

DAY 1

THE CHEMUN CHATTER



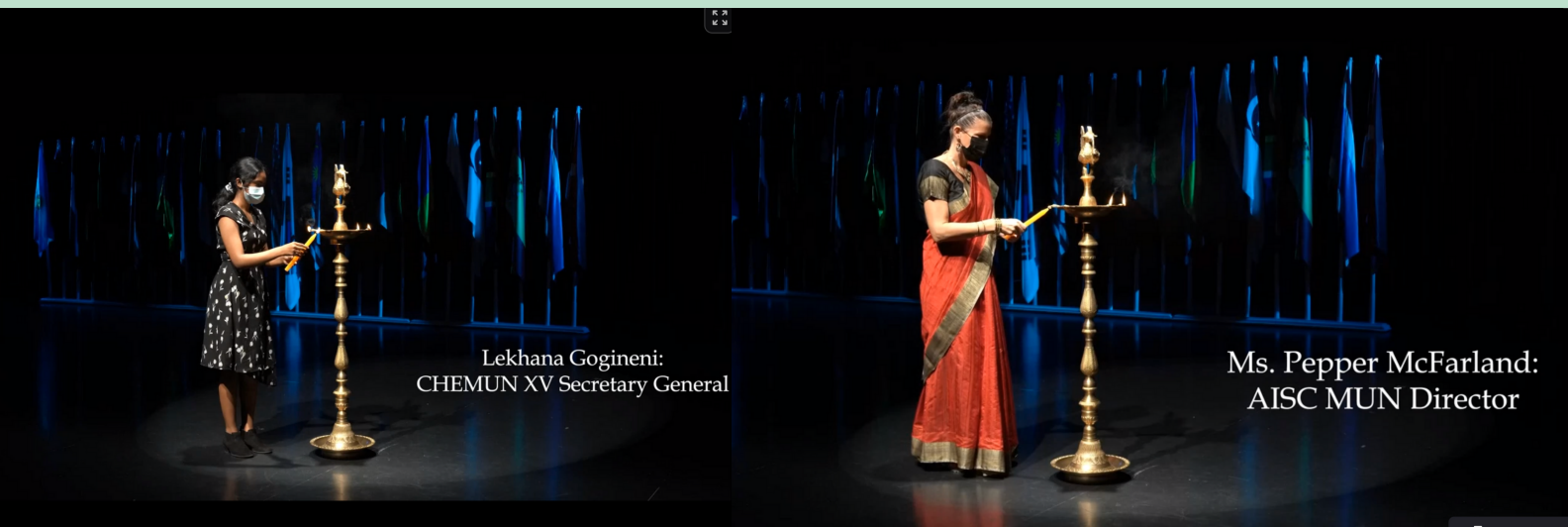
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Opening Ceremony

Kavya Krishnan

During the Opening Ceremony, which took place at 9:30 am November 12 2021 IST, we were able to hear the thoughts and words of encouragement from the CHEMUN Secretariats and Advisors for all participants of CHEMUN XV. We began with some insightful and inspirational words from Secretary Generals Aalia Sait and Tejas Narayan followed by the lighting of the lamp. The lighting of the lamp is not only a traditional Indian ceremony to remove negative energy from a space but it also an AISC tradition to signify the commencement of an event. Today, the lighting of the lamp symbolises the aspiration of the participants in CHEMUN as well as brings prosperity to them during the ups and downs of the journey ahead of them. The lamp was lit today by Michael Roberson (AISC Board Member), Andrew Hoover (Head of school), Michael Malone (High School Principal), Pepper McFarland (AISC MUN Director) and Lekhana Gogineni (CHEMUN XV Secretary General).



Next Arjan Chakravarthy (Deputy Secretary-General) introduced Andrew Hoover (Head of School) to say a few words about the conference.

Mr Hoover delivered an inspirational speech about the upcoming CHEMUN conference. He highlighted the impending highs and lows that the participants will experience as well as brought attention to the reason and importance of CHEMUN bringing global issues to young minds. He comparted some tidbits of wisdom with his audience such as: "Certainty is the enemy of learning, and conceit, the barrier to empathy.". Mr Hoover spoke about the CHEMUN theme this year, finding stability in an ever-changing world, and shared his own opinion on how stability flows not only globally but in a learning environment. Finally, he shared some advice for the new delegates and chairs with a quote by author, Adam Grant; "Argue as if you are right, listen as if you are wrong".



Afterwards we were enlightened by a Bharatanatyam (traditional indian dance style) performance by Kaaviya and Maya Raghuraman.

Then we heard from our keynote speaker, Mahima Poddar, founder and managing trustee of The Kindness Foundation. Ms Poddar expressed her opinion and shared her knowledge on handling global and collaborative issues. She said "Stability means to be able to live your life to the fullest" and offered great advice to the participants of CHEMUN; "Be kind to yourself and don't worry about awards. Strive but don't stress, focus instead on your North Star".

Noa Daryn (Secretary General) shared a speech on the theme of CHEMUN, highlighting that finding stability means bringing awareness about a topic, whether it's the issues going on in Afghanistan or Palestine and Israel, bringing awareness and knowledge to young generations will foster a sense of stability in the future. She ended with a quote by Nelson Mandela: "It always seems impossible until it is done".

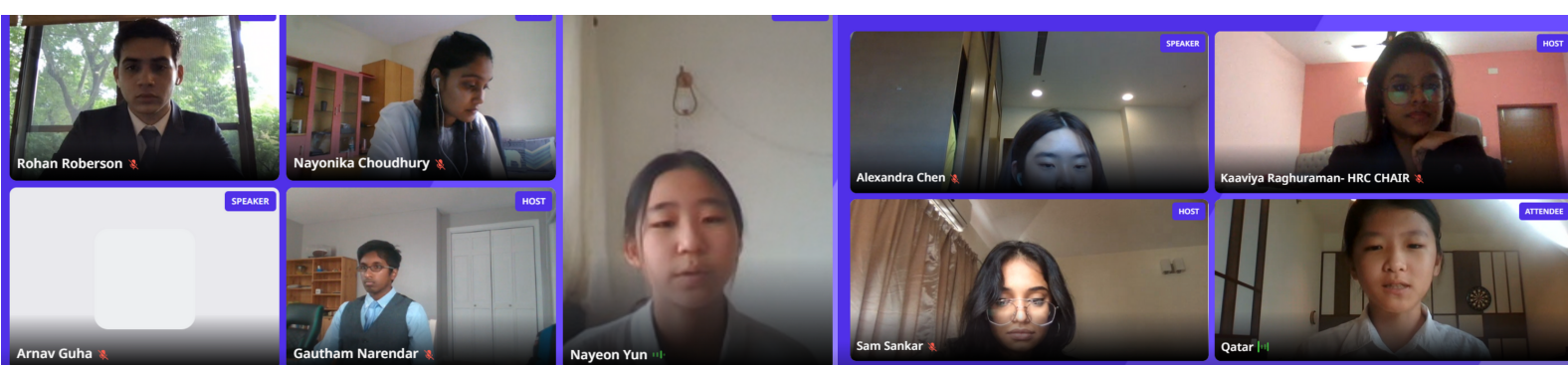
The opening ceremonies came to an end when Shanmugam Ganesan introduced the Student Officers of CHEMUN XV and Lekhana Gogineni shared some final remarks.

Overall the opening ceremonies were a giant success, it's safe to say the CHEMUN 15 is off to a fantastic start.

Good luck to all the participants, and have a happy CHEMUN!

Opening Speeches

Kerala Sovak & Gaia Mezaib Boti



A crucial part of conferences in MUN is the opening speeches. Allowing each delegate one minute to speak on their resolution topic and their country's prominent sub-issues gives a look into the focus of the meeting. A few of the many issues discussed were:

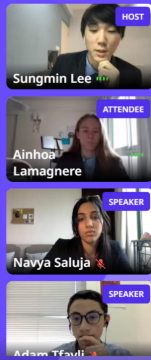
- The terrorism issues in Chad (Security Council)
- Radioactive waste disposal in Korea (Environmental Committee)
- Child marriage (General Assembly 3)
- Coral bleaching in The Marshall Islands (Environmental Committee)

There were many wonderful opening speeches today. They managed to concisely explain the issues their country was facing while not rushing through the text. One specific speech that stuck with me was delivered by the delegate of the United Kingdom, in the Security Council. He conveyed his point with incredible emotion and conviction while keeping an air of composure.

However, despite the tenacity of the chairs, deputy chair, and delegates, the meetings were not without technical issues. Several participants had to cope with connectivity problems, and a few delegates were unable to deliver their opening speeches due to not having an internet connection. Despite these issues, all delegates deserve a round of applause for delivering their opening speeches, and all the chairs and deputy chairs should be congratulated for their incredible flexibility.

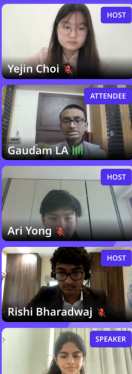
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(1 minute per delegate)



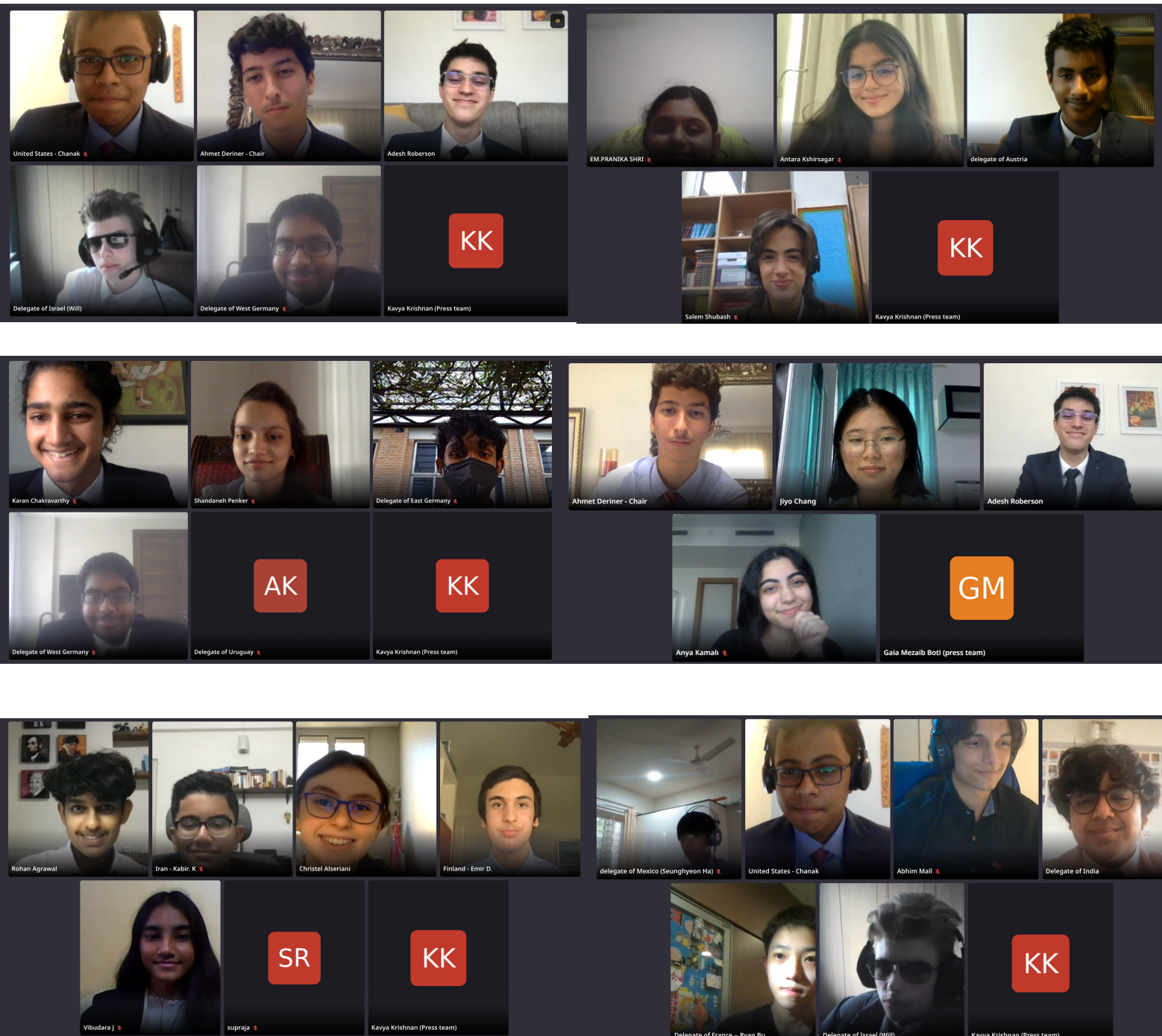
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Lounge Photos

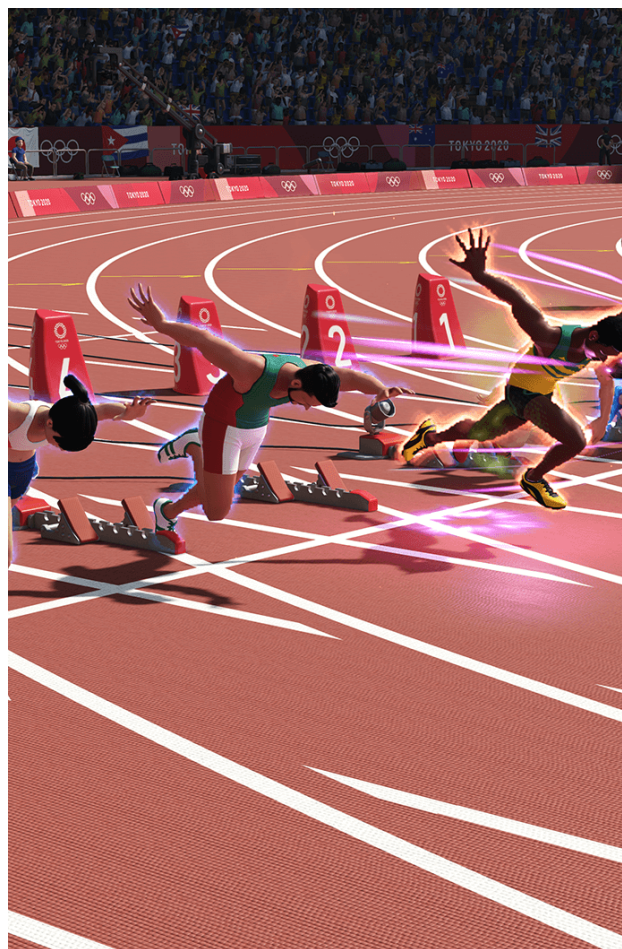
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Sports of the Tokyo 2020 Summer Games

Geonwoo Cho

The Tokyo 2020 Olympics is one of the biggest events that happened in 2021. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, it was inevitable that it would be delayed; however, it is still a big event and a lot of athletes showed their best ability in the competition. The Tokyo Olympics were held from July 23- August 8, 2021. It is the first time in 124 years that the Olympics have been delayed because of the disease. Although the Tokyo Olympics were engulfed in many controversies, it still put fire into people's hearts.



Most of the Summer Olympics athletes play sports such as baseball, softball, tennis, and swimming. But in the Tokyo Olympics, they include some new sports such as 3-on-3 basketball, skateboarding, sports climbing, and surfing. The first and the most famous sport of the Summer Olympics is football, or soccer. Football is one of the most popular sports in the whole world. Almost everyone will have an experience of playing soccer. In the Olympics, soccer is played as a 'knockout tournament'. In Knockout tournaments, teams are divided into four groups and each team plays one match, with 3 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. The top two teams from each group advance to the knockout round, which consists of the quarterfinals, semifinals, finals and bronze medal match. In the Tokyo Olympics, Brazil got first place, Spain followed with second place, and Mexico third.

The second dominant sport of the Summer Olympics is swimming. In swimming, there are 34 detailed items, such as men's 100m freestyle, women's 100m freestyle, men's 100m butterfly, and women's 100m butterfly.

Basically, swimming is management to compete for speed by swimming a specified distance with a specified stroke such as freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. In the Tokyo Olympics, swimming was held in the Tokyo Aquatics center. Also, for the Men's 50m freestyle, The United States placed first, France second, and Brazil in third place. For the Women's 50m freestyle, Australia placed first, Sweden second, and Denmark in third place.



Skateboarding made its debut as an Olympic item in the Tokyo Olympics. A skateboard is a short and flat plate which has 4 wheels at each edge. Skateboarders are riding on the skateboard and showing their skills. There are two detailed items in skateboarding which are park, and street.



Street events are held on a course resembling a stretch of street, with stairs, railings, curbs or benches, and structures modeled after walls and hills. Skateboarders compete one by one and use each section to demonstrate different skills. Judgment is based on the difficulty of the trick, the height of the movement, speed, originality, completeness and composition, and a total score is given.

Park events are held on a course in which complex curves resembling large plates or deep bowls are connected in a recessed space. The slope of the course rises steeply from the bottom of the indentation to a vertical or near-vertical slope at the top. You'll be judged by the incredible height you create by climbing up these slopes quickly and the aerial tricks you perform with that height. In the Tokyo Olympics, for the Men's park, Australia won gold, Brazil silver, and the United States bronze.

The Olympics began 2300 years ago and now are a global sports event that takes place once every 2 years, alternating in a winter or summer event. It has expanded to include a Paralympic Games for people with disabilities. It has served as a unifying moment that brings countries from all over the world together for a friendly competition where all share and celebrate the achievements of their global peers. Despite the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Olympics remained a unifying and celebratory moment for all to embrace.

Need a Snack? An Actual Good Mug Cake!

Kerala Sovak

Mug cakes are a quick and easy way to satisfy your cake cravings without making a ton of dishes. However, I've found that many mug cakes are just plain bad. Sometimes they end up crummy (no pun intended) and dry. Other times they come out unevenly cooked. However, don't lose hope just yet, because I have the recipe for a delicious, foolproof mug cake.

Ingredients: (Makes one mug-sized cake)

2 1/2 TBSP All-Purpose Flour

2 1/2 TBSP Castor Sugar

1 TBSP Cocoa Powder

1/4 tsp Baking Powder

Pinch of Salt

2 TBSP Milk

1 tsp Oil (You can use canola oil, vegetable oil, or even coconut oil. Any type of unflavored cooking oil will do the job)

1 Egg

2 TBSP Chocolate Chips



Instructions:

1. In a microwave-safe mug, mix together the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt.
2. Add in the milk, oil, egg, and chocolate chips. Then whisk until you have a smooth cake batter.
3. Microwave your cake for around 45 seconds to 1 minute, or until the cake has risen and is firm to the touch (Make sure not to overcook the cake. Everyone's microwave is different, so keep a close eye on your cake as you're baking it).
4. Top with anything you'd like (personally, I prefer mine with vanilla ice cream).

This is why street art needs to be defined as Art.

By Timeo Mermet

What is street art?

First of all, have you ever seen street art? At least one more time? Street art is created in public spaces, often on the exterior, like building walls, sidewalks, tunnels. Street art is used to convey political and social messages. For example this famous artwork by Banksy 'Girl with Balloon' is a symbol of support and hope for Syria; we can notice the message "there is always hope" on the top right.



Difference between graffiti and street art:

there is a difference between graffiti and street art, these two terms refer to "art on the street"; here is how to differentiate them. Graffiti artists don't intend for the public to understand their work while Street artists send a message and so want people to see their works to provoke discussions and reactions. In addition, graffiti is word-based and illegal and graffitists are self-taught; compared to street art which is painted with authorization by artists who have received personal and formal training.



Example of street art



Example of graffiti

Illegality?

Illegality in the world of street art depends on the permission that you have. If the street artist gets the permission of the city or the owner of the building then it's legal however it's considered vandalism to paint if there is no permission and the risks are fines or sometimes jail.

More and more cities are interested in street art as it grows in popularity. Events are organized to share this type of art, art associations and local officials commission artists to create works so this becomes slowly more legal.



This is a photo of a street artist when I traveled to San Francisco. We don't see his identity.

How are street artists paid?

Being a street artist is not a common job so how are they paid? The most talented street artists are the ones who make the most money, close to \$48,000 a year and other artists need to do a side job to live.



"Move to the Beat" Coca Cola advertisement for 2012 Olympic Games

They earn their income by being paid by associations or owners who commission works or by selling their original works. In addition, large companies such as Coca-Cola may hire these artists for advertising purposes.

Street art needs to be defined as art because it allows expressing messages through a painting, it's then a veritable art form. Moreover, like the others, they are real artists who have received formal training and who I think are not highlighted enough.

Taylor Swift Re-records Her Fourth Studio Album

By Anya Reddy



After losing ownership of her masters to Scooter Braun, a record executive, and manager within the music industry, Taylor Swift makes a comeback with even better, re-recorded versions of her albums. (Taylor's Version) was released just a few hours ago and here's what the singer/songwriter had to say about it on Social Media.



“It never would have been possible to go back & remake my previous work, uncovering lost art & forgotten gems along the way if you hadn’t emboldened me. Red is about to be mine again, but it has always been ours. Now we begin again. Red (my version) is out.” Along with the album, Swift also announced that the All Too Well short film will be released soon, which is written and directed by herself, starring Dylan O’Brien and Sadie Sink.

Red (Taylor’s Version) is the second album in Swift’s Taylor’s Version series, following Fearless (Taylor’s Version). The singer hinted at the release of her remake of Red back in August, and her version of the album was originally supposed to be put out on November 19th. It consists of 30 tracks, almost twice as long as the master studio album, including the 10-minute version of All too Well that never made it to the original. Swift’s six vault tracks also feature artists Ed Sheeran, Phoebe Bridgers, Chris Stapleton, and Mark Foster.



Taylor likes to think of Red as a heartbroken person, musically and lyrically. All of the tracks that her version of Red consists of resembling feelings of sadness, anger, happiness, and freedom. Talking about the album, she says, “It was all over the place, a fractured mosaic of feelings that somehow all fit together in the end. Happy, free, confused, lonely, devastated, euphoric, wild, and tortured by memories of the past.” Following the release of Red (Taylor’s Version), fans anticipate that she will continue the Taylor’s Version project with her sixth studio album, Reputation (the best one in my opinion), skipping her first, third, and fifth albums.

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