

REPORT- IUMUN 2017 CLOSING CEREMONY

Delhi Public School held the closing ceremony of the Third Edition of the International Utopia Model United Nations Conference 2017 on 28th October 2017.

The second day of the conference witnessed gripping debates among delegates of committees to tackle various crises and to find solutions for the same. The third day saw the closing of the various committees by passing resolutions.

The Principal Ms. Aditi Misra welcomed the chief guest Mr. Rajiv Dogra, former Indian Ambassador to Italy and Romania and Consul General to Karachi, Pakistan. She extended a warm welcome to Ms. Dhara Jaipuria, Pro Vice Chairperson, Delhi Public School Gurgaon. The Principal said that such initiatives were possible because of the vision and the continuous support of Ms. Jaipuria, the backbone of the school. She welcomed the Advisory Panel comprising of the alumni by fondly calling them as the heartbeat of the institution. She proudly introduced Mr. Karthik Hariharan, an alumnus of the school who though holds a foreign degree in engineering, yet is pursuing his passion for teaching through the Teach for India programme. She also applauded the initiative of the students who gave voice to the opinion of the students of Shiksha Kendra, a remedial school for underprivileged children run by DPS Gurgaon by mentoring them to participate and win awards in MUN, the first of its kind.

She lauded the efforts of the delegates whom she found had profound knowledge regarding the topics which were being debated on. She praised them for their articulation and hoped that their dream of utopia has taken roots in their heart.

The school choir captivated the audience by a mellifluous rendition of the internationally acclaimed song 'Imagine', by John Lennon.

Ms. Dhara Jaipuria, Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Gurgaon shared her idea of utopia by calling it a place of mutual understanding, equality and compassion which is not limited by selfish vested interest of few. She extolled the efforts of Ms. Misra for turning a small meeting of minds into a massive conference with more than 350 delegates. She promised to give all the assistance needed to such youth related initiatives of the school.

This was followed by the sharing of experiences by the members of the Executive Board who unanimously agreed that the delegates had the potential to become the change makers of tomorrow. The Deputy Secretary General Palak Gupta in her speech, hoped that the deliberations and interactions during the conference would have changed the perception of the delegates towards global issues. The newsletter 'The Utopian Communique' was released by Mr. Dogra and Ms. Misra.

Mr. Dogra a renowned author and one of the foremost Indian commentator on foreign policy and strategic affairs enthralled the audience by quoting humorous accounts of the United Nations. According to him the decisions of the United Nations has had a huge impact on the political scenario of the world. He appreciated the school for providing the students an opportunity to get first hand experience of debating and solving global crises thereby inspiring them to become compassionate global citizens.

The Chief Guest and the Principal felicitated the members of the Executive Board and the Organising Committees. This was followed by the award ceremony wherein delegates were given certificates of merit and trophies in the categories of Best Position Paper, Special Mention, High Commendation and Best Delegate.

A kaleidoscope of events in form of a movie perfectly summed up the unforgettable three days experience of the conference. The Chief Guest, Mr. Rajiv Dogra, officially declared IUMUN 2017 Conference closed. The vote of thanks proposed by the Director General Yagnesh Sharma marked the culmination of the ceremony.

