

# Takeaways

From insight on global issues to memories, there was a lot that one took away from AIMUN'17. But most of all, it was words of wisdom, from those who graced the event



Kate Peters, South Asia Bureau Chief, BBC with reporter



“I think the quality of wanting to know about the world, about different cultures is what contributes the most to your growth. This is what MUNs instill in you - to know more about the world. Now, when I look back, I realise that the learning I received from participating at various MUNs is something I still carry with me.”

Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUH

## Make world a better place

Eduardo Sánchez, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain, India, shared his views on a myriad subjects, during closing ceremony of AIMUN'17, where he was present as Chief Guest. Here are excerpts from the interview...

Nayesha Gandotra, AIS Gur 46, XI

### On roles and responsibilities

As the Deputy Head of Mission at the Spanish Embassy, my role is to fulfil the duties of the Ambassador when he is away. Since, Embassy is a complex organisation, it's my responsibility to receive and welcome various dignitaries who visit us. Above all, my duties entail maintaining diplomatic relations with India, and strive to promote Indo Spanish cultural exchange and unity.

### On the significance of MUNs

The world is an aggressive place. Every day there is something or the other happening. There-



Eduardo Sanchez, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain, India

fore, by organising MUNs, a simulation of UN, the young delegates get an insight into the issues as well understand the role of United Nations in maintaining peace and making the world a better place. So, such conferences are need of the hour and should be organised more frequently.

### Message for youth

Well, the world is in your hands! You will encounter challenges and problems at every step in your life. And you need to overcome the problems efficiently by understanding varied aspects of the problem. So, you have to live up to your task of adulthood, and of leaving to the coming generation a better world.

## Be correct than quick

Kate Peters, South Asia Bureau Chief, British Broadcasting Corporation, shared her views on a plethora of subjects. We bring you some excerpts from the interview...

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### On roles and responsibilities

A journalist holds the freedom of expression, and s/he must exercise this freedom with absolute caution. It is the responsibility of a journalist to present the right information for any wrong information can damage the core values and tenets of journalism. When we report something, people believe us, so an enormous amount of responsibility rests on our shoulders. Thus, we need to focus more on being factually correct, than being quick.

### On the significance of MUNs

MUNs are a great platform to acquire new skills and to hone the existing ones. For instance, The Global Press team acquired the skill of making a newsletter. Besides, such conferences help you get a view of what's happening around the globe.

### Message for youth

For all those of you who are studying at a prestigious institution like Amity, you must know



Kate Peters addresses the audience

that you are rather fortunate to be receiving such quality education. Make the most of this education, step out of your home and create magnificent changes around you. But as you take the road to change, remember to take a refined approach towards various problems and issues. After all, it is always a wise thing to do things more carefully.



Eduardo Sanchez shares his views

## A junction of thoughts



### Leaders of tomorrow

I am of the firm belief that the youth is an asset for every nation. It is up to us how we channelize the energy of youth. Platforms like MUNs are a great way to shape the youth, for they not only give the youth a chance to get an insight into world politics, but at the same time give them an opportunity to discuss and draft possible solutions to world problems. If such opportunities are extended then we would never fall short of diplomats.

Air Marshall Ramesh Rai VM (Retd)

Interviewed by Aditi Suresh, AIS PV, XI



### Encourage eclectic views

One thing I appreciate about MUNs is that it fosters exchange of ideas, cultures and traditions. It enables delegates from various parts of the globe to come together, experience different cultures, & share views and thoughts. It is this mutual exchange that makes such events a harbinger for peace and connects people in the truest sense of the word. I urge the students to make the most of this platform and earnestly work towards making this world a better place to live in.

Carlos Varona, Director, Instituto Cervantes, Spanish Cultural Center

Interviewed by Anandi Sen, AIS MV, XI



### A debut for many

Everyone needs a chance, and MUNs could be the first step for many to get into the world of debates and discussions. Every year you will find many delegates who participate for the first time. Along with experiencing the world of MUNs, they also get to better understand things like geo politics, international policies and relations; and how these components affect world peace. Confluences like these shape the careers of many by teaching them the requisite skills at an early stage in their life.

Bgdr NK Bhatia SM(Retd)

Interviewed by Sanya Goel, AIS Gur 43, XI



### New horizons to explore

Knowledge is the most prized possession of a man. It is not something that is inherited, rather acquired with time. Such conferences open up a new horizon of knowledge. There is a lot that one can pick up from here. MUNs help the youth emerge as dynamic individuals as they get an insight into global problems and also come up with probable solutions for the same. This simulation of thoughts on a global scale improves the prospect of a brighter future by instilling leadership qualities.

RM Aggarwal, Ambassador, IFS (Retd)

Interviewed by Samriddhi Aggarwal, AIS Gur 43, XI



### Dynamic outlook

Something new is happening every day and the dynamics of world politics change with every happening. Some associations are formed and some are dissolved. With MUNs, the young ones are able to grab the gist of the world politics and emerging issues. This brings a change in their outlook and makes them confident about the world equations, ready to take charge of driving the nation.

Dr Shigeki Ashida, Director, Ritsumeikan Indian Office, The Ritsumeikan Trust

Interviewed by Mudit Agarwal, AIS MV, XI