



**VEFA HIGH SCHOOL MODEL
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
2019**

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FOREWORD

Model United Nations (MUN), is organized by high school or university students through advisors. It is a simulation of United Nations and its committees, where important world problems are discussed and resolved by the participating high school or university students. The main language used in the Model United Nations Conferences is usually English. However, German, Turkish or different languages may be considered valid according to the conferences. Students participating in the conference become delegates of a country and try to discuss and resolve important world issues in the various organs of the United Nations (its committees). Before each conference, the participants will prepare for the conference by conducting in-depth research on the foreign policy of the country they will represent and their opinion on the issue to be discussed at the conference. In addition, they conduct a wide-ranging survey of the United Nations' previously published declarations, conferences on the topic, and all other work it has conducted.

MUN meetings were held at Harvard University in the USA during the time of the League of Nations, while the United Nations was not yet established in the 1920s. MUN Conferences, which became widespread especially after the establishment of the United Nations in 1945, are now organized internationally by many high schools and universities in most countries every year. The primary aim of the Model United Nations conferences is to provide participants with an insight into the current and important world problems and possible solutions of problems, as well as the ability and productive thinking of young people and self-confidence. Since the official language of most of their conferences is English, it plays a major role in the development and practice of foreign language skills of participating young people. Students attending the conferences can also learn their interest in branches such as International Relations and Law. In addition, at the end of the Model United Nations conferences, the participation certificates given to the participants are among the qualifications required in the acquisition of students at many universities in the international arena or in some business branches abroad in particular. Participants from foreign countries and from different cities also play an important role in the cultural exchange of young people and the formation of international friendships.

VEFAMUN CLUB

Model United Nations in Vefa, which started with a single person in 2012, became a large group with the HASALMUN conference, which we participated as a delegation for the first time in February 2013. In April and May of the same year more than 60 students benefited from a comprehensive MUN training program. In 2013, this formation became a club with the necessary permissions and the determination of responsible teachers. Our club also continued participating in conferences organized by various schools such as İstanbul Erkek Lisesi, Kabataş Erkek Lisesi and Yeditepe University.

At the beginning of 2014, our students started to become an experienced group in MUN conferences with the awards of Outstanding and Honorable Mentions. Our school has become an important part of conferences such as KMUN organized by Kabataş Erkek High School in May 2014, by participating more than 20 delegates. Throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, our club took part in the academic teams and also stood in the background of the conferences. Especially in the last three years, we have organized pre-conference trainings to prepare our new members for the organizations they will attend. We have successfully represented our school in the IELMUN, SOBILMUN, IUMUN, GSLMUN, YMUN, HASALMUN and HASMUN conferences that we attended during our academic year. During these five years we took part actively and successfully in Turkey MUN Society both academically and socially.

We have increased our level by announcing the name of our school among high school and universities by winning various prizes and achievements at every conference we attended. By providing MUN activity to Vefa High School students; we aimed to be the conscious, self-confident individuals in the society. We approached this goal day by day and in 2017 we held the MUN conference for the first time in our school. Our aim is to advance this organization to make it a tradition

VefaMUN 2017

VefaMUN 2017 was held between 31 March-3 April. The conference did the honors for approximately 300 applicants from distinguished schools (International Fatih Sultan Mehmet Anatolian Religious Vocational High School, Prof. Dr. Mümtaz Turhan Social Sciences High School, Ankara Gölbaşı Anatolian High School ect.)

Participants debated upon world problems and tried to come up with solutions throughout 4 days. At the end of the conference, successful delegates were awarded and the participants were certificated.

VefaMUN 2018

The second annual session of VefaMUN -VefaMUN2018- hosted over 300 participants that're applying from esteemed schools such as Kartal Anatolian Religious Vocational High School, Kabatas Erkek High School(?), Prof. Dr. Mümtaz Turhan Social Sciences High School etc.

Delegates discussed about possible solutions to national and international issues for four days. After the debates successful delegates were awarded and all of the participants were certificated regardless of their position.

Guideline

1) The Conference

VefaMUN 2019 the conference is a simulation of United Nations. Therefore participants will represent the country that they will be allocated to as well as their school. In other words, delegates will get assigned to various countries in specific committees of United Nations that the conference will host and they will represent them. A delegate's role is to act like a representative of United Nations and their delegation along with debating about agendas in committees, writing resolutions or position papers to problems, offering amendments to possible solutions, remaining active on discussions and trying to resolve the issues at hand.

2) Date

VefaMUN conference is planned to be held between 12 April – 15 April 2019

3) Conference Venue

The first day of VefaMUN is planned to take place in Vefa High School while The remaining days are planned to take place in Cebeci Campus of Kadir Has University.

4) Number of People

Approximately two hundred (200) people from various schools will participate as a delegate. Teachers of the schools who will participate as a delegation ought to accompany the delegation as their supervisor. Furthermore, twelve secretariat members, fourteen press members, twenty organization members, eighteen committee directors, all of who are students, will serve before and during the conference. With the inclusion of the guests who will be invited to the opening ceremony and other guests, the total number of people at the conference will be three hundred.

5) The procedure of the Conference

The participants conduct research with the assistance of their study guides as well as other resources. They are obligated to submit a paper which describes the position of the assigned country on the subject matter to their committee directors one week prior to the conference. During the committee, delegates discuss the issue at hand and then come up with solutions. These solutions are later voted on.

6) Committees

The committees of VefaMUN 2019 shall be:

- a) Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (General Assembly 3)
- b) Disarmament and International Security (General Assembly 1)
- c) The Historical Trusteeship Council
- d) Commission of Latin American and Caribbean States
- e) Cabinet of Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- f) French Indian War

United Nations General Assembly

United Nations General Assembly, which is one of the six main organs of the United Nations, is comprised of every UN member state and every state has equal representation. The General Assembly has the right to access the UN fund, which the GA uses to finance most of their sub-organs. The annual meeting of the General Assembly is held under the moderation of Secretary-General. The GA drafts a resolution whose purpose is to make suggestions to the member states on the issues of human rights, budgetary problems, and international security, following this draft, a voting procedure takes place. These resolutions are later delivered to responsible authorities.

a) Social, Humanitarian, Cultural Committee (Third Committee)

General Assembly Third Committee or the Social and Humanitarian Committee tackles the issues of women, child and minority rights as well as the topic of discrimination. The functions of the Committee are to give recommendations to the member states on the aforementioned issues via resolutions.

b) Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

General Assembly First Committee is one of the six main organs of the United Nations whose purpose is to mold public opinion on the issues of disarmament and international security with the assistance of non-governmental organizations.

c) The Historical Trusteeship Council

The Historical Trusteeship Council, one of the primary organs of the UN, was founded with the purpose of administering Trust Territories and providing security to their residents. Most of these Trust territories, which was either the mandates of "League of Nations" or the land taken from the Axis Powers after World War II, was declared independent by the council. Later, some of the territories which attained independence joined their neighbors.

d) Community of Latin American and Caribbean States

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) was launched in order to contribute to economic improvements, increase compatibility among these states, and make significant improvements in welfare levels. Furthermore, holding platforms in order to provide international cooperations is also amongst the responsibilities of the foundation.

e) Cabinet of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Cabinet of United States is known for being the main executive organ of the country. The Council of Ministers (Cabinet) consists of ministers, other senior officials and vice president under the leadership of the president. During the committee which will be mainly focused on the Cabinet of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, delegates will be representing ministers and are expected to do their best in order to tackle some of the most crucial crises of the history like the great depression

f) French and Indian war

Also known as the Seven Years' War, this New World conflict marked another chapter in the long imperial struggle between Britain and France. When France's expansion into the Ohio River valley brought repeated conflict with the claims of the British colonies, a series of battles led to the official British declaration of war in 1756 and so did the war that lasted until early 1763 and would be remembered as one of the biggest, most efficacious wars in the history started.

7) Participants

Participants can make their applications through the website by meeting the participation prerequisites. Applications can be made as a delegate, committee director, press member, staff member and etc. A participant who wishes to be involved in the conference as a delegate can do their applications either individually or as a delegation which requires other applications from the same school to be made as well.

Students wishing to take part in VefamUN 2019 are required to have the criteria stated below:

- Being either a high school or university student.
- Meeting the prerequisites pointed out in the application form.

8) Selection of The Participants

If the aforementioned criteria are fulfilled and met by the applicant, the secretary of the conference is responsible for the participation process and the position that will be given to the participants. Applicants will be evaluated based on their previous experiences regarding MUN and their achievements in this area. After this evaluation, the applicant will be assigned to a position by VefamUN Secretary. The positions can vary from being a committee director in the academic team to being a delegate in the committees. The Secretaria works in cooperation with the Public Relations Department in the process of concluding the evaluations and informing the applicants about the result of their applications.

Organizers and the Executive Team

The heads of the main departments who will be taking charge in the organization team are being assigned and tasked by the decisions of the Director-General. Therefore, candidate press team members and administrative staff members send their application via VefamUN internet site to be a member of the organization team in the stated date.

The conditions to be a member of VefamUN organization team are listed below

- 1) Being a high school or college student
- 2) Having Model United Nations Conference (MUN) or MUN-related conference experiences

Executive Team of the VefamUN 2019

Erkin Özgür- Secretary General
Dilara İpekçil- Director General
Gülce Gökmen- Director General
Mert Çukadar- Deputy Secretary General
Betül Yıldız- President of the General Assemblies
Merve Yetiştirici- President of the Special Agencies
Zeynep Sude Köse- Head of Public Relations
Sezin Eylül Arı- Head of Public Relations
Toprak Rohat Yalçın- Chief of Administrative Staff
Deniz Özdilek- Head of Logistics Team
İlayda Bozkurt- .Head of the Press Team
Sude Nil Hürmüz- Head of Finance Team

1) Information

The needed brief information will be released via the official internet site of the VefamUN 2019, (www.vefamun.org), the social media accounts before, during and after the conference, briefings also will be regularly updated. Additionally, the participants will be able to contact with the public relations department via e-mail, without any hesitation.

2) After the conference

The executive and the organization team of the VefaMUN Conference of 2019 will be gratifying the participants by

- 1) Sending their resolution paper which had been prepared and passed with the clear majority in the house or assembly to the delegates via e-mail,
- 2) Sending the documents which had been prepared and passed with the clear majority during the conference to the specified institutions such as the United Nations and so on,
- 3) Supporting the possible solutions stated by the delegates to implement them in the diplomatic platform.

3) Schedule

12.04.2019 Friday

12.00-14.00 : Registration
14.00-16.00 : Opening Ceremony
16.00-16.30 : Coffee Break
16.45-18.45 : First Session/GA Committees
16.45-18.45 : First Session/Special Committees

13.04.2019 Saturday

9.00-10.30 : Second Session
10.30-11.00 : Coffee Break
11.00-12.30 : Third Session
12.30-14.00 : Lunch Break
14.00-15.30 : Fourth Session
15.30-16.00 : Coffee Break
16.00-17.30 : Fifth Session
18.00 : Social Event

14.04.2019 Sunday

9.00-10.30 : Sixth Session
10.30-11.00 : Coffee break
11.00-12.30 : Seventh Session
12.30-14.00 : Lunch Break
14.00-15.30 : Eighth Session
15.30-16.00 : Coffee Break
18.00 : Social Event

15.04.2019 Monday

9.00-10.30 : Tenth Session
10.30-11.00 : Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 : Eleventh Session
12.30-14.00 : Lunch Break
14.00-15.30 : Twelfth Session/GA Committees
14.00-15.30 : Twelfth Session/Special Committees
15.30-16.00 : Coffee Break
16.00-18.00 : Closing Ceremony

4) Transportation

The transportation will be provided by the participants as the venue will be in a central location for transportation facilities.

5) Coffee Breaks

Hot and cold beverages , pastries and boza will be served during the coffee breaks.

6) Lunch

Lunch will be served at The Kadir Has University Cibali Campus cafeteria.

7) Social Events

At the second and the third evening of the conference, after the committee sessions, school groups music show and dinner will be organized at the conference hall of Kadir Has University.

8) Public Relations Works

In order to increase participation and to reach our participants from around Turkey , we have a public relations team consisting of eight people. An official invitation will be sent to the schools which will be participating in the conference.