

55th THIMUN – January 2023

10 Students from BISJ MUN Society recently took part in THIMUN 2023, an internationally regarded Model United Conference held in The Hague. Students had the task of representing Norway in a simulation of the United Nations, where they worked over four days to provide solutions to some of the world's most pressing border issues.

Our delegates and their issues for debate were:

Rutajit Mohanty [IB1]: Ambassador of Norway, Disarmament & International Security Committee

Issue 1: Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Black Sea region

Issue 2: Controlling illicit arms smuggling in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region

Issue 3: Legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons

Ayesha Rehman [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Commission

Issue 1: Measures to eradicate forced labour and end modern slavery

Issue 2: Measures to protect cultural identity of minorities

Issue 3: The Question of Repatriation of Arts and Cultural Artefacts in a Post-colonial Age to their Countries of Origin

Yusra Patni [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Human Rights Sub-Commission 1

Issue 1: Measures to protect the rights to the cultural diversity of national, ethnic, religious, and linguistic minorities

Issue 2: Protecting human rights for civilians in the Russian-Ukrainian conflict

Issue 3: Ensuring the protection of migrant juveniles traveling without adults

Nour Abouamasha [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Human Rights Sub-Commission 2

Issue 1: Measures to further develop cross-border cooperation for the assistance of migrants and asylum-seekers

Issue 2: Protecting journalists and media workers' freedom of expression in time of war

Issue 3: Protecting the rights of LGBT+ people

Sameeha Karrim [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Sustainable Development Sub-Commission 1

Issue 1: Managing human overpopulation in areas of profound biodiversity

Issue 2: Measures to control cropland expansion in order to reduce deforestation

Issue 3: The question of nuclear energy as a viable "clean energy" alternative to fossil fuels

Faris Hamdani [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Environment Commission 1

Issue 1: Measures to prevent forest fires

Issue 2: Measures to develop the link between animal welfare, environment and sustainable development

Issue 3: The question of land grabbing in Less Economically Developed Countries LEDCs

Mohammad Alnuserat [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Environment Commission 2

Issue 1: Promoting short and long term drought mitigation measures

Issue 2: Measures to reduce ocean acidification

Issue 3: Measures to tackle poaching and the illegal trade of wildlife products

Mustafa Tariq [Y9]: Delegate of Norway, Special Conference on the Future of Borders Sub-Commission 1

Issue 1: The question of countries building walls and other forms of barriers

Issue 2: The Question of Measures to Better Protect International Maritime Routes

Issue 3: The question of the rise of regionalism and nationalism as a reaction to globalization

Huzaifah Akbar [IB1]: Delegate of Norway, Special Conference Sub-Commission 2

Issue 1: The question of strengthening control of national territorial borders

Issue 2: Preserving national traditions, culture, and language in a globalized world

Issue 3: Measures to improve international trade and transport for landlocked developing countries

Students were accompanied by

- Ms Rachel Henwood, Director of BISJ MUN
- Mr Dammes Ledebøer, BISJ Finance Manager

Trip itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Amsterdam followed by a canal cruise to see lots of the city

Day 2: Morning visit to the Anne Frank House, followed by cycling through the park and a visit to the Van Gogh Museum

Day 3: Morning visit to the Dutch national museum, the Rijksmuseum, before transferring to The Hague and ice-skating on the coast

Day 4: Conference Day 1 involved lobbying and merging from 10am to 4pm, followed by the official opening ceremony. The evening was spent shopping and exploring the Hague.

Day 5: Conference Day 2 from 9am to 5pm with extended lobbying and beginning debates. voting on amendments and resolutions. The evening was spent at an escape room.

Day 6: Conference Day 3 from 9am to 5pm saw debate and voting on resolutions

Day 7: Conference Day 4 saw voting on final resolutions, before the closing ceremony, where Rutajit Mohanty [IB1] carried the flag as the Ambassador of the Delegation of Norway.







