminal for anyone with a long layover or transit.



Saying NO to Western Intervention

Farida Sallam
Qatar International School

The Security Council, one of the main organs of the United Nations, plays a vital role in maintaining global peace and security. Each of its fifteen members has one vote and they intend to make it count. All Members of the United Nations are required by the UN Charter to abide by all decisions made by the Council.

When assessing whether an act of aggression or a threat to the peace exists, the Security Council assumes the primary role. It urges a conflict to be resolved amicably and offers suggestions for terms of settlement or ways to modify. The Security Council may occasionally decide to employ force to preserve or reestablish global peace and security, or it may even decide to impose sanctions. One of the most important issues being considered by the THIMUN Security Council is the question of Western intervention in Syria. These ongoing conflicts are causing

enormous human suffering and have implications not only for the region but also for global security.

The Security Council has been called upon to find a solution that respects Syria's sovereignty and ensures the protection of its civilian population. The delegates started strong with their policy statements, eloquently presenting their respective country's resolutions and objectives. Achieving a delicate balance between these two imperatives has proved challenging, but Council involvement and effort remain essential for sustainable resolution.

Another area of concern for the Security Council is the South China Sea dispute, in which several countries have competing territorial claims. The Council is monitoring the situation and urges the parties to settle their differences amicably and per international law. The potential for escalation and



the risk of armed conflict make the issue a priority for the Security Council as it seeks to promote regional stability.

One thing has been made abundantly clear though, Western Intervention is the last action they wish to take.



Joy Kim
Park House English School

Sahnon Panggabean currently holds the role of Deputy Head Chair of the Environmental Commission of THIMUN Qatar 2024. She is a passionate young woman filled with the love of debating and an unwavering devotion to the MUN programme. She is currently an A-Level student in Doha College Qatar, where she consistently demonstrates exemplary dedication and leadership qualities as seen through her commitment to the Student Council the last 3 years.

Sahnon has been a dependable member and friend of MUN during the last 7 years. She started off as a young delegate and has consistently worked towards a larger goal; becoming a chair. And today she stands here as the Deputy Head Chair of the Environmental Commission. Sahnon finds great joy in taking responsibility for her committee and leading the delegates to create a well-structured, enjoyable session. Delegate's precious opinions

Through the eyes of Panggabean

and perspectives have never failed to intrigue Sahnon and have often inspired her as well. Through her MUN experience Sahnon has gained a deeper understanding of different countries' stance and has forever been grateful for this.

As a chair, Sahnon ensures that the committee sessions are smoothly run. This means precise time management to ensure that the sessions are run efficiently. Time management may be overlooked by others, however Sahnon believes that with efficient time management more delegates will have the chance to speak and share their thoughts. Sahnon pours her heart to ensure that the delegates enjoy the sessions. She has always paid extra attention to new delegates as she understands the hardships of coming to a MUN conference for the first time. With a warm heart, she has always been open and

willing to be a place to rest for the delegates.

A hardship Sahnon faces while holding the role of chair, is coming to the difficult decision of choosing the honourable mentions. Knowing the efforts and time the delegates have devoted to the conference, it leaves Sahnon torn to have to come to a decision. Even though only a limit of delegates are called out, through this article, Sahnon wishes to share that she is grateful for all the delegate's efforts and passion in her committee and that she remembers them as well, especially the Delegate of Hungary in DCMUN 2023 who never stopped sharing his enthusiasm.

Sahnon shares her excitement about meeting new delegates at this THIMUN conference. She awaits the stories and insights you all bring to the podium the next 3 days!



THIMUN's Influence Beyond The Committee Rooms

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THIMUN's impact extends well beyond committee rooms, serving as an example of global citizenship and innovative diplomacy. THIMUN's influence extends beyond the exciting debates and resolutions it influences multiple aspects of participants' lives, shaping points of views and creating bonds,

THIMUN has the power to expand young delegates' perspectives. The role of delegates, who are high school students who represent various nations as diplomats. This experience provides a look into the complexity of international relations. After attending THIMUN, participants have improved their ability to view the world from a variety of perspectives in addition to having a strong awareness of global challenges. THIMUN serves as a global community. Through these international interactions, participants can create friendships that last a lifetime. Students from many countries and backgrounds come together to exchange ideas, viewpoints, and experiences in this collaborative conference setting.

The abilities developed in THIMUN's committee rooms have a long lasting effect on the delegates' development as individuals. Beyond the confines of a conference, delegates develop transferable skills including research, public speaking, negotiating, and critical thinking. These are the



foundations of leadership and successful communication, which allows delegates to face life's obstacles with confidence.

THIMUN acts as an encouragement for social responsibility and participation in society. It is recommended that delegates think about their future roles as leaders and change makers in addition to having a thorough understanding of global challenges. The conference instills a sense of accountability

to confront society issues and support positive change. Participants are encouraged by THIMUN to become involved in civic affairs both locally and globally, even outside of committee sessions.

Every aspect of leadership development is impacted by THIMUN. By attending the conference, delegates gain exposure to the complexities of making decisions, and resolving conflicts all crucial components of

good leadership. They have the knowledge and skills necessary to handle challenging circumstances, make wise choices, and demonstrate empathy and honesty as leaders. The impact of THIMUN is felt long after committee rooms end, affecting members' lives deeply. THIMUN also has an indirect impact on lives changed and futures inspired.

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