

Change the World Model United Nations (CWMUN)

What is CWMUN?

I, Charmaine Roble, a third-year student in Shukoh course, participated in the Change the World Model United Nations (CWMUN), held from April 16th - April 18th 2026 at The Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Born from over 25 years of experience of Associazione Diplomatici (AD) — an NGO with Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) — CWMUN is one of the world's largest international youth forums. The international simulation engages over 100,000 students — high school and university students — annually, offering the opportunity to debate major global issues, take on the roles of UN ambassadors and experience the inner workings of international diplomacy.

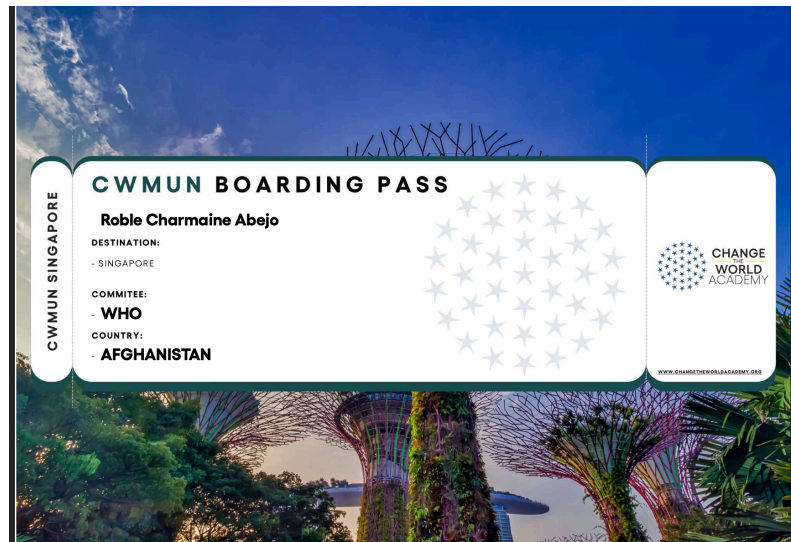


Conference & Basic Rules

Approximately 650 students from more than 60 different countries participate and take on the roles of country representatives where they engage in discussions following procedures similar to those of the United Nations.

Before the conference, all participants were required to attend the UN Delegate training course where we learned about the United Nations and how Model United Nation Conferences operate. CWMUN talks included topics such as “*Global Geopolitics: New Balances, New Challenges*” and “*Generative Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights*” where we developed essential skills such as public speaking, negotiation and understanding parliamentary procedures, which prepared us to participate effectively in the conference. We also had to submit a position paper, which outlined our country’s stance on the assigned topic.

During the conference, discussions were conducted through both Moderated Caucus and Unmoderated Caucus sessions. In moderated caucuses, we delivered structured speeches under the guidance of the chair, while in unmoderated caucuses, participants freely moved around to negotiate, form blocs, and write the draft resolutions. In addition, delegates could use several procedural tools during the conference. A point of order was used to indicate a violation of the rules of procedure by either the dais or another delegate. A point of inquiry allowed delegates to ask questions about procedures, with the dais providing immediate clarification. A point of personal privilege was used to address personal discomforts, such as room conditions and technical issues. A right of reply could be used to respond if another delegate made a statement that directly affected our country. We also had to participate in different types of voting throughout the conference, particularly when deciding on procedural matters and draft resolutions.



On the final day, each committee worked to produce a Draft Resolution that incorporated the ideas and agreements formed during discussions. This resolution needed to receive the majority of votes from the committee in order to pass, representing a collective effort to address the issue through international cooperation.

Committee Topic and Delegation

At CWMUN, the main conference theme was “*Artificial Intelligence and Robotics: The limits of the machine and the opportunity for mankind.*” Within this broader framework, my

Draft Resolution

The draft resolution is the last part of the conference where delegates propose solutions to the topic being discussed in the committee. During this process, I actively contributed to shaping our draft resolution by asking people to be our sponsors — the main authors of a draft resolution who take responsibility for writing and presenting it to the committee — or signatories — delegates who support the discussion of the resolution. This required strong negotiation skills, clear explanation of ideas, and the ability to adapt to different perspectives.

I mainly engaged in conversations during unmoderated caucuses, often explaining our proposals and convincing other countries to join our blocs. Moreover, as a sponsor, I was tasked to present my country's resolution in front of other delegates often quoting the Taliban Regime's values such as "*Qisas (an eye for an eye)*" or "*Ta'zir (Discretionary)*". By communicating effectively and building alliances, my delegation was able to gather three sponsors and ten signatories, which played an important role in successfully making our draft resolution.

Our draft resolution included contents such as "*Affirming the importance and need of AI in modern medicine*", "*Recognizing the duty of the state in regulating institutions and sectors of healthcare providers*", and "*Emphasizing the need of human oversight in the medical field*" and many more. Overall, our draft resolution reflected not only the effective teamwork between the delegation of Afghanistan, South Sudan, and the United Kingdom, but also my active role in negotiation and collaboration, which contributed to receiving two awards.

CWMUN Singapore

The conference was held over three days at Suntec Convention Centre, bringing together students from around the world to engage in diplomatic simulations and global discussions. During the opening ceremony, Ambassador of Italy in Singapore Mr. Dante Brandi delivered a speech where he highlighted the importance of understanding global issues from diverse perspectives. He also shared insights about the role of diplomats, emphasizing the significance of having strong communication skills, empathy and the ability to adapt to different situations, as well as recognizing the close connection between domestic agendas and foreign policies. In the afternoon, we began our first committee session with moderated caucuses regarding topics such as "*The risk of AI in medicine*" and "*The role of humans in medical decision-making.*" Because it was my first international MUN, I was stunned with the way other delegates were actively speaking and confidently sharing policies about their country's position. At first, I felt overwhelmed and hesitant to speak, as the level of discussion was much higher than I had expected.



On the same day that night, I conducted further research on Afghanistan's political and geographical situation to better understand its stance and priorities. In particular, I learned about the impact of the Taliban regime on female doctors. Due to the restrictions on women's education and employment, a shortage of trained medical doctors was happening. This affected access to healthcare for many people. Understanding these realities allowed me to shape my arguments more effectively during the conference. As a delegate of Afghanistan where infrastructure and human resources were limited, fully autonomous systems would not be a realistic approach. In one of the solutions, I stressed the need for international collaboration to address this issue while adhering to my country's principles and values. This deeper understanding helped me represent the country more

authentically and contributed to my growing confidence and participation in the following sessions.

Each day consisted of several committee sessions from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm separated by lunch breaks. This allowed us to continuously develop ideas and share perspectives with others. Throughout moderated and unmoderated caucuses, debates were conducted actively, with delegates exchanging ideas, negotiating solutions and building blocs. Due to each country's conflicting interests and priorities, the sessions were sometimes dynamic and sometimes intense. Nevertheless, through continuous discussion and compromise, we worked toward forming agreements and developing practical solutions for our topic. This process highlighted the importance of communication, negotiation, and adaptability in reaching a consensus.

The conference concluded with a closing ceremony, where amidst feeling overwhelmed by the fast-paced and competitive environment, with research and a little stepping out of my comfort zone, I was able to adapt to the environment and confidently speak my ideas. Receiving both Delegate's Award and Best Delegation Award at the end was incredibly rewarding and showed how much I had grown throughout the experience. Both awards reflected my individual development in public speaking, critical thinking and the ability to respond effectively in a fast-paced environment. It also made me realize the importance of teamwork, collaboration and mutual support when representing a country. Through continuous effort, preparation, and willingness to step out of my comfort zone, these awards were not just mere achievements but a reminder



of how much I had improved in terms of confidence, adaptability, and communication. They reinforced the idea that growth comes from challenging experiences and motivated me to continue to develop my skills in future opportunities.

Own Reflection

Initially we were always told to “*choose the right path*” or “*make the right choice*”. However, no one has ever told us to “*make the choice right*”. Model United Nations (MUN) for me has always been a platform to grow my public speaking skills and test the limits of my knowledge. I wasn’t good at public speaking: I was shy and afraid of being judged for speaking too much. However, MUN is not about staying silent — it is about speaking up, expressing your ideas, and fully embodying the principles and values of the country you represent.

In the conference, I got the chance to meet Mr. Dante Brandi, Ambassador of Italy to Singapore and Mr. Serge Telle, current French Diplomat and Former Minister of the State of Monaco. When I asked why they became a diplomat, they simply answered with “*Do you want to be a changer of this world, a spectator, or a victim?*”. I was left pondering this answer. While people choose to be doctors, lawyers, or engineers (*which is a very honorable job by the way*), I wanted to make choices that would not only be right for me, but also for other people. Furthermore, when I asked Mr. Dante Brandi about the essential skills of a diplomat, he highlighted two things: effective communication skills and empathy — both of which I realized I needed to continue developing through this experience.

Since CWMUN was my first international conference, I felt intimidated with how the other delegates were so skilled at public speaking and expressing their ideas. I was also anxious to represent a country where I only had surface level knowledge, making it hard to come up with rebuttals when other delegates talked about my country’s authoritarian leadership or its current situation. Although the IB Programme enhanced my research and critical thinking skills, I recognized that the real challenge was conveying them clearly and confidently through public speaking.

CWMUN made me understand that confidence is not something you wait to have, but something you build by continuously putting yourself in uncomfortable situations. Being able to convey my own ideas confidently will take time, repeated effort, and a willingness to step out of my comfort zone. This



connects back to the idea of not simply “*choosing the right path*” but “*making the choice right*”. I chose MUN as a platform to challenge myself and grow in public speaking, and rather than giving up when it feels difficult, I have decided to push myself and commit to it. The network I would be building in these conferences would give me an opportunity to know different perspectives, ultimately contributing to my personal and academic growth. Through persistence and experience, I believe I can turn this choice into the right one.

Lastly, CWMUN’s topic regarding the immersion of AI made me understand the level of globalization currently happening in the last few years. The world is going to change and it is going to change faster and faster — an irreversible state. With AI evolving fast, it is up to us to decide whether the choices we make are right or wrong. Hence, in order to make “*the choice right*”, we must refuse to yield and stick with our principles — just like representing a country in an MUN. The famous Mahatma Gandhi once said “*Be the change that you wish to see in the world*”. It is up to us to make choices whether it is to be a changer, a spectator, or a victim in this forever changing world.