

SGIA's victory in the 20th Harvard Model Congress Asia

The 20th Harvard Model Congress Asia (HMCA) was held in one of the premier universities in South Korea, Seoul National University from January 8 -10 2024. The conference is a government simulation that lasted for 3 days that was attended by 400 high school students from different participating schools and countries such as Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam,

Thailand, Cambodia, Hongkong, Japan, Georgia, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea, and Australia. SGIA was represented by 15 delegates, ranging from grades 10-12, who were assigned to 8 different committees: Senate Foreign



Relations, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Human Rights Council, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Security Council, and World Health Organization. Our delegates debated gracefully in each of their respective committees, collaborating with other delegates to form a concise resolution to the issues that they were served. The delegates discussed several topics such as but not limited to: Climate Resilience, Climate Migration, Maritime Trade Connectivity, Child Marriage in South Asia, Cholera Epidemics and Urbanization, The Impact of Climate Change on

Military Bases, Preventing Antibiotic Resistance and the US-Philippine Military Alliance. Hard work and effort were poured into thorough research by our delegates to substantially contribute and participate in the debates, discussion and bill writing for the three-day conference.

At the end of the conference, an SGIA student, **Vanessa Puar Calina Lutfi**, was awarded Honorable Mention in the COP 28 committee. She confidently spoke in front of other delegates and cooperatively discussed the issues about Environmental Risks of Mining and Climate Migration, to form an effective and concise resolution to combat the issues at hand as the delegate of Yemen.



Furthermore, three of our students, **Adhityo Darmansyah** (Grade 12), **Ghaisan Hafuza Kasabi** (Grade 11) and **Kingston DJ Saputra** (Grade 11), were awarded scholarships by HMCA - with Adhityo receiving a full scholarship and Ghaisan along with Kingston receiving partial scholarships.



This HMCA conference has been an eye-opening and unforgettable experience for both our school's first-timers and the senior delegates. HMCA 2024 has definitely instilled passion to resolve global issues among our delegates and provided them a new tale of meaningful experience to share with our school community. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity filled with joy and thrill for both our delegates and their accompanying supervisors.



HMCA 2024 has been an unforgettable conference for our delegates, here are what they have to say about it:

While the HMCA conference posed its challenges, the undeniable joy and fulfillment I experienced throughout strengthen my enthusiasm for engaging in diplomatic simulations – Ghaisan

My journey to HMCA 2024 marks the beginning and not the end of my continual improvement in public speaking
- Joel



The HMCA conference had taught me how to be enthusiastic and supportive at the same time, the way I perceive things had changed. There are a billion ways to achieve what you want, but intention matter. – Sabrina

Thanks to HMCA, I was given a chance to develop my thinking and public speaking skills and deepen my understanding of global issues while collaborating and befriending students from around Asia, helping me get out of my comfort zone. – Whitnie

In a competitive situation, you must really push yourself to stand out in the spotlight to be recognized. – Kingston

HMCA has been a surreal experience and a wonderful opportunity for me to grow both as a delegate and as a person. It gave me the chance to



meet new people and gave me new perspectives on the world around me, I won't forget this experience. – Ryan

I learned to be confident and be more proactive while in a conference. – Alfred

HMCA taught me how to engage in diplomatic issues, deepen my understanding of international relations, create solutions for global challenges, and communicate and build friendships with other delegates, chairs, and faculty members, who come from diverse backgrounds. – Florencia

Because of the HMCA conference I learned to become more open-minded and speak out a lot more than I used to, as well as gaining the confidence to collaborate more with other delegates. – Aisyah

HMCA pushed me beyond my comfort zone, allowing me to create meaningful learning discussions and form wonderful friendships. – Vanessa



HMCA was a wonderful experience filled with new insights that will stay with me as a great memory in attending my last conference as SGIA delegate. - Sarah