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Flushed with a sense of achievement, we headed to the auditorium for the Closing Ceremony. Tensions were running high, as were spirits- gently elevated by the erudite terminology we had been inundated with for the past four days. Sinking into our cushioned seats as we awaited the insightful yet inevitably verbose speeches we knew were imminent, we positioned our forearms on the plastic armrests and mused. What had we learnt through all this? How would we take this learning forward?

Our questions were answered by the potent words Aditya Gandotra, the Deputy Secretary General of the conference. His speech perfectly encompassed the motivation of this gathering: non-state actors and how they have altered our reality. He spoke of everything from protests to terrorism— demonstrating the expansive shades of grey within which Non-state entities exist. His concluding words were nothing short of empowering: "The world is no longer controlled by old white men in the west, but by you, me, the people— the future of this New World Order."

Thunderous applause echoed through the auditorium as the awards were distributed, and the delegates' tireless efforts came to fruition. Despite the stiff competition we have seen over these 3 days, The crowd erupted into cheer every time a name was called out— exemplifying the camaraderie we, at DAIMUN, strive to achieve. The President of the General Assembly, Poorvika Mehra, lived up to her fiery and audacious perception by delivering a passionate speech on the frustrating apolitical nature of our generation. It urged us to all acknowledge our privilege and consider how we can utilise it impactfully. Her words were inspiring, hopeful even, a sentiment that we don't get to witness much in our current political landscape.

The Deputy Secretary General, Charul Maheshka's poised and composed speech was equally powerful. Her astute observations about the detached bubble we reside in, viewing the agendas as debate points and not as the dynamic dilemmas they are in reality, were a wake up call to everyone seated in the audience. Charul firmly assured the audience that although DAIMUN has come to an end, today is a beginning for a sea of endless possibilities.

We each came to the conference with different perspectives. Despite these differences, our spirit, enthusiasm, and vigour pervaded blocs, committees, and even borders, allowing for the creation of a rich tapestry of unforgettable experiences for each and every participant of DAIMUN 2018.

Eagerly awaiting next year,
Your Press Team

Hectic, but seeing the Press issue next morning was so satisfying
Mukul Khanna, Photography Head, DAIS

"Very different from HMUN, but equally rigorous"
Ambica Kale, SPECCON, Cathedral and John Connon School

"DAIMUN was honestly amazing in terms of organization and how informative the committees were. As a first-time MUNner, I felt at home"
Arushi Benupani, HRC, DAIS

"Sodexo improved their catering.
So proud of them"
Maia Bedi, ICC Advocate, DAIS

"Enjoyable and informative"
Aruja Sharma, HRC,
Individual Delegation

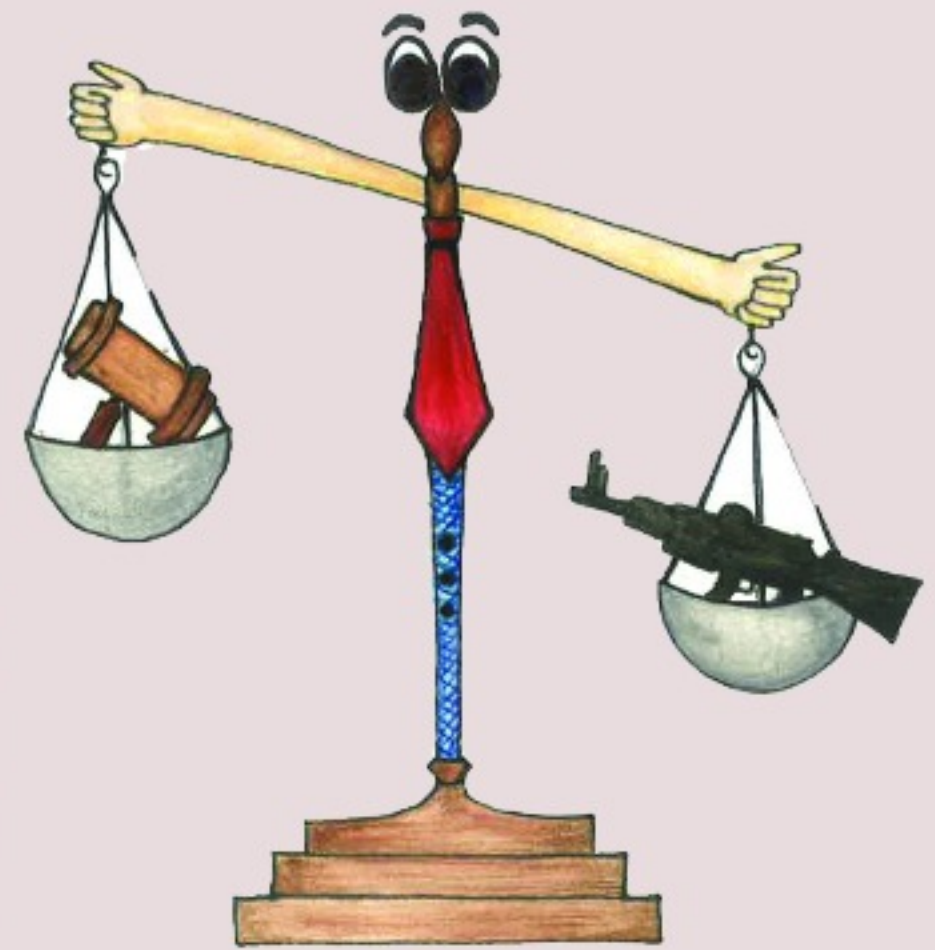
"More structured than the other MUNs I've been to, more resolutions and more time-sensitive. It was fun and challenging. I liked Aditya Gandotra and Arjun Shukla."
Delegates from Liceo Statala Farnesina

"DAIMUN 2018 has to be a meal from McDonald's, because I'm lovin' it"
Adhyan Singh, HRC, Oberoi International School



Vote of Thanks

Today, it is with great pride and gratitude that we say DAIMUN 2018 was a success. Pride, because we, as a student body, performed to our highest ability to make this event the best it could be, and the fruit of our efforts has been borne. Gratitude, because we couldn't be more thankful to every single person involved in making this process and this event so successful and joyous. This year's theme was the rise of non-state actors; therefore, we would like to give our greatest thanks to our respected Chief Guests, Mr. R. A. Rajeev and Mr. Bittu Sehgal, for their insightful and thought-provoking speeches. The audience was truly inspired. We would like to earnestly thank Shrimati Nita Ambani for her continuous support, and for constantly believing in us. We also extend our gratitude towards the Heads of our school- Mr. Impey, Mr. Basu, Ms. Munshi, Ms. Taraporewala, and Ms. Roy- who have helped us tirelessly. A humongous thank you goes out to our MUN Director, Ms. Aditi Chakrabarti, the MUN teachers from DAIS, and the MUN directors from other schools, who have stood beside us every step of the way.



A big thank you to Mr Yassir Choonawala, Head of Administration, and the Admin Staff who have meticulously coordinated finances, ensuring that DAIMUN ran unhindered. This superhuman effort was complemented by those of the IT and Accounts teams who we are indebted to for their dedication. It wouldn't have been even close to a success without the cafeteria team for attending to the most important part of this entire conference: the food. Without the diligence of the housekeeping staff and the liftmen who were always smiling, without the dedication of the security staff and the medical team, who kept us safe for 3 long days, this conference could not have happened.

We are thankful to the DAIMUN Core and the Secretariat that has been the driving force of this conference, bearing this Herculean responsibility with unwavering enthusiasm as they deliberated committee proceedings. The Logistics team, headed by the Heads and Deputies of Administration, has been the well-oiled machine that has allowed these committees to function, thus helping this run smoothly. Lastly, we are grateful for the Press Corps, for their impeccable coverage of DAIMUN 2018, no matter the hours.

Thank you everybody, for giving this event its flesh and blood.

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MUN Memories

