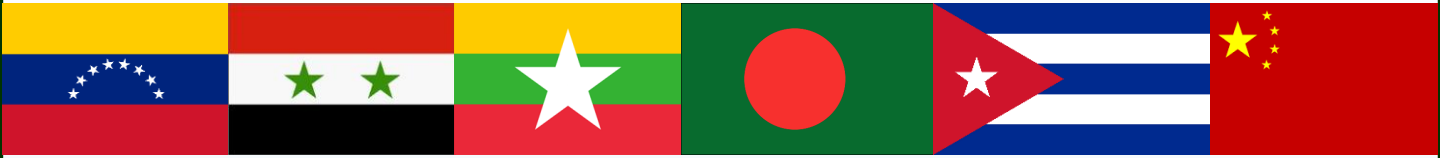




# AL DIYAFAH HIGH SCHOOL



## MODEL UNITED NATIONS



I worked on two agendas: 'The threat of transnational organized crime' and 'The Ukrainian Crisis'. I feel extremely privileged to having been a part of it. The conference was a real eye-opener, I learnt a lot about various global issues. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience and will continue going to such conferences.

- Rhea Shetty (10-G)



*My experience at MUN was like no other. It was purely amazing. Though on the first day we were nervous, on the second and third day we rocked. It was Learning with the thrill...*

- Vismai Khanderao (10 B)



IHSMUN2K16 was definitely a 72 hour rollercoaster. With three days of nonstop debating, extempore speeches and fiery sessions, representing the Republic of Poland at the World Health Assembly was certainly one of the most unforgettable moments in my life. MUN has showed me what the word "competition" truly defines.

- Daniel Cardozo (10 B)

*After 24 hours of intense negotiation, I remember the exact phrase I told my Mom, "I want to do this for the rest of my life". The moments of crisis and conflict, of negotiation and leadership, were the moments I longed for.*

- Ricky Advani (10 B)



"The MUN global conference held at IHS was an uplifting experience for me as it showed me how the provision of right kind of environment could bring out the best in all of us! It was great to see our diyafites shed their inhibitions and delve into world issues. This experience will be the anlage of MUN-Diyafah!"

- Robin D'Souza (Student Mentor)



The honourable delegates are back from their three day MUN global conference, from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April, held at Indian High School, Oud Metha. They have made us proud and carved out a niche for themselves as true debators! **Hamza Ethar, Ricky Advani, Yahya Abdul Munaim, Vismai Khanderao, Keagan Fernandes, and Ali Alvi Shabbir** have won prizes for debating, position papers and for their contribution at IHS – MUN. **Joanne Joshua, Veena Madhu, Bushra Ahmed, Shamika Shetty, Daniel Cardozo, Swa Nair, Rhea Shetty, Maria Mustafa, Devang Singh, Rahul Chopra, Shagun Dharnidharka, Beverley D'Souza and Anushka Mohan** have grown richer by experience and confidence. They are still reeling under the intense experience. They joined 230 other delegates from around UAE and India to form 8 committees – DISC, UNCND, UNLC, IAEA, UNSC, UNHRC, WHA and IPC. Each of these committees deliberated on agendas that formed the crux of threat to human endeavor: nuclear proliferation in the Middle-East, Refugee crises surrounding Rohingyas and Syrians, Drug trafficking, spread of microbial diseases, the future of nuclear energy, Ukraine situation, codifying regulations on cybercrime, threat of transnational organized crime, removing chemical weapons form conflict zones, etc. are some of those agendas. With much research and keeping tab on current currents in the international arena, the delegates prepared their country Position Papers and drafted Resolutions on each of these agendas to work towards solving them.





**Day 1** was one of initiation and welcome. The delegates were addressed by the chief guest, **Ms. Sumati Vasudev** and entertained by IHS students with classical dance display. The delegates then moved into their respective committees for debates and discussions. The 'Old gamers' had a great day and the 'green horns' just observed, participated whenever opportunity smiled upon them. The gavel pounded 'order' as delegates broke lines, set their foreign diplomacy under fire!

**Day 2** was a gala day. It was day of unexpected crises that would throw the whole committee into a new angle of debate. The 'green horns' had the 'old gamers' run for their money as these crises put everyone on equal footing. This day saw delegates mauled by Points of Information and Order so much so some were on the verge of teary deluge! Resolutions were drawn ....debated.....challenged and voted! Some harangued when they were met with stiff criticism of their Resolutions. By the vesper hours, the delegates learnt that diplomacy wins over natural allies and Resolutions passed! The gala party, at silicon Oasis, at the end of the end came as a soothing balm to all those successes and failures.

**Day 3** was the day to draw the curtain and of awards! This day also saw quality debates, discussions and resolutions! The delegates had forged friendship and comradery. Awards for given for Best delegate, best position paper, best committee under best delegation in each committee. The DPS Sharjah won the best delegation as they had walked away with 4 top coveted prizes! The ADHS delegation have done quite well for themselves albeit their first time at 'MUNning' at global level!

Above all the medals and crystal trophies, what mattered the most was the intense experience. The euphoria may fizzle out before the spark could morph into roaring fire! To this end, the experience, enthusiasm, and commitment will make MUN -Diyafah a reality and some day will go beyond borders.

