



CHEMUN XVI

Cohesion and Divergence

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Letter From AISC Head of School

Dear Chennai Model United Nations Delegates,

Welcome to the American International School Chennai and our annual CHEMUN conference! We are a hospitable school, so please ask anyone for help throughout the conference.

Your theme this year - Cohesion and Divergence - is not only highly relevant but incredibly important. Globally, there is an inherent tension between uniquely diverse viewpoints and beliefs and a shared hope for coherent, coordinated actions against the ills of today. Addressing this tension is difficult.

Daniel Kahneman, a behavioral economist, offers that, “we can be blind to the obvious, and we are also blind to our blindness.” Indeed. If we wish for unity and cohesion, then we have to identify what stands in the way and, often, this points inward. We can be our own worst enemies, gravitating to like-minded individuals and favoring our usual approaches to problem solving. If we open our eyes to ourselves and surface and address our own blindness, we can not only “see” but engage the diversity of thought and action that may be our sole collective salvation.

As a global community, we face mounting challenges. Some of these are not new. Food scarcity, income inequality and environmental degradation are perennial challenges. Yet as communities across the globe surface biases and question hierarchies, a call for justice rings louder than ever. To choose blindness at this point seems an exercise in futility. Choosing the path of sight is both difficult and necessary. It will require openness, compromise, and even sacrifice. This weekend can be the starting point for opening your eyes as you engage in meaningful discourse. Enjoy CHEMUN!

Best,



Joelle Basnight
Head of School AISC

Letter From AISC High School Principal

Greetings from the American International School Chennai,

A Google search for divergence and cohesion reveals that this concept is embedded in both biology—“Genomic divergence and cohesion in a species of pelagic freshwater bacteria” (Hoetzinger and Hahn 2017) and sociology – “Divergent modes of ritual, social cohesion, prosociality, and conflict” (University of Oxford 2023). The question, for bacteria, human societies and all species is how to maintain cohesion, and at the same time, allow for divergence.

When prepping for CHEMUN XVI you were probably balancing cohesion and divergence. How were you preparing your issue briefs, your resolutions, your strategies? How much will you stick to your plans and how much will you improvise and diverge? Will you find balance between cohesion—sticking with it, and divergence—allowing for change and adaptation? What will you keep and what will you let go of? What new things might you try? What important questions!

Big picture—one might put the CHEMUN XVI provocation as: How do we stay true to our beliefs and traditions, our values, AND be adaptive, changing ourselves and our societies so that we and our descendants can flourish in the world we leave for them? The UN, MUN and CHEMUN are exactly where we strive to find the best answers to this question. We know we need to respond, adapt and change. How? To what extent? For us with great privilege, we have a great responsibility to seek and find answers.

One way to think about your role is as stewardship. Stewardship is “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” Together, we are stewards of our planet, for ourselves and for future generations. By balancing cohesion and divergence, we are seeking to protect that which has been entrusted to us: our beliefs, values and traditions, AND to consider how we might need to change in response to the world around us. The future has been entrusted to us as well. Can we be the stewards we, the earth and all of our descendants need?

AISC’s mission seeks to equip our students with the tools needed to answer this question with a resounding, “YES!”: ***Together we inspire a love of learning, empowering all students with the courage, confidence, creativity and compassion to make their unique contribution in a diverse and dynamic world.*** With courage, creativity and compassion, we can be the stewards we need to be for ourselves, our families, our schools, our societies and our planet. We will honor our ancestors and provide a sustainable future for our descendants -by balancing cohesion and divergence as we move forward in our dynamic world.

We welcome you to CHEMUN XVI. Be ready to flourish together as stewards and friends,

Mike Malone
High School Principal

Letter From AISC MUN Advisors

Dear Delegates and Advisors,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to CHEMUN XVI. This is one of the most unique conferences hosted by AISC as we embrace a hybrid option, welcome delegates back in person, and continue with our virtual options. This year we have around 400 students representing 25+ schools from India and around the world, thus CHEMUN XVI promises to be dynamic and inclusive. The Chennai Model United Nations (CHEMUN) conference began in 2006 with the aim of creating an educational simulation of the United Nations that inspires young minds to “dedicate themselves to the service of the community and to the service of humanity.” CHEMUN is a THIMUN affiliated conference and thus follows all the THIMUN rules and procedures.

The theme of this year's conference is **Cohesion and Divergence**. This unique theme encompasses many issues present in these uncertain times and connects with a range of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). “Cohesion and Divergence” focuses on striking a balance in order to reduce inequalities and conflict. It encapsulates the questions: How does progress become accessible to all? How do we reduce inequalities and empower all genders, races, and people? How do we embrace differences while still holding on to our own traditions and cultures? And How do we minimize conflict in order to foster collaboration? To answer these questions, global cooperation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is critical. Cohesion during difficult times is not attained without active participation from everyone. Ultimately, how the world emerges from the trying times is up to all of us.

Thank you all for your participation. It is our hope that CHEMUN XVI ignites within each of you, a desire to develop the art of diplomacy and a passion to solve problems in just and peaceful ways. Nelson Mandela once said, “Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that generation. Let your greatness blossom.”

Kind Regards,



Ms. Pepper McFarland and Ms. Chandini Jude
MUN Co-Directors

Letter From CHEMUN Secretary General

Greetings, everyone. My name is Nicole Ahn, a 12th grader at the American International School of Chennai. I am honored to serve as the Co-Secretary General of CHEMUN XIV along with Shanmugam Ganesan .

My MUN journey started in 7th grade when I first signed up for AISC's middle school MUN program. In 8th grade, I was able to participate in CHEMUN XII as a delegate of APQ. One year later, I was given my first Student Officer position in CHEMUN XIII. Each CHEMUN conference I participated in was a new, different experience. Interacting with students from all around the world, sharing ideas during lobbying, and raising the placard to ask POIs has shaped me into a more confident, skilled individual. Moreover, I learned the importance of perseverance and hard work from the commitment I put in to prepare for the conferences. It was because of the skills I've learned from MUN that has allowed me to stand in front of you today as the Secretary General. I hope that CHEMUN XIV will be the opportunity for you to learn more about the world around you, and also the potential you have in yourself.

I also hope that at CHEMUN, all delegates would freely be able to voice out their opinions. To address a problem, you have to first speak up about it. Action comes next. We hope that CHEMUN will be a platform for all delegates to speak up about the most detrimental issues we face today. As agents of change in the global community, delegates of CHEMUN should work towards understanding more about themselves and discovering passion for the world around them.

This year's theme is "Cohesion and Divergence". In a rapid changing world, it is difficult to find a balance between cohesion and divergence. Without cohesion, how can we have unity? Yet without divergence, how can we celebrate our inherent diversity? Divergence can be found everywhere - gender, wealth, religion, and much more. As internationally minded individuals, we have to appreciate divergence of the cultural identities of communities but at the same time seek for cohesion for peace and harmony.

Throughout the next three days of CHEMUN, I hope that you ponder on how we can work together to employ the ideas of divergence and cohesion to find peace. Be opened to different ideas. Work together with other delegates. This will be the first step to finding cohesion in today's world.

On behalf of all my fellow Secretariat members we hope that all of you continue finding and using your voice, from today and onwards, and encourage you to make the best out of your time at CHEMUN as you only get one chance.

Wishing you the best,
Nicole Ahn & Shanmugam Ganesan
Co-Secretary Generals

Conference Schedule

Day 1 (Friday, November 4th)

9:00 - 9:15 Chair Briefing
9:15 - 9:30 Join Opening Ceremony
9:30 - 10:30 Opening Ceremony
10:30 - 10:40 Go to Committee
10:40 - 11:00 Directors meeting and Approval Panel workshop
10:40 - Lunch Opening speeches, lobbying
12:00 - 12:55 Lunch - UN4MUN, HRC, ECOSOC (105)
12:30 - 1:25 Lunch - GA4, DISEC, SPC, EC (145)
1:00 - 1:55 Lunch - SC, APQ, HSC, ICJ, GA3 (120)
1:30 - 4:30 Approval Panel in Session
After lunch - 4:30 Return to committees
4:30 Committee ends, delegates dismissed
4:35 - 4:50 Chair Debriefing

Day 2 (Friday, November 5th)

9:00 - 9:15 Chair Briefing
9:15 - 9:30 Go to committee
9:30 - 1:00 Approval Panel in session
9:30 - Lunch Committees in session
12:00 - 12:55 Lunch - GA4, DISEC, SPC, EC (145)
12:30 - 1:25 Lunch - SC, APQ, HSC, ICJ, GA3 (120)
1:00 - 1:55 Lunch - UN4MUN, HRC, ECOSOC (105)
After lunch - 4:30 Committees in session
4:30 Committee ends, delegates dismissed
4:35 - 4:50 Chair debriefing

Day 3 (Friday, November 6th)

9:00 - 9:15 Chair Briefing
9:15 - 9:30 Go to committee
9:30 - Lunch Committees in session
12:00 - 12:55 Lunch - SC, APQ, HSC, ICJ, GA3 (120)
12:30 - 1:25 Lunch - UN4MUN, HRC, ECOSOC (105)
1:00 - 1:55 Lunch - GA4, DISEC, SPC, EC (145)
After lunch - 3:00 Committees in session
3:00 - 3:10 Go to closing ceremony
3:10 - 4:00 Closing Ceremony

Cohesion and Divergence

Striking a balance between cohesion and divergence has been one of humanity's greatest challenges throughout history. Without cohesion, how can we have unity? Yet without divergence, how can we celebrate our inherent diversity? Perplexingly, while both of these ideas oppose each other, they both are essential. It is therefore important to examine the nature of how **Cohesion and Divergence** manifest themselves in our daily lives — how can we, as a society, employ these concepts to find peace and harmony?

Globally, it is not hard to find forms of social inequality. But is it a result of cohesion, or divergence? Whether it be through gender, ethnicity, race, or sexual orientation, divergence among groups is certainly used as ammunition to discriminate. Equally, however, one may argue that the cohesion within groups of power and adherence to social hierarchies is the factor that creates division and sustains oppression. Nonetheless, while both of these concepts work to perpetuate inequality, they both are crucial in attaining social justice. As opposed to a means to discriminate, the way in which groups diverge must be celebrated and appreciated. Instead of limiting cohesion to portions of the population, if cooperation existed in a more universal sense, we may arrive at a state of social equity.

The effects of this theme are not limited to social inequality, however. With technology, innovation globalizes and connects our communities, creating cohesion, and yet the differing levels of access to this technology create a divide. This perpetuates wealth inequality: as upper economic classes obtain more and more technology, the gap between them and the poor, who may not have as advanced technology, steepens. Evidently, technology intensifies divergence and cohesion, in ways good and bad.

Beyond inequality, this theme additionally materializes itself within political conflict. Boundaries, religion, and national divisions, forms of divergence, often contribute to wars and disputes, for instance. Yet without these distinctions, without divergence, it's likely we would lose the cultural identities of many communities. On the other hand, cohesion within groups of nations creates alliances, potentially escalating conflict to greater scales as seen with World War 2: agreements among the Allies and the Axis powers expanded the scope of the war. But if cohesion existed in a more global sense, where nations continually worked with one another and for one another, such a conflict would cease to exist.

Thus, it is not about *if* we are together or apart, but rather, it is about *how*. How are we divergent? How are we cohesive? And most importantly, how can we work together, as united nations, to employ these ideas to find peace?

Contemplating these questions and others, at CHEMUN XVI, delegates and student officers enjoy an opportunity to undergo debate and discourse on imperative issues. It is our hope that this conference inspires its participants to make a mark on their communities, today's global issues, and ultimately, our future.

CHEMUN XV Secretariat



Co-Secretary General: Shanmugam Ganesan

Shanmugam Ganesan, a senior at the American International School of Chennai, serves as one of your secretary generals for CHEMUN XVI. Joining MUN as an 8th grader, Shanmugam adored debating and public speaking and has continually become more and more involved with the program each year. To date, he has participated in 11 conferences, chairing 6—through this, his speaking, his ability to research and think on his feet have improved greatly. Sincerely, he hopes that all delegates and student officers find meaning with CHEMUN, whether that be through making new friends, sharpening their skills, or fully engaging with a relevant issue in today's world.



Co-Secretary General: Nicole Ahn

Nicole Ahn is a senior at the American International School of Chennai. This is her sixth year as part of the Model United Nations, in which she has attended 12 conferences, both international and local. She is honored to serve as your Secretary-General for CHEMUN XVI. Despite being shy and quiet before joining MUN in 7th grade, Nicole grew to become a confident speaker and an independent leader throughout her MUN journey. MUN has enabled Nicole to collaborate and compromise with others while providing a new lens for Nicole to think and dive into the global issues of today. MUN has shaped the person Nicole is today and she hopes that CHEMUN XVI will be a stepping stone for all delegates and student officers to learn and discover more about themselves and the world around them.



Director General: Shandaneh Penker

Shandaneh Penker is a senior at the American International School of Chennai. She is honored to serve as the Director General for CHEMUN XVI. With this being her sixth year in this enriching club, she values the skills and life lessons it has brought her through her Model United Nations journey. She is beyond grateful for the opportunities it has brought her and for the people she has met. She is so appreciative of her teachers and advisors who continually pushed her to be the secretariat she is and she cannot thank them enough. With this being her 15th conference, she is excited to see what the delegates and chairs bring to the table and cannot wait to visit each committee. Good luck and we hope you have fun!



Deputy Secretary General: Dhivya Sasha

Dhivya Sasha, a senior at the American International School of Chennai, is honoured to serve as one of your deputy secretary generals for CHEMUN XVI. Having been involved in Model United Nations since sixth grade, Dhivya has attained countless skills that have contributed greatly to her growth as a leader, speaker, as well as collaborator. Thus far, she has attended a total of 13 conferences as a delegate, chair, and secretariat member. The experiences gained in MUN, particularly as a delegate and chair, have resulted in immense growth and has allowed her to acquire several skills that have shaped her as an individual. She has grown to develop a sense of passion for pressing issues around the world and strongly believes that the numerous skills learned through the years have played a vital role in enabling her to become a passionate and confident individual. She hopes for CHEMUN XVI to open doors for individuals to step out of their comfort zones and involve themselves in fruitful discussions about relevant issues in today's world. She looks forward to a meaningful and an enjoyable conference.



Deputy Secretary General: Yejin Choi

Yejin Choi is a senior at the American International School of Chennai and is honored to serve as a Deputy Secretary General at CHEMUN XVI. Having been in MUN since 6th grade and participating in 7 conferences as a delegate and chair, Yejin has come to value the learning, collaboration, and growth that MUN brings and wishes to share these developments and experiences through CHEMUN XVI. Yejin believes that MUN has not only strengthened her research and writing skills, but also enabled her to attain essential life skills such as leadership and collaboration. She looks forward to a successful conference that will shape a better world in the future.



Deputy Secretary General: Lokeswar Gopikrishna

Lokeswar A. Gopikrishna is a senior here at AISC and will be serving as one of your deputy secretary generals for CHEMUN XVI. Having been in MUN since his freshman year and attending 10 conferences thus far as a delegate, chair, and secretariat member, he is honored to share his vast experience and knowledge about diplomacy, research, and public speaking with the delegates and students officers of the conference. Having developed a love for politics, public policy, international affairs, and diplomacy through MUN, he hopes to share it with the attendees of the conference and help shape a better world filled with powerful voices. Through CHEMUN XVI, he hopes to shape future leaders and instill a love for debate, encouraging them to learn about what forms cohesion and divergence in this world.



President of Special Committees: Suin Choi

Suin Choi is a senior at AISC This is her seventh year being part of MUN. After her experiences of being a note passer, a delegate, an ICJ, and a chair, she is honored to serve as the Deputy Secretary General of CHEMUN XVI in the last year of her MUN career. Suin initially joined MUN as a shy 6th grader, knowing nothing about writing a resolution and making speeches. Despite this, Suin has always enjoyed her MUN experiences thoroughly and has improved significantly in areas such as collaboration and leadership skills. Throughout her time in MUN, she has gotten the opportunity to be involved in twelve conferences, including being selected as an ICJ and a chair. Suin cannot wait to see all the chairs and delegates at the conference and she looks forward to hearing innovative solutions to resolve issues of today's world.

Security Council

Student Officers



Sungmin Lee

Head Chair

Melchi Michael

Deputy Chair

Taiki Ibohashi

Deputy Chair

Ronojoy

Deputy Chair

The Security Council is the smallest and most powerful committee in the United Nations. The Security Council has 15 members - five permanent members and ten non-permanent members. The five permanent members - China, France, Russia, UK, and the USA - all have veto power. The other ten members are dependent upon what 22 global issues are occurring around the world, and would rotate every two years. The Security Council is the only committee that has the power to "demand" or "require" an action to be taken by a sovereign nation. The Security Council focuses on immediate action, so topics usually regard the events occurring around the world.

Topics

1. Addressing the situation in Kashmir
2. Measures to reduce the impact of the Mali War
3. Combatting the Kurdish rebellions in Turkey

Historical Security Council (1947)

Student Officers



Karan Chakravarthy

Head Chair

**Kaaviya
Raghuraman**

Deputy Chair

**Vyjayanti
Vasudevan**

Deputy Chair

Aaliyah Bist

Deputy Chair

Historic Security Council is a reenactment of sorts of the Security Council from the past. Following the Security Council procedure, delegates will debate issues that were of utmost importance in the past. At CHEMUN XVI, the Historic Security Council will be set in 1947, and delegates will debate the pertinent issues from the time. There are 15 seats, and in addition to the P5 nations, the other seats will be the countries represented in the Security Council in 1947.

Topics

1. Addressing the India-Pakistan partition
2. The question of the creation of Israel
3. Ensuring stability after World War II in Europe

The Advisory Panel (APQ)

Student Officers



Abhinand Satis

Head Chair

Neil Raman

Deputy Chair

Chanak Gautam

Deputy Chair

**Mahaa Arasi
Saminathan**

Deputy Chair

The Advisory panel is a special committee that consists of a panelist of experts: individuals who are knowledgeable in the foreign policy of their representation. The committee aims to reach consensus for both individual clauses and to adopt a joint communique, which is the final outcome of the committee. The rules and regulations are akin to those of the Security Council; however, apart from voting on each clause, the panelists must seek consensus.

Topics

1. The question of the use of molecular nanotechnology in gene editing
2. The question of space debris, militarization and sustainability in outer space
3. The question of the use of non-fungible tokens

UN4MUN

Student Officers



Nandini Bhatkal

Head Chair



Rachel Ra

Deputy Chair



Doyeon Kim

Deputy Chair



Shania Penker

Deputy Chair

UN4MUN introduces a new, more realistic debate style to MUN. Bringing a form of 'debate' that emphasizes collaboration, cooperation and consensus between delegates. The focus of UN4MUN at CHEMUN will be combatting racism, xenophobia, and related intolerance.

Topic

1. Measures to combat food insecurity

Disarmament and Security Council

Student Officers



Adesh Roberson

Head Chair

NaYeon Kim

Deputy Chair

**Viswajeeth
Karthikeyan**

Deputy Chair

Nehal Bajaj

Deputy Chair

The Disarmament and Security Council focuses on worldwide security, proliferation, and arms. This might include cyber warfare, nuclear arms, and weapons of mass destruction. This includes sovereign relations among nations and how the international community operates under the implications of different countries.

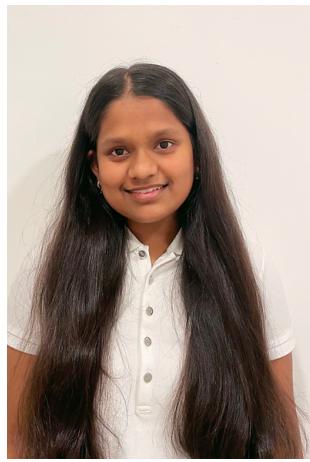
Topics

DISEC 1:

1. Addressing the issue of the ongoing Mexican drug war
2. Discussing the usage and diminution of biological and technological weapons in global conflict
3. Combating the monetary exploitation of user data by communication conglomerates

Human Rights Committee

Student Officers



**Sajiv Yeduguri
Sandhini**

Head Chair

Jihwan Kim

Deputy Chair

Harshita Jinaga

Deputy Chair

Sohyun Kwon

Deputy Chair

The Human Rights Committee focuses on bringing justice to minorities discriminated against in the past. The topics will regard those that promote the welfare of humans and creating sustainable solutions. The Human Rights Committee may focus on those in a specific country as they believe that their welfare will benefit the whole world. The committee attempts to address the issue on hand and develop a resolution, in which the rights of the minorities are sustained in a longitudinal period.

Topics

HRC:

1. Measures to protect the rights of Migrant Workers
2. Ensuring the protection of religious minorities
3. Addressing the issue of gender inequality

Human Rights Committee Virtual

Student Officers



Seohyun Kang

Head Chair



Seongwon Kim

Deputy Chair

Esha Desai

Deputy Chair

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Topics

HRC:

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Economic and Social Committee

Student Officers



Jijo Chang

Head Chair

Jiyun Yang

Deputy Chair

Sinji Kim

Deputy Chair

Yashraj Bishoyi

Deputy Chair

The Economic and Social Committee focuses on creating economic and social solutions. The main focus of the Economic and Social Committee is sustainable development and how to execute that successfully. The Millennium Development Goals of 2015 closely tie into the essence of ECOSOC.

Topics

ECOSOC:

1. Combating the global economic repercussions of the COVID 19 pandemic
2. Ensuring access to medical and humanitarian aid to member states in times of turmoil
3. Addressing the issue of brain drain in developing countries

Special Conference (SPC)

Student Officers



Luke Merletti

Head Chair

Sujin Noh

Deputy Chair

Shapur Penker

Deputy Chair

Yoonseo Cho

Deputy Chair

The Special Conference is the committee that focuses on the theme of the conference: Finding Stability in an Ever-Changing World. The topics of this committee will relate directly to the theme. It is also a relatively small committee compared to the others. This year at CHEMUN XV, our theme targets the urgency of adapting to change and pulling focus to unexplored areas that have the potential to increase the quality of life for millions globally.

Topics

1. Increasing vaccine accessibility for marginalized groups
2. Measures to improve living standards by decreasing income disparity
3. Measures to decrease racially motivated convictions in justice systems

General Assembly 2: ECOFIN

Student Officers



Nandita Dayanand

Head Chair

Siwoo Park

Deputy Chair

Raheel Thakore

Deputy Chair

Jamil Mukthar

Deputy Chair

The General Assembly is the largest committee in the United Nations as all delegations attending the conference will be present in the General Assembly. It serves as the UN's principal policy-making organ for multilateral discussion. The General Assembly regards topics on a very wide spectrum, including disarmament, human law, international rights, and peace among nations. General Assembly 4 focuses on Special, Political, and Decolonization issues.

Topics

1. Measures to address the rising economic inequality between people in LEDCs and MEDCs
2. Evaluating methods to counteract the negative impacts of trade restrictions on sustainable development
3. Measures to achieve greater integration of indigenous people in the global economy

General Assembly 3 : SOCHUM

Student Officers



Rishi Bharadwaj

Head Chair

Chanwoo Kim

Deputy Chair

Soyeon Kim

Deputy Chair

Aïnhoa Lamagnère

Deputy Chair

The General Assembly allocates to the Third Committee, agenda items relating to a range of social, humanitarian affairs, and human rights issues that affect people all over the world. The Third Committee is expected to consider a similar number of draft resolutions during the present session of the General Assembly

Topics

1. Protecting the rights of refugees in armed conflict
2. Measures to tackle the widening technological gap
3. Addressing the issue of malnutrition in LEDCs

Environmental Committee

Student Officers



**Krishna
Narembally**

Head Chair

Tanya Sriram

Deputy Chair

Yewon Choi

Deputy Chair

Shreya Baskaran

Deputy Chair

The Environmental Committee focuses on topics such as natural resources, animal rights, global warming, and how to create an environmentally sustainable world. The Environment Council considers what natural events or problems are occurring in our world today. This committee ensures there is a collaboration between environmentalists and manufacturing industries to develop and fabricate things that are aligned with the committee's mission.

Topics

1. Reducing the major health risks caused by smog in urban environments.
2. The issue of depleting biodiversity
3. Addressing the issue of the disposal of nuclear waste

International Court of Justice

Student Officers



Maya Raghurman

President

Vekashana Sankar

Vice President



Gayatri Dhir

Judge



**Shreevarshini
Mandradiar**

Judge



Jiyeon Woo

Judge



Jasim Mukthar

Judge

Cases

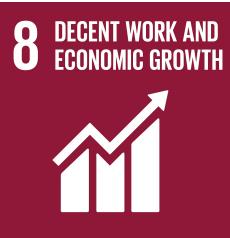
1. Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Serbia)
2. Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (the Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda)

SDGs In Action At CHEMUN



MUN Impact Zone

The MUN Impact programme for CHEMUN XVI aims to bring attention to the many inequalities and differences that different populations in our world face, while increasing awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This year, the MUN Impact team is displaying a photo gallery to celebrate and recognize various cultures represented at the American International School Chennai. MUN Impact members decided on acknowledging and celebrating cultural differences as it relates to this year's theme of "Cohesion and Divergence." Through the awareness of various cultures, delegates, chairs and advisors will learn about these different cultures and learn to celebrate these differences.



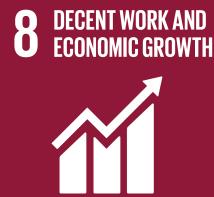
Speaker: Raj Cherubal

Chennai Smart City is "Building the Future and Restoring the Past" through the mission of "providing core infrastructure and giving a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment through application of 'Smart' Solutions. The main aim under the Smart City project is: focus to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local area development and harnessing technology, especially technology that leads to smart outcomes. Area-based development will transform existing areas (retrofit and redevelop), including slums, into better planned ones, thereby improving liveability of the whole city. Application of Smart Solutions will enable cities to use technology, information and data to improve urban infrastructure and services. Comprehensive development in this way will improve quality of life, create employment and enhance incomes for all, especially the poor and the disadvantaged, leading to inclusive cities."

Raj Cherubal is the CEO of Chennai Smart City

MUN Impact- MUN Training Class

Our MUN Impact group works with Teach for India to offer MUN training programs at local government secondary schools. We teach them how to research, write resolutions, debate, and speak in front of groups. Our ultimate goal is to help these schools build MUN programs and offer them a platform to participate. Additionally, the MUN Impact team works with the Hope Foundation and other orphanages to help them learn English and encourage collaboration. Our goal for these sessions are to promote love of learning and encourage participation.



1 NO POVERTY



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Local Partnerships:

We work with local vendors for all purchases and prints of CHEMUN merchandise. We believe that purchasing local helps our community and creates important relationships and employment opportunities.

Virtual Platform:

Airmeet is an Indian company located out of Bangalore. We chose Airmeet as a viable alternative due to its location in India and what it had to offer. This year, as we are offering a hybrid mode during the conference, Airmeet will be used once again.

CHEMUN Director Gifts:

1. Bags: Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal.

Promoted by the Ministry of Women & Child Empowerment, Government of Maharashtra. The mission is “To bring about gender justice and equality for women, investing in human capital and the capacity building of women, thus making them economically and socially empowered and enabling them to access sustainable livelihoods.”

The main objectives are: “Organization women through Self Help Groups, Build the overall capacities of women, Enhance self confidence amongst women, Entrepreneurial development of women, Synchronize employment opportunities & market linkages, Promote women’s initiative for equal opportunities, prosperity & participation in governance, and Build grassroots institutions over SHGs as a way forward to sustainable development.”

2. Notebooks: Flukebook from Tara Books

One of a kind notebook made from recycled misprint material from Tara Books’ screen printing workshop. Perfect reuse of waste material and a wonderful example of responsible production.

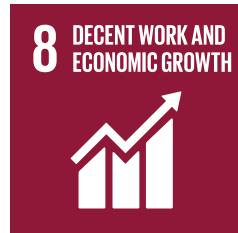
CHEMUN Banners:

- All banners are printed with soy-based ink on biodegradable canvas
- Committee room standees are reused each year.
- CHEMUN XVI banners will be repurposed into bags by the SPEED Trust Foundation.

SPEED Trust Foundation

SPEED trust believes in a modern India, freed from the evils of exclusion and poverty. They believe in an India where everyone can succeed, irrespective of one's religion, social background or community.

Their mission is to support families from the Chennai slums, particularly widowed or deserted mothers and to help them improve their living conditions and get out of the deepest poverty, so they can focus on the education of their children.



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

CHEMUN Cookies: Writer's Cafe

Writer's Cafe is a cafe operated by women who have been victims of domestic violence and/or are burn survivors. These women have been rescued by the International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care (PCVC), trained in cooking, baking, and confections, and are then given an opportunity to be independent income earners. The goal of the cafe is to give financial independence to women who would otherwise find it difficult to gain social acceptance. These products are an expression of a burn survivor's journey of resilience and power.



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Well-Being at AISC

- AISC has a focus on student and staff wellbeing. Our campus classrooms have lists of healthy habits, self-management, positive relationships and self-awareness as areas we focus on.
- AISC invests in spaces and equipment for play areas, athletic spaces, and fitness areas.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

The AISC Campus:

- Derives 22% of the peak energy output from on-site solar panels.
- Replaced air chiller units resulting in a 35% reduction in power consumption.
- LED lighting is used for indoor and outdoor lighting reducing energy consumption by 15%.



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

The AISC Campus:

- Has switched most fixtures to utilize LED lighting which reduces electronic waste by up to a factor of 10 over fluorescent bulbs.
- Does not use single use plastics for products from the iHub, Madras Cafe or cafeterias.
- Installed water faucet aerators which reduces water consumption by up to 40% for those fixtures.
- Treats wastewater which is reused in toilets and watering the plants on campus.



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

List Of Participating Schools

American International School of Chennai	International School of Busan
Canadian International School	Singapore American School
CS Academy, Erode	American Community School Amman
CS Academy, Coimbatore	American Community School Beirut
Anan International	JEMS International Hr.Secondary School
SPK Matric HR Secondary School	Indian Public School Salem
Indian Public School - Cambridge International	Bharati Vidya Bhavan matriculation Higher Secondary School
American School of Bombay	Chinmaya International Residential School
Vaels International	Indian Public School CBSE Erode
MCTM Chidambaram Chettyar International School	American School of Kuwait
Haile-Manas Academy	Rudrappasamy school
Lalaji Memorial Omega International School	American Montessori Public School
Ology Technology School	Thangam Mount Litera Zee School
Ashok Leyland School, Hosur	A to Zee Creativity

Discovering Chennai

Chennai, formerly known as Madras, is a vibrant city located on the east coast of India. It is known for its unique South Indian cuisine, expansive beaches, and humidity. The city is the sixth largest in India and is said to be a major cultural and artistic hub. The list of must-see locations includes:

Dakshinachitra

A cultural center, founded by the Madras Craft Foundation, maintains and showcases art, designs, lifestyles, crafts, and performing arts of Tamil Nadu. Located along the East Coast Road, Dakshinachitra stands as one of the main attractions in the city.

Kalakshetra

Literally translated to “place of arts”, Kalakshetra is home to traditional Indian art forms especially Bharatnatyam and Gandhaeaveda. Kalakshetra is a great way to preserve performing arts in Indian culture.

Cholamandal Artists' Village

A hub to modern and traditional art, the Cholamandal Artists' Village is home to numerous artists and sculptors who showcase their artwork permanently. Tourists are also welcome to watch the artists work here.

Guindy National Park

The Guindy National Park is home to beautiful scrublands, lakes, and streams, and it is the last surviving Tropical Dry Evergreen forest type in the Coromandel Coast. Covering about 270 hectares of land, it's located in the southwestern corner of Chennai.

Marina Beach

The second longest urban beach in the world, Marina Beach remains a popular

destination for locals and tourists visiting. With an everyday carnival atmosphere, beautiful sand and important buildings all around it, it's arguably the most impressive destination in Chennai. Important buildings that you could visit alongside Marina Beach include the Chepauk Palace, the University of Madras, and the Senate House.

Express Avenue

Perhaps the largest and most extravagant mall in the city, it holds numerous well-known shopping outlets, a movie theater, a gaming center, and a food court. Express Avenue (EA) is a perfect place to relax after a long day's work or even to go shopping on almost a regular basis.

Phoenix Mall

Phoenix Mall, or Phoenix Market City as it is officially known, is the newest mall in Chennai. It hosts various well-known outlets as well as popular restaurant outlets. Phoenix Mall is located closer to the American International School of Chennai, in Velachery, making it convenient to visit after a long day in committee. Like EA, Phoenix is a great place to shop, eat, and just hang out.

Saravana Bhavan

Saravana Bhavan is home to the quintessential delicacies of Tamil Nadu such as idli, dosa, and many other such dishes. The food here is comparable with the greatest and is probably the best place to eat in Chennai for local dishes.

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