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Interview with Secretary General Fatima Al Mohandi

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In a recent interview, Secretary-General (SG) Fatima Al Mohandi shared her insights into her motivations, goals, and strategies for leading the Middle School Model United Nations (MSMUN). Fatima's deep motivation to run for the SG position stems from her desire to lead a conference where delegates collaborate under organized committees. She expressed immense happiness witnessing the enthusiasm of delegates on the first day, which further fueled her commitment. Fatima's passion for fostering a collaborative environment where delegates can engage in meaningful discussions and work together towards solutions is evident in her approach to leading the MSMUN. Her dedication to creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all participants is reflected in her emphasis on support, inclusivity, and acceptance of mistakes. Fatima's commitment to ensuring a smooth and effective MSMUN conference is evident in her focus on discipline, commitment, and strategic planning. She believes that having a clear vision and learning from mistakes are essential aspects of her strategy. Despite potential challenges, Fatima remains optimistic about the success of the conference, emphasizing the importance of dedication and strategic learning. Secretary-General Fatima Al Mohandi's interview highlights her dedication to leading MSMUN with integrity, inclusivity-



and strategic vision, ensuring a

Fatima's objectives for MSMUN are to deliver the conference theme of "legacy" and align with Qatar National Vision 2030. She aims to

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instill a deep understanding of legacy and the impact of THIMUN over the years, inspiring delegates to consider the future. This approach contributes to a lasting impact and supports Qatar's vision for sustainable development. Fatima's vision for MSMUN extends beyond the conference itself, aiming to create a ripple effect that influences the delegates' perspectives and actions beyond the event.

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Interview with Chair: Husain Al Lami

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In an interview with Chair Husain Al Lami, valuable insights were provided into the role of a chair in managing a room full of delegates. Al Lami emphasized the crucial importance of effective leadership and management skills to maintain order and ensure the smooth running of MUN conferences. He noted that establishing authority and gaining the respect of delegates is essential to prevent disruptions and encourage productive discussions.

When asked about his inspiration to become a chair, Al Lami expressed a genuine passion for leading and facilitating meaningful dialogue among participants. He finds satisfaction in guiding debates and ensuring that proceedings adhere to MUN protocols. Reflecting on his overall experience, Al Lami acknowledged encountering minor challenges but emphasized the rewarding nature of the role. Despite occasional issues, he finds serving as a chair to be enjoyable, beneficial, and conducive to personal growth.



Furthermore, Al Lami enthusiastically recommended the chair position to others in his school, highlighting the invaluable experience it offers in developing leadership skills and fostering a deeper understanding of global issues. He emphasized the importance of embracing the responsibilities of the role while enjoying the fun and rewarding aspects of leading MUN conferences.

In conclusion, the interview with Chair Husain Al Lami shed light on the significance of effective leadership in MUN settings and underscored the rewarding nature of serving as a chair in facilitating meaningful discussions and fostering personal growth.

The 9th MSMUN Opening Ceremony Reem Al-Alem Qatar Academy High School

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as we gathered for the 9th

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Middle School Model United Nations (MSMUN) opening ceremony. Our voices swelled in unity as we proudly sang the national anthem and flags representing different countries waved across the room, highlighting the diversity of our MUN community. It was a thrilling beginning to what promised to be an unforgettable event!

The Deputy Secretary-General greeted us warmly, setting the stage for what was to come. Amina Hassan, from THIMUN Qatar, shared insights into the significance of MUN in fostering global understanding, underscoring the importance of our role in shaping the future.



The ceremony also shed light on Qatar's inspiring us all to strive for greatness. vision for the future, particularly its We were also treated to a behind-thecommitment to environmental scenes glimpse of the hard work put in sustainability. Secretary General Fatima by our editing team through a Saad Al Mohannadi delivered a powerful captivating video. speech in both Arabic and English, urging us to consider the legacy we want With the official commencement of the to leave behind. MSMUN 2024 conference, we were

Following her, Reem Al Janahi emphasized the importance of making a positive impact on the world,

ready and eager to dive into discussions and make our mark on the world.

Sustainable Transportation for Qatar's Legacy: Fulfilling Qatar Vision 2030 and SDG 13

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Qatar's journey towards Qatar Vision 2030 is intricately tied to the theme of legacy, focusing on the desire to leave a positive and enduring impact for future generations. At the heart of this vision lies a strong commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 13 (SDG 13) on Climate Action. To uphold this commitment, Qatar is taking decisive steps to address environmental challenges, particularly in the transportation sector, by transitioning away from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, embracing electric mobility, and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

One of the key strategies in Qatar's climate action agenda is the transition from ICE vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs). Qatar has announced a permanent ban on ICE vehicles to curb emissions and improve air quality. This move not only aligns with the sustainability goals of Qatar Vision 2030 but also contributes to the broader objectives of SDG 13. Embracing EVs not only reduces carbon footprints but also fosters innovation and technological advancement within the transportation sector, positioning Qatar as a leader in sustainable

By investing in CNG infrastructure and incentivizing its usage, Qatar is not only reducing carbon emissions but also enhancing its energy security and resilience, aligning with its longterm sustainability objectives.

The transition towards sustainable transportation embodies Qatar's commitment to Qatar Vision 2030 and SDG 13. By prioritizing climate action and embracing cleaner transportation technologies, Qatar is setting a precedent for environmental leadership in the region. Through strategic initiatives such as banning ICE vehicles, promoting EVs, and increasing CNG usage, Qatar is demonstrating its dedication to leaving a positive legacy of environmental sustainability and resilience for future generations.

As Qatar progresses towards Qatar Vision 2030, the theme of legacy underscores its commitment to sustainability and climate action. By spearheading initiatives to transition towards sustainable transportation, Qatar is not only fulfilling its obligations to SDG 13 but also laying the groundwork for a greener, more prosperous future. Through its concerted efforts to ban ICE vehicles. promote EVs, and expand CNG usage, Qatar is setting a benchmark for sustainable development and leaving behind a lasting legacy of environmental stewardship for generations to come.

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mobility.

In addition to promoting EV adoption, Qatar is implementing measures to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels. One of the strategic approaches is to increase the utilization of compressed natural gas (CNG) as an alternative energy source. This not only helps diversify energy sources but also mitigates environmental impacts associated with traditional fossil fuels.





Building Sustainable Cities: Solving Housing and Transportation Issues

Maliha Al-Abdulla Qatar Academy Al Khor

During today's Model United Nations (MUN) session, the focus was on Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8) - Decent Work and Economic Growth. Delegates engaged in comprehensive discussions surrounding two key issues: promoting youth entrepreneurship in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations and improving minimum wage policies in developing countries.

Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship in GCC Nations:

Youth entrepreneurship is crucial for driving economic growth, innovation, and job creation, particularly in the GCC nations where a significant youth population presents both a challenge and an opportunity. Delegates recognized that fostering entrepreneurship among youth requires a multifaceted approach, including access to entrepreneurial training programs, mentorship networks, and financial support. They emphasized the importance of creating a conducive environment for youth entrepreneurship through supportive policies and regulatory frameworks that encourage innovation and risktaking.

One of the strategies discussed was the establishment of entrepreneurship centers and incubators to provide aspiring young entrepreneurs with the necessary resources and support to develop their ideas into viable businesses. Delegates also highlighted the importance of integrating entrepreneurship education into school curricula to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset from an early age. Additionally, they emphasized the need for partnerships between educational institutions, the private sector, and government agencies to provide youth with practical skills and knowledge relevant to the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

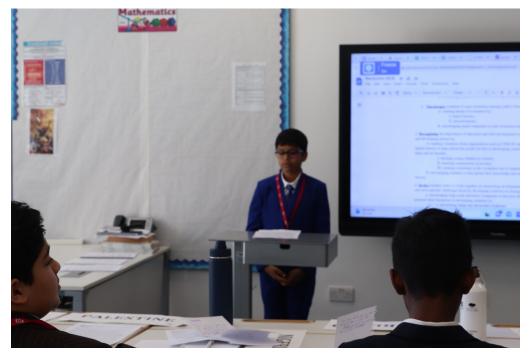
Another key aspect of promoting youth entrepreneurship is the provision of financial support and incentives for startups. Delegates discussed the importance of creating funding mechanisms, such as grants, loans, and venture capital, specifically targeted at young entrepreneurs. They emphasized the need for these funding sources to be accessible and tailored to the unique needs and challenges faced by youth entrepreneurs, such as limited access to collateral and a lack of business experience.

Improving Minimum Wage in Developing Countries:

Delegates recognized the importance of fair wages in ensuring decent work and reducing poverty. They noted that many workers in developing countries, particularly in the informal sector, are not paid a living wage, which hinders their ability to meet basic needs and improve their standard of living. Delegates emphasized the need to improve minimum wage policies to ensure that all workers are paid a fair wage that allows them to live a decent life.

In conclusion, the discussions on promoting youth entrepreneurship in the GCC nations and improving minimum wage policies in developing countries highlighted the importance of addressing key challenges to achieve SDG 8. Delegates recognized that promoting decent work and economic growth requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the needs of both youth and workers. They emphasized the importance of creating a supportive environment for entrepreneurship, providing financial support and incentives for startups, and improving minimum wage policies to ensure that all workers are paid a fair wage. Delegates committed to working together to implement concrete measures to achieve these goals and ensure inclusive and sustainable economic growth for all.

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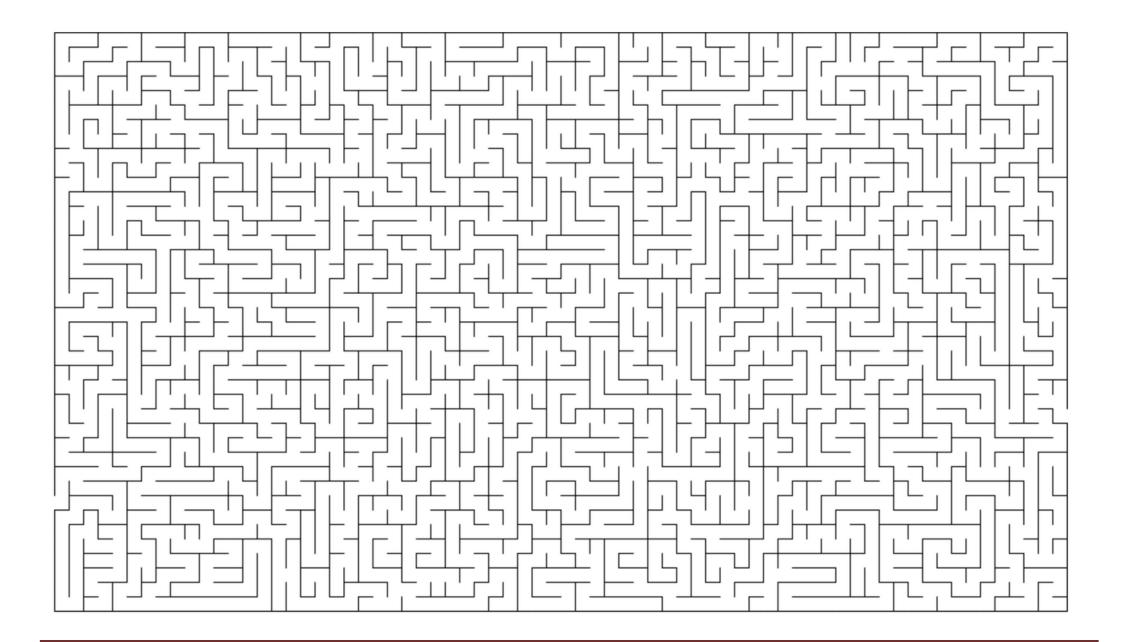


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