

UNNC delegation attends Asia International Model United Nations conference in Beijing

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From March 12-15, a delegation from the University of Nottingham Ningbo, China attended the Asia International Model United Nations (AIMUN) 2009 conference hosted at Peking University.

Held since 2001, the annual AIMUN conference is an internationally respected Model UN meeting. Each year, participants from all corners of the globe converge in Beijing to take part by representing a vast array of United Nations member states.

The 2009 UNNC delegation consisted of ten members from six different countries, the majority of whom are pursuing degrees in the Master's in Global Governance program. Offered for the first time this academic year, the Global Governance program has several core foci including international relations, diplomacy, and development. Participation in AIMUN afforded many of the delegates the opportunity to apply their academic and research interests in a practical setting.

The UNNC delegation represented seven countries, including Vietnam, India, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, Rwanda, France, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The delegates defended their countries' interests in United Nations committees such as the UN General Assembly, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN 10+3), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

At the end of the four-day conference, Simon Nuessle and Paul Metni, the two UNNC delegates in the UN General Assembly, were presented with the prestigious Best Delegate award by the Executive Director of the AIMUN conference. Mr. Nuessle was also selected to give a speech at the closing ceremony. In his concluding remarks, he reminded the five-hundred strong crowd of delegates: "We have come here with serious intentions to take part in a sort of 'game', but this 'game' represents issues of global importance in the real world. Take what you have learned here, go back to your home countries, and use your knowledge, experience, and abilities to make positive change."