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H. E. Prof. Dr. Myo Thein Gyi

Union Minister of Education
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Myanmar



H.E. Dr. Myo Thein Gyi was born on 2nd September, 1965 in Yangon, Myanmar. He graduated “Master of Science degree in Mathematics” from Yangon University in 1992 and “Dr. rer. nat.” degree from Technical University of Berlin, Germany in 1998. In the period of 1986-2007, he worked from the position of tutor to Associate Professor at the Department of Mathematics in Yangon University. He was promoted up to the Professor and Pro-rector at Dagon University in the period of 2007-2010 and Pro-rector at Monywa University in the period of 2010-2011. After that, he was appointed as Deputy Director-General for Higher Education (Lower Myanmar) in 2011, Acting Director-General for No.(1) Basic Education Department in 2012, Director-General for Department of Myanmar Education Research in the period of 2012-2015. In the period 2015-2016, he worked as a Rector of West Yangon University. He has been appointed as Union Minister for Education since April 2016. He has been married and got 2 children.

Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE

Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
Germany



Ambassador WARNECKE is the 7th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in charge of the management and administration of the organisation, the implementation of its programmes and policies, and representing the organisation. He joined ASEF as the 6th Deputy Executive Director in August 2012.

Before joining ASEF, Ambassador WARNECKE dealt mainly with Germany's and the EU's involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counselor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific. A seasoned career diplomat with over 25 years of experience, including almost 20 years with Asia, Ambassador WARNECKE is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds.

SPEAKERS

HE Ambassador Paul SEGER

Embassy of Switzerland in
Myanmar



Ambassador Paul R. SEGER, is the Head of Mission of the Swiss Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar, since 1 October 2015. He presented his credentials to the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 13 October 2015. Before his present posting, he was the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York from 2010 until 2015. Prior to his departure to New York he was the Head of the Directorate of International Law and Legal Adviser of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Berne. During that time he served also as the Ambassador of Switzerland to the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Head of the Swiss Delegation to the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR) (2003-2009), as President of the CCNR (2006- 2007) and as Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Mr Achim MUNZ

Resident Representative
Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)



Since 2012, Achim MUNZ is the Resident Representative for the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Myanmar. The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) is a German political Foundation, which is part of official German bilateral foreign and development policy through a mandate of the German Parliament. The international cooperation activities of the HSF seek to promote humane living conditions and to contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy and social market economy. Mr MUNZ leads the work with HSF's partners in Myanmar. HSFs project objectives in Myanmar include: 1) to support the ongoing political transition and peace process in Myanmar through workshops and courses on federalism and decentralization that increase the political dialog between policymakers and civil-society actors, 2) to support Myanmar's integration in the ASEAN group and to adequately represent the country's interests within the group, 3) to support and initiation local tourism projects for a sustainable and responsible tourism development that helps local communities to take part in the growing tourism sector in a responsible and environmentally conscious manner, and 4) to support of a more people-oriented parliament in Myanmar.

SPEAKERS

Prof Chaw Chaw SEIN

Head of the International
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University of Yangon
Myanmar



Chaw Chaw SEIN has been Head of the International Relations Department, University of Yangon and since 2006. She was promoted to the post of Professor in 2011 and is now taking charge of both International Relations and Political Science at Yangon University. She works as an advisor to the Union Civil Service Board and Advisory Group for establishing Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also supervises theses and gives lectures at the National Defense University, the Ministry of Defense. Chaw Chaw SEIN obtained her PhD Degree in International Relations from University of Yangon in 2004 and her research and interests is on China-Myanmar relations. She has written research papers on Myanmar's Foreign Policy and Myanmar's Institutions, and participated in various international conferences as panellist. Her articles such as "Myanmar's Perspective on One Belt, One Road", "Myanmar's Potential for BIMSTEC" and "Myanmar's Democratic Transition" can also be found in the Global New Light of Myanmar today.

MODERATORS

Ms Trishala SURESH

India

Partnership #1 - Innovation
& ICT as Catalysts of ASEM
Connectivity



Trishala is an undergraduate student from Sciences Po Campus du Havre, currently exchanging at Yale-NUS Singapore. She is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences with a concentration in Law. She has keen interest in Model United Nations conferences and has acted in the capacity of chair and host of the 2016 Model ASEM Conference in Le Havre 2016. Trishala has previously worked for Resurgent India, an NGO that analysed the Karnataka State and General Elections in India. Her past experience includes Meghshala, an ed-tech firm working with government schools in Bangalore and the International Association of Cities and Ports in Le Havre. She spent the summer of 2017 orienting herself with the child rights mechanisms in Bangalore.

Mr Aqeel MALIK

Pakistan

Partnership #2 - Education,
Skills Training & ASEM Youth



Aqeel qualified as a Barrister-at-Law in 2011 and is a Member at the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, London, United Kingdom. After completing the Bar Professional Training Course and Clerking with Honourable Judges at Snaresbrook Crown Court, London, United Kingdom. Aqeel proceeded to the United States of America and obtained a Master of Laws degree specializing in International and Comparative Law from the George Washington University, Washington DC. Upon his return, Aqeel started practicing law in Pakistan and is now a named Partner at ANZ Partner, a law firm, where he represents individuals of various industries and professions.

MODERATORS

Ms Lieke BOS

Netherlands

Peace #1 - Joint Efforts in
Combatting Terrorism



Lieke is a Project Officer and Co-Chair of the U-35 Forum at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), the oldest surviving military think tank in the world, where she works with the Centre for Financial Crime and Security Studies (CFCS) and National Security and Resilience Studies (NSR) research programme in the planning, development, production and delivery of a number of events and research projects. Prior to joining RUSI, Lieke worked as a Project Officer at the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Lieke holds a Bachelor (Hons) in International Justice from Leiden University College The Hague (Leiden University), a Master in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick and an Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) (Nanyang Technological University).

Ms Shi Yin KIM

Malaysia

Peace #2 - Challenges &
Opportunities of Migration



Shi Yin is a Singapore-qualified legal counsel at Providence Law Asia LLC a boutique international arbitration and arbitration. Kim graduated from Singapore Management University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Laws degree and a second major in International and Asian Studies. As a litigator, Shi Yin specialises in commercial disputes, and has represented clients in private wealth disputes and insolvency litigation. Shi Yin was also an active participant in international conferences, including Model United Nations conferences, and the International Conference for Undergraduate Research. Lastly, Shi Yin is an alumna of the 6th Model ASEM 2014.

MODERATORS

Mr María BALLESTEROS MELERO

Spain

Sustainable Development #1 -
Ending all Forms of Poverty



María is a 24 years old Spanish translator and interpreter, currently student of Political Sciences. She is the Vice President and External Relations Director of AEGEE / European Students' Forum, one of the biggest interdisciplinary student organisations in Europe, which is based in Brussels, where she is living nowadays. Besides, she has many years of experience in volunteering for different NGOs, local, national and international ones. Her main fields of expertise are education and equality, and she is also experienced in project management and training. One of her last projects was „Europe on Track“, in which two teams of three ambassadors travel Europe capturing young people's voices on relevant European issues.

Ms Kateryna DYSHKANTYUK

Germany

Sustainable Development #2
- Renewable Energy & Climate
Change



Kateryna is completing her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Political Science at the University of Bremen with specialization in Ethics and Political Philosophy. Her thesis focuses on Humanitarian Interventions and Just War Theory. She is the President of IAPSS, which is the worldwide largest representation of political science students. She is actively taking part in various academic events organized by IAPSS, ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) as well as recently in the Summer School on International Affairs at Oxford University organized by Atlantic Council of UK.

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Ms Triin BÖSTROV

Estonia

Partnership #1 - Innovation
& ICT as Catalysts of ASEM
Connectivity



Triin has five years of experience in the nonprofit sector, and she is finishing her Master's Degree in International Relations from Tallinn University in Estonia. While working as a Senior Officer-Program Manager at Tallinn City Sports and Youth Work Department, she developed a program about youth entrepreneurship and (un)employment. Previously, Triin worked as a Vice-Chairman of the Board of Estonian National Youth Council in Estonia. Triin has volunteered in several student and youth organizations in Estonia, including as a President of Tallinn University International Relations Society.

Mr Aung THIHA

Myanmar

Partnership #2 - Education,
Skills Training & ASEM Youth



Aung is a 3rd year student at Dagon University. He is currently studying a bachelor's degree in law. He is an active member of Dagon University Law Student Association(DULSA) which is the very first law student's organization in Myanmar.He is also a member of Myanmar Scout Association(MSA). He has been participating in voluntary activities,knowledge-sharing programs and public-oriented projects organized by MSA.He was also granted to join a Capacity Building Programme in Arbitration organized by Vis East Moot.

Mr Chan HEIN

Myanmar

Peace #1 - Joint Efforts in
Combatting Terrorism



Chan is a 2nd year honours Bachelor student with an English specialization at the University of Yangon. He was a volunteer teacher at Dhamma School Foundation which provides free education for underprivileged children. As a student leader from Myanmar, he participated in some exchange programs across Asia and Europe: Mekong Friendship Project in 2015, the 1st ASEAN University Student Council Union Conference in 2017. Furthermore, he has a lot of work experiences in community development, working as a PR and communication officer and Project Group Member at the Foundation for Change Myanmar(FFC) since 2016.

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Mr Thu HTET

Myanmar

Peace #2 - Challenges &
Opportunities of Migration



Thu is first year Honours Political Science Student from University of Yangon. He holds diplomas in Human Resources Management and Marketing Management from the Institute of Commercial Management (UK). He attended in 2017 the Asian Universities Alliance Youth Innovation Workshop in Beijing. Later that year, he participated to the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative ECommunity: Economic Engagement Workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Ms Cung LUN

Myanmar

Sustainable Development #1 -
Ending all Forms of Poverty



Cung is a 3rd year Law Student at Dagon University. During her study, she occasionally work as a freelance interpreter. Moreover, she also interns at the legal department of Myanmar CBM Services Co Ltd. Cung is also the vice president of Dagon University Law Students' Association (DULSA). She is one of the organisers of Myanmar Law Students' Conference. Recently, she served as a chairperson of Dagon University Law Youth Parliament. Lastly, she won the best speaker award of Yangon Debate Tournament 2017.

Ms Aye THEINGI

Myanmar

Sustainable Development #2
- Renewable Energy & Climate
Change



Aye is a final year undergraduate student from University of Yangon. She is specializing in International Relations. She has just finished her research paper on 'Promotion and Protection of Freedom of Expression and Assembly'. She has been an observer in 2014 at the international conference on 'Maritime Challenges to ASEAN and Prospects for SCS Disputes'. Furthermore, she volunteered in 2017 bi-election in Myanmar making a survey on public perspectives on election process. She is currently trying to join a foreign university for her Master's Degree.

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Melissa is studying a Master of International Relations and a Master of Journalism at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. She studied French, Japanese and Linguistics in her Bachelor of Arts degree. Melissa has completed internships as a Consular Assistant at the Sri Lankan Consulate in Melbourne, Research and Communications Assistant at Monash University Gender, Peace and Security Centre, Marketing and Communications Officer at the Australian Institute of International Affairs and with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. She was a delegate at the 2015 Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference.

Mr Dylan O'BEIRNE

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Dylan is a Master of Diplomacy student at the Australian National University and Public Affairs Intern at the Embassy of the United States of America in Canberra. Through both roles, Dylan has developed a strong passion and flair for public diplomacy - with a particular interest in youth outreach. During his time at the U.S. Embassy, he built and operationalised a public diplomacy strategy that both enhanced the mission's outreach with young Australians while still conveying the depth and complexity of the U.S.-Australian relationship. Dylan also possesses a keen interest in the diplomatic affairs of the Indo-Pacific, and is a firm believer in the importance of multilateral frameworks to augment international diplomacy in the region.

Ms Julia KRAFT

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
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Julia is a student from Austria with a background in Political Science. She is studying her Master in Environmental Technology & International Affairs, a cooperation programme between the Diplomatic Academy and the Technical University of Vienna. Professionally, Julia has worked in the technical sales department of private firms before completing internships for the Permanent Mission of the USA to the UNODC in Vienna as well as for the Embassy and Permanent Representation of Nicaragua to the UN and IOs in Geneva. Julia currently works for Kommunalkredit, a specialized bank, and in the ARA Innovation Lab to support efforts towards a circular economy.

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Mr James SCHMIDT

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James is completing his final year at the University of Glasgow and will graduate with a Joint Honours degree in Economics and Politics in 2018. Given his interest in economic policy and global affairs, he has pursued his higher education in the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom after graduating from high school in Vienna, Austria. He held a TEDx talk in 2015 and became the News Producer of his university's Student Television in 2016. Most recently, he attended a Common Purpose Leadership Programme in Singapore where he was able to put his knowledge in economic affairs into practice in a multicultural environment. He is a member of the Glasgow University Real World Economics Society.

Mr Taufiq FARUQUE

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Taufiq is an undergraduate student of International Relations at University of Dhaka. He is an active participant of different developmental programmes on different sectors in Bangladesh that include education, youth leadership, human rights, climate change, women empowerment and social entrepreneurship. He is a member of Dhaka University Model United Nations Association. Taufiq has participated in several Model United Nations Conferences both as a delegate and an executive board member. He is also contributing to the International Student Environmental Coalition ISEC-Bangladesh, an initiative that creates environmental awareness among youths. He also frequently writes on national dailies in the Op-Ed section concerning current global affairs.

Ms Myat Moe KHAING

University of Dhaka
Bangladesh



Myat Moe is studying at the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka. Privileged to have received the best local education possible, she is now the voice of the less fortunate and marginalized. To voice her opinion, she started debating when she joined college. She was selected for the Team Bangladesh for the South Asia Debate Competition of Climate Finance and Governance. Moe is a sub-editor of the online section of the Dhaka Tribune, writing extensively on social issues. Recently she won the Telenor Youth Forum of the Bangladesh chapter. She will participate in the global event and attend the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony.

DELEGATES

Mr Rustam BARATOV

UCLL
Belgium



Rustam studied Business and Management at the University College of Leuven (KU Leuven Association) in Belgium and Rennes School of Business in France. He always shared a passion for working in a fast-paced and international environment. During his studies, he was an intern at Dow Jones and Houzz. He also runs a non-profit organization fostering entrepreneurship in the local startup ecosystem, as well participates in debating and negotiation internationally. Prior to 8th Model ASEM, he also participated in ASEF's 5th ASEM Rectors' Conference & Students' Forum.

Ms Rivka ROOZE

KU Leuven
Belgium



Rivka is a Master candidate in Criminology at KU Leuven in Belgium with an interest in forensic science. She received her Bachelor in Applied Psychology at Thomas More University College Antwerp in 2017. Rivka taught English as a second language during an internship in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Furthermore, she worked on an integration project in an Antwerp school with parents who have an immigration background. In 2017, Rivka was a psychology intern at one of the largest psychology practices in Paramaribo, Suriname. There she worked with clients on topics such as sexual abuse, aggression, personality disorders, inclusive education, intelligence, etc.

Ms Siti Nurhidaayah BARAHAN

Universiti Brunei Darussalam
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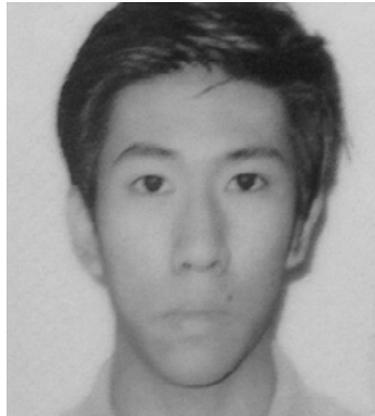


Siti Nurhidaayah studied Sociology-Anthropology, which has given her opportunities to be involved in the discourse of the society. Being in the committee for the Faculty Student Council has taught her an extensive amount of skills and knowledge. She was chosen as Brunei representative for the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship Programme in Fall 2016 at the University of Nebraska-Omaha with the focus on Civic Engagement. Moreover, she has volunteered to teach English for four months in Da Nang, Vietnam. For the future, she will be pursuing her graduate study while being involved in the betterment of the community.

DELEGATES

Mr Muhammad Ashyiq MASRI

Korea University
Brunei Darussalam



Muhammad Ashyiq is a Korean Government Scholarship Student. He is an undergraduate at Korea University, majoring in International Relations. He is an active member of the Seoul Police Foreigner Volunteer Cadets. He learns ,Samul Nori', a genre of percussion music, and is being taught ,Pansori', a Korean genre of musical storytelling. He also undergoes training in Korean Dance. Muhammad Ashyiq speaks Malay, English and Korean. He has placed top 3 and been awarded best representative delegate in United Nations ESCAP and ASEAN-Korea programmes.

Ms Antonia DOBREVA

Sofia University
St. Kliment Ohridski
Bulgaria



Antonia has a Bachelor's Degree in European Studies from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. She is studying for her Master's Degree in European Law and European Integration, and Diplomacy in the EU. During her studies, she completed a six-month education exchange on the Erasmus+ programme in Maastricht, The Netherlands. Since 2015 Antonia has been a member of the Managing Board of the Student Diplomatic Club of Sofia University and an active member of Team Europe Junior Bulgaria. Currently, Antonia has two publications on the following topics: „Bulgarian perspective on the European Union's enlargement towards the Western Balkans“ and „The Bulgarian media coverage of the Ukrainian conflict“.

Ms Elitsa MARINOVA

University of Glasgow
Bulgaria



Elitsa is an undergraduate student in Politics and Business and Management at the University of Glasgow who has also studied at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, and worked for the European Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar. As a speaker of seven languages, Elitsa is no stranger to being an active citizen of the 21st century's globalised world. Her most prominent achievement to date is her social work project „Light Up Myanmar“, which provided alternative light sources for an entire village in rural Myanmar, and managed to get 12 nationalities working together for a good cause. Most recently, Elitsa is taking her first steps in learning Mandarin and mapping out her career prospects post graduation.

DELEGATES

Ms Vorleak HONG

University of Cambodia
Cambodia



Vorleak received her Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Royal University of Law and Economic in 2014 and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Public Administration at University of Cambodia. She is working as a Government Official at the Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia. She has been working both in public and private sector for 4 years. Her work involves research, management, policy making, institutional development, negotiating, and quality assurance of trade policies. She hopes to bring significant change to her country, converting it to a society which is governed by the Rule of Law and Democracy.

Ms WAIWUNANA Lo

Tsinghua University
China



Lo is studying Global Environment Management at Tsinghua University. Having been awarded as the National Champion in 2017 Model APEC, she became the Chinese youth delegate in the upcoming 2017 Vietnam APEC. She was also the Chinese youth delegate for the 72nd UN General Assembly. She has been to England, the United States of America, Cambodia and the Netherlands for global exchange. This summer, she attended the Global Leadership Forum in Europe, and finished a final project on SDGs. At the age of 18, she worked as a teaching assistant in school and an intern in Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University.

Ms ZHOU Yupeng

Sichuan University
China



Yupeng is a graduate student of School of International Relations at the Sichuan University. She majors in the international economic relations. Her main research focus is on the relationship between Myanmar and the great powers. She also is the chairman of Sichuan University, the International Hotspot Issues Research Association, the Silk Road Youth Association, as well as a member of the "Sichuan University Graduate" newspaper.

DELEGATES

Mr Ivan KOMUSANAC

Technical University Munich
Croatia



Ivan is a fresh graduate from the Technical University of Munich, Germany, specialised in Power Engineering. His idea of making the world a better place started with the Fukushima disaster, which made him choose Power Engineering as his major. Since then, Ivan has been active in domestic projects in Croatia to raise awareness of energy efficiency and renewable energy, focusing on educating his fellow students. Ivan spent six months in Beijing, at the China Automotive Energy Research Centre at Tsinghua University, analysing the impacts of electric vehicles and how well they can work together with renewable energy.

Ms Danijela SVIRCIC

University of Essex
Croatia



Danijela is finalizing her Master's degree in International Relations at the University of Essex. At the university, she has taken the role of a Student Ambassador and Course Representative for the Department of Government, where she acts as a liaison between fellow students and academic staff. At the University of the Cumberlands in the USA, she obtained her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Political Science, with a minor in Spanish. Danijela completed an internship with the Ministry of Environment and Public Space in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she worked on issues regarding the environment.

Mr Nathanael TRAPPELIDES

Lancaster University
Cyprus



Nathanael is a PhD student at the Lancaster University, researching the Kurdish Question. In 2015, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Business Management at the King's College London and in 2016, his Master's degree in International Relations at the University of Warwick. In 2014, he worked as an Assistant Accounts Officer for Luis Cruises Ltd. and in 2016, as a Purchasing Manager for Fishedo Ltd. In 2017, he worked as a Consultant for Dlab Cy, being responsible for the reorganisation of Lois Builders Ltd. through the provision of administrative support and incorporation of operational improvements. He has participated in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) 2017 Annual Meeting which took place in Cyprus and other conferences concerned with politics and international relations.

DELEGATES

Ms Markéta BAJGEROVÁ

University of Glasgow
Czech Republic



Marketa is an external researcher at the Institute of International Relations in Prague and a senior honours student of Politics and History at the University of Glasgow. The field of her research interests ranges from political psychology, terrorism, migration, and totalitarian regimes to the politics of the EU-Asia relations and especially the politics of the Korean Peninsula. Marketa has co-organised a number of international conferences and summits, and been a speaker at the Anna Lindh Foundation Forum in Ljubljana and Olomouc.

Mr Petr VLENK

University of Pardubice
Czech Republic



Petr is a PhD student at the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic. His studies span the entire field of transportation, with focus on railways. He has published scientific papers and attended several international scientific conferences. Petr is a member of several academic bodies and organisations at the University of Pardubice. As a former leader of a student organisation, he has managed several projects. Outside university, he was one of the founding members of a team that has won a national voluntary project competition. This was eventually realized with nationwide impact.

Mr Nikolaj KORNERUP

Aarhus University
Denmark



Nikolaj is a Bachelor of Law student at Aarhus University, Denmark. At the age of 15, he gained great interest in national politics after an internship at the Parliament of Denmark. He then attended the boarding school VGE, where he became the Chairman of both the Student Council and the Welfare-Committee. After finishing Upper Secondary School, Nikolaj travelled to Tianjin, China, to study Chinese culture and worked as an English teacher at Cathay Future International Kindergarten. In 2017, Nikolaj returned to China to join the Fudan University International Summer Session

DELEGATES

Mr Dennis NIELSEN

Aarhus University
Denmark



Dennis holds a Bachelor in Journalism from the Danish School of Media and Journalism. He is currently studying an Erasmus Mundus Master's degree in Journalism, Media and Globalisation at Aarhus University and Swansea University. He has previously interned for the Danish Broadcasting Corporation in Copenhagen as well as worked there after receiving his Bachelor. Dennis is a Danish national, but has lived in Hong Kong and Beijing for five and seven months, respectively.

Mr Kristjan KALVE

University of Tartu
Estonia



Kristjan is a Law student and a young professional in the international shipping industry. Aside from his day job and school he is also a participant, chair, and organiser of youth conferences and simulations, particularly Model European Union and Model United Nations conferences. In the same capacity, he is also a member and a former Concept & Partnerships Officer of the Bringing Europeans Together Association, and the founding member of the Bringing Europeans Together Association Estonia. In his free time, he is a keen debater, a habitual plane spotter and is known to occasionally partake in orienteering competitions.

Mr Juho-Petteri MÄKI-LOHILUOMA

University of Turku
Finland



Juho-Petteri studies Law at the University of Turku. Moreover, he is the Executive Director of the think tank Linja and International Officer of the Young European Federalists Finland. Juho-Petteri has also a professional background in journalism and has worked as an Editor-in-Chief, Political journalist, and Communications Consultant. Think tank Linja is a youth-oriented think tank affiliated with the National Coalition Party of Finland. Linja focuses primarily on issues, which directly affect young people and students. The think tank's publications reach a broad group of professionals, politicians and civil society actors.

DELEGATES

Ms Jasmine MALLA

Åbo Akademi University
Finland



Jasmine is a Master's degree student at Åbo Akademi University. She studies International Law, focusing on Human Rights, with a special interest in Children's and Women's Rights. Her minor is in Mass Communication resulting in work experience on the national Swedish Radio. She has spent a year abroad, in both Spain and Chile, studying the rights of indigenous people. She has a background in the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) working with youth, mobility, and inclusion as well as in the student movement. Currently, she is in the International Youth Policy Committee of Allianssi - Finnish Youth Cooperation working with topics concerning youth, such as UNSC's resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security.

Mr Solal KAPELIAN

Moscow State Institute of
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France



Solal is currently finishing his Master programme in Governance and Global Affairs at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. During his Bachelor's degree, he specialized in Arctic affairs and International cooperation. His research focuses on the effects of technologies on public policies of digitalisation and the security of state institutions. In Moscow, Solal has taken the lead of the French Association of his University and organises French-focused economic and political conferences to the attention of his Russian counterparts.

Ms Alice PRIVEY

Radboud University
France



Alice is a Political Science Master student at Radboud University in the Netherlands, specializing in conflict studies. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Political Science at the University of Lille II. She also studied Political Science and Diplomacy during an exchange at Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) in Seoul, South Korea. This international experience has been reflected in her extracurricular work, through volunteering for UNICEF, teaching English in Vietnam, protecting historical sites in Germany and attending NGO's meetings about North Korean refugees in Seoul.

DELEGATES

Ms Ann-Cathrin JOEST

Technical University Dresden
(TU Dresden)
Germany



Ann-Cathrin is a graduate student at the Technical University of Dresden in Germany and majors in Tropical Forestry. She obtained her Bachelor's degree at the Windesheim Honours College in the Netherlands in 2016. After graduation, she was awarded the Dutch HBO Peace in Practice Research Award for her thesis on bamboo for livelihood. She then joined the International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR) in China. There she helped with proposal development and provided logistical support on international training and expert task force establishment and was responsible for the development of case studies on bamboo project in India.

Mr Dimitrios ASPROULIS

University of Athens & American
College of Greece - Deree
Greece



Dimitrios is an undergraduate student at the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens, Greece, and has already completed his Bachelor of Arts in Communication and International Relations at the American College of Greece. During his undergraduate studies, he had the chance to study abroad in the UK and in South Korea, as well as to complete internships with the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, the Public Diplomacy Department of the US Embassy in Athens and the Department for Parliamentary Research of the Hellenic Parliament. Driven by his interest in diplomacy and international affairs, he has actively participated in various simulations, conferences and projects in Greece, Europe and abroad.

Ms Panagiota LYPIMENOU

Aristotle
University of Thessaloniki
Greece

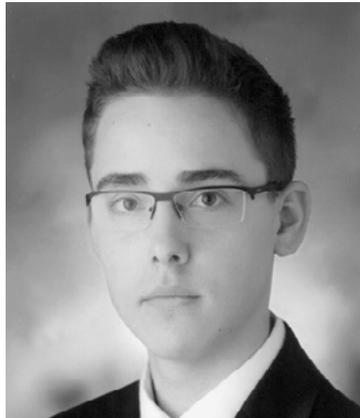


Panagiota is a graduate in Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and a current trainee lawyer. In March 2017, she was a delegate of the Greek Left Party at the Model Greek Parliament in Athens. A month later, she was also a delegate of the Panhellenic Youth Parliament in Athens, where she was awarded for her group research on the „Foreign Policy of USA after Donald Trump's victory in the Presidential Election: Relations with Russian Federation and China“. In April 2017, she was a member of the Human Rights Council at the Model United Nations in Amsterdam. During her school years, she was a speaker in various Conferences within the Law School.

DELEGATES

Mr Artúr HÓNICH

Corvinus University of Budapest
Hungary



Artúr is an undergraduate studying International Relations at Corvinus University of Budapest and a student of The College for Advanced Studies of Diplomacy in Practice and Mathias Corvinus Collegium. He is currently working as a research intern at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences RECENS research group. In April 2017, he achieved the 1st place with his research paper at the XXXIII National Scientific Students' Associations Conference in the Department of Economic History. In September 2017, he was awarded with the Distinguished Scholarship of the Republic of Hungary for his academic excellence. His previous experiences also include international simulation conferences include MUNapest 2017 (Budapest).

Ms Dorka Kornelia TAKACSY

Central European University
Hungary



Dorka Kornelia is an International Relations Master student at the Central European University in Budapest. Her main focus is on the economic relations of Central-Europe with Asia. Working currently at a regional civil organisation called the Central Europe Association, her main aim is to deepen the economic relations in the Visegrad countries, and foster widespread cooperation and mutual understanding among this group of countries. She takes part in organising debates, forums and discussion panels at Corvinus University on important and determining topics in Central Europe. She took part in in the Model V4+ Germany Forum in Prague, and numerous EU projects in the frames of Erasmus+, as a participant, trainer and organiser.

Mr Adithya BALASUBRAMANYAM KUMAR

University of Economics, Prague
India



Adithya has completed the Community of European Management Schools and International Companies (CEMS) Master's in International Management from the University of Economic in Prague and Copenhagen Business School, and holds a Diploma from the London School of Economics besides a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from India. He is currently working with a local think-tank in Myanmar where he is part of the Senior Management team who manages/implements projects across a wide range of areas for the socio-economic development of Myanmar. Due to his multicultural leadership experiences, he was also awarded the „Global Talent Award“ in 2016.

DELEGATES

Mr Vihang JUMLE

University of Mumbai
India



Vihang is an undergraduate student in IT engineering. Although he comes from a technical background he has been active in pursuing work in Economic Research and Diplomacy. Vihang throughout his undergraduate studies has undertaken research at the Indian Institute of Management Indore on Innovations at Tilburg University, Netherlands, on Digital Disruptions, and at the Ministry of External Affairs at the Government of India on Foreign Direct Investments. Vihang also leads the Data Analytics team at a non-profit-organisation where he handles Monitoring and Evaluation. Being inclined towards Machine Learning, Vihang believes Technology backed Policymaking will outperform Traditional Policymaking.

Mr Bobby HARTO

Parahyangan Catholic University
Indonesia



Bobby is an undergraduate student of International Relations at Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia. Regionalism in Southeast Asia has always been his interests of study. He is currently working on his thesis focusing on „Cambodia’s Objection toward ASEAN’s Unified Stance in the Issue of South China Sea“. He participated in International Network of Universities (INU) Global Citizenship and Peace Programme 2016 in Japan, where he presented his paper about ASEAN and indigenous peoples. He was also a volunteer in community development service in Sindulang village, Indonesia, where he participated in a project to build infiltration wells and to raise awareness of „the beauty of diversity in Indonesia“.

Mr Aditya PRATAMA

University of Lampung
Indonesia



Aditya is a student of International Relations at University of Lampung. He participated in International Relations Students’ Forum in November 2016, as a delegate of Lampung University. He has also been a member of International Relations Students’ Union as a secretary of the Social and Environmental Department. When he is not engaging with college tasks, his interests are studying French, Spanish, and German. He is currently working on a paper related to the theme “Jokowi’s Foreign Policy: Indonesia’s Path toward Middlepowerism”, and he is specifically analysing the issue of Natuna Sea. In January 2018, he will be doing an internship at the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

DELEGATES

Ms Sarah-Jane REILLY

Robert Gordon University
Ireland



Sarah-Jane is a Bachelor student in Nutrition and Dietetics at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. Sarah-Jane is the national mobility co-ordinator for the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) in the United Kingdom. Through her work with ESN, Sarah-Jane is responsible for raising mobility issues on the political agenda and providing more information on mobility opportunities to young people through the promotion of the Erasmus+ programme. She facilitates mobility opportunities by working in association with International Relation Offices and Higher Education Institutions to develop new innovative ways to promote mobility opportunities to young people. She is an active representative of The European Society in the UK.

Mr Salim SEBAOUI

Trinity College Dublin
Ireland



Salim is a medical student at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) who also holds a Master's degree in Bioengineering and currently serves as a Student Global Ambassador for TCD. He is a scholar of TCD and a keen researcher who is currently involved in several projects. Salim has a strong interest in achieving sustainable development via the integration of various disciplines, specifically health and engineering. He also has a considerable experience in teaching and involvement in educational initiatives. He describes himself as a lifelong learner, aspiring change maker and academic.

Mr Wei CHEN

London School of Economics
- Yenching Academy Peking
University
Italy



Wei is a Yenching Scholar at the Yenching Academy of Peking University and is currently doing an internship at the South-South and Global Cooperation Office of UNDP China. Previously, he obtained his Master's degree in International Relations at the London School of Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from John Cabot University (Rome). As an Italian national of Chinese descent, Wei has lived in China, Italy, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Besides his research interests in Politics, Cross-Strait Relations, and EU-China Relations, his great ambition is to work for the diplomatic service.

DELEGATES

Ms Michela SIUNI

University of Aberdeen
Italy



Michela is about to finish her Master's degree in International Relations and Management Studies at the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. Over the past few years, she has been actively involved in student politics and youth initiatives in and beyond Europe, and has attended a variety of trainings and conferences worldwide. Awarded on several occasions for her outstanding extra-curricular projects and dedication to the university, Michela was also appointed as Head of Media and Communications for the Young European Council 2017. She is primarily focused on international marketing, communication, and cultural diplomacy.

Ms Sayaka KOBAYASHI

Okayama University
Japan



Sayaka is an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Law with a specialization in Politics and International Law at Okayama University, Japan. She is interested in the Compliance of International Environmental Treaties. She studied European Social Policy and British Politics in University of Edinburgh during the second year of her degree. She is currently a student manager of a Language Cafe at the university. She has had experience as an intern at HALLHEART.INC. which is a communication agency for creative and digital companies with venture spirit and learnt the basics of strategic web marketing, web consulting and effective communications through the internet.

Ms Minori SHIMIZU

Sophia University
Japan



Minori is an undergraduate student of International Relations at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan. She has been working on refugee studies. Her current research interests mainly lay in refugee policies of the EU member states in Eastern Europe. After working for a refugee-shelter in Pavia, Italy, she interned a year as a legal protection and assistance for the Japan Association for Refugees, a non-profit-organisation which supports refugees in Japan. She also participated in Japan-ASEAN Youth Leaders Summit 2016 as a member of the Japanese delegation.

DELEGATES

Ms Nafissa INSEBAYEVA

University of Tsukuba
Kazakhstan



Nafissa is a Japanese Government doctoral researcher, whose primary fields of interest include development studies, foreign aid and foreign policy. Nafissa obtained her Bachelor's degree in Economics from Nazarbayev University in 2016, and has recently successfully completed her Master's degree in International Area Studies from the University of Tsukuba. Apart from being devoted to research, Nafissa is determined to make a positive change in her society and in the world in general through the promotion of such practices as debating, volunteering and charity.

Mr Ali SAGIDULAYEV

L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian
National University
Kazakhstan



Ali is an engineering student at the L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University in Astana, Kazakhstan. Since school years Ali has been working in both educational and public areas by participating or organising educational, voluntary and public events. Among them are the VII Winter Asian Games 2011 in Astana, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) Summit 2011, TEDx conference, and the Asian Development Bank Meeting in Astana. Gained experiences and skills allowed Ali to be engaged as one of the organisers of the International Specialized Exhibition „EXPO 2017 ASTANA-Future Energy“ which was a platform for exchange of knowledge and ideas in area of alternative energy for representatives of about 120 countries.

Ms Chanmi HWANG

Seoul National University
Korea



Chanmi is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relation at Seoul National University (SNU). Prior to SNU, she has completed her first Bachelor's degree in English at Tsinghua University, China. She has previously worked at the U.S. Embassy Seoul, LiNK(NGO), and Google Beijing as an intern. Chanmi has delivered a presentation at the United Nations General Assembly on climate change in July 2017, as a result of winning the Many Language One World competition by the UN Academic Impact and ESL. She has participated in various programmes all over the world including the United States, France, and Thailand.

DELEGATES

Ms Eunkyung SON

Sogang University
Korea



Eunkyung is an undergraduate student in Global Korean Studies and Business at Sogang University, South Korea. She is currently doing her exchange programme in Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She has a prior experience as the Head Delegate of a Model ASEM spin-off in France and G20 Youth Summit in China 2016. Recently, she was also involved in Girls20 Summit which was held in Germany this year, representing South Korea and emphasizing the importance of women empowerment in the fields of Diplomacy and Business. Now she is working on her initiative to help foreign/migrant entrepreneurs to start their own business in South Korea.

Mr Be MOUA

National University of Laos
Lao PDR



Be is a junior and majoring in International Relations at the National University of Laos. After being a student at the Vientiane College for two years, Be became an English Teaching Assistant at the same College. Besides studying English, he raised some money which was donated to disable people and used for school materials for primary schools in rural areas. In addition, he won a Global UDRAD Scholarship which enabled him to go to the US for 9 months. He also completed 20 hours of community service, where he realized that community service is not a hard work, but helpful and worth it.

Ms Soudalath VONGSAY

National University of Laos
Lao PDR



Soudalath is studying Applied Economics at the National University of Laos. She was a volunteer staff at the 28th and 29th ASEAN Summit in Vientiane. She is also a member of the Global Shapers Vientiane Hub which is currently also preparing for the next TEDx Talk. Working together with professionals has challenged her to aspire for bigger things. Hearing how big their perspective is about the matters of this world has made her think global. In October 2017, she attended the Shape Asia Pacific 2017 Conference in Cebu, Philippines, where Global Shapers members all around the globe participated.

DELEGATES

Ms Anastasija BARANOVSKA

Latvian Academy of Culture
Latvia



Anastasija is a PhD Student at the Latvian Academy of Culture where she studies Intercultural Relations and Public Diplomacy. Her PhD thesis is on Cultural Diplomacy and its Institutionalisation. She completed her Bachelor's and Master's degree as well at the Latvian Academy of Culture and focused on Intercultural Communication and International Relations. In 2013, she went for an Erasmus exchange to Vienna. In 2015, she interned at the German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce in Riga. In 2016, she interned for Erasmus for the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin and was a cultural expert at the Asian Department and researcher to Berlin Global and Cultural Diplomacy News.

Ms Julija LOGINOVIC

University of Manchester
Lithuania



Julija is a Politics and International Relations student in the University of Manchester, UK. Since high school years she has represented her community by holding active leadership roles, such as the Chair of Gymnasium Parliament and a member of the Lithuanian National Student Union. Currently, she is an active member of the Student Community, being the President of the University's Lithuanian Society as well as a member of Manchester Modelling UN Society and a delegate for MUN conferences and European Youth Parliament forums. Having experienced working in the Foreign Relation Office of her home city's municipality, Julija is planning to undertake a career in the field of International Relations, with a particular focus on international politics of trade and finance.

Ms Gabrielė NIEKYTĖ

Aarhus University
Lithuania



Gabriele is a Freelance Photographer, Social Media and Communications specialist as well as a Master's degree student of Erasmus Mundus Journalism, Media, and Communications at the Aarhus University, Denmark. Having an academic background in Arabic Language and Culture studies has empowered her to pursue sensitive and tough topics for discussion as well as social initiatives locally and internationally. The first step to take her to the current position was volunteering as communications responsible in the Erasmus Student Network AISLB, followed by an internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, and consequently working at the Honorary Consulate of India to Lithuania in Vilnius.

DELEGATES

Ms Jill CLEMENT

Jönköping University
Luxembourg



Jill is a Master student of the Interventions in Childhood Programme at the Jönköping University in Sweden, as well as a substitute teacher in Luxembourg. Additionally, she has conducted internships in various educational surroundings, including inclusive learning centres, working with children suffering severe socio-emotional behaviour disorders and a classroom for adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Further she has been an active representative during her studies, among others as a Student Representative of her study programme and President for the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) section of Luxembourg.

Mr Muhammad Farid ABD RAHMAN

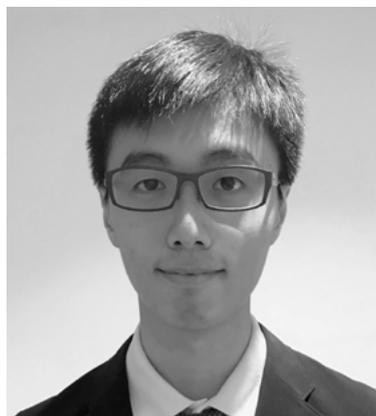
University of Malaya
Malaysia



Muhammad Farid is a Master's Degree student at the University of Malaya, Malaysia, currently enrolled in Master in Strategic and Defence Studies. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Science at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Malaysia. Farid has been working as a Senior Registration Assistant at United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Malaysia since July 2014. His work has developed his knowledge on the issues relating to refugees and the needs for international protection worldwide, and also in the context of the Malaysia refugee situation.

Mr Akihiro CHENG

KU Leuven
Malaysia



Akihiro is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in KU LEUVEN, Belgium. He has past experienced in debates and has won several awards before being an adjudicator for an interschool debate competition in Malaysia. He was also in charge of a TV Production Club in an international school that produced a video that the school used for advertisement. He worked in a family business from a young age and is in charge of their digital infrastructure, marketing components and has designed fundamental marketing material.

DELEGATES

Ms Hillary BRIFFA

King's College London
Malta



Hillary is currently reading for a doctorate in War Studies at King's College London. She teaches second year undergraduates at King's, and also teaches at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom and the Royal College of Defence Studies. She served as Youth Ambassador for Malta to the OSCE for three years, and recently completed an internship at the Malta High Commission to the UK. In 2015 she was appointed an Associate Fellow of the Royal Commonwealth Society, and in 2016 became a recipient of the U.S. State Department's inaugural Emerging Young Leaders award.

Mr Andrea DE BONO SANT CASSIA

University of Essex
Malta



Andrea is a full scholarship student reading for a Master of Laws in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the University of Essex. His experiences in the legal sphere largely focused on the following thematic areas: gaming law, public international law, international criminal law, international relations, terrorism studies, conflict prevention and resolution, election monitoring, and rule of law projects. He recently completed an 18 months assignment working as a Policy Officer at the Delegation of the European Union to the International Organisations in Vienna.

Ms Oyunchimeg DONDOG

Budapest Business School,
University of Applied Sciences
Mongolia



Oyunchimeg graduated with a Bachelor's degree from National University of Mongolia in 2012, majoring in International Economic Relations. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in International Relations at the Budapest Business School, Hungary. Her work experiences have been closely linked to the area of her interest. She has worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where she has been able to experience international relations unfolding first hand. Also, she was able to work on policy side of the field as well, when she advised and assisted a Member of Parliament of Mongolia for more than 4 years.

DELEGATES

Mr Otgonbayar OCHIRBAT

University of Utah
Mongolia



Otgonbayar is a Geologist at Oyu Tolgoi LLC, a mining company in Mongolia. He completed his undergraduate degree in Geoscience at the University of Utah with Rio Tinto Scholarship. At the University of Utah, he served as a President of the Society of Economic Geologists and found the Mongolian Student Union. Otgonbayar did his internships at Kennecott Utah Copper and Resolution Copper Mining Corporations where he gained experience in large scale copper mining methods. He is an Executive Officer for the geological association of Mongolia. He volunteers for the Institute for the Study of Mongolian Dinosaurs.

Mr Kaung Myat AHKAR

Dagon University
Myanmar



Alex just finished his final law exams from Dagon University and now works for Allen & Overy Myanmar. He is also the President of the Asian Law Students' Association- Myanmar (ALSA Myanmar). For the first time in Myanmar, he organized the Model ASEAN Meeting Myanmar; a model simulation of the ASEAN Summit. Moreover, he has represented his country at many international programmes, notably, the 41st SSEAYP in Japan and ASEAN, CIMB Young ASEAN Leaders Program in Malaysia, ASEAN Youth-lead Program in Thailand, ASEAN Leaders Fostering Program in South Korea, the 7th Model ASEM in Mongolia and Model ASEAN in Lao PDR. Through ALSA Myanmar, he has been advocating youth and law students to enhance their practical legal skills as well as to achieve quality education.

Ms Nang AON

Computer University Kyaing Tong
Myanmar



Nang is a computer university student. She lives in Tachileik. She is actively enrolled in extra curricular activities at the university of Kyaing Tong. Aside of her academic life, she has a passion for sport and won awards in several disciplines.

DELEGATES

Mr Shine AUNG

Sagaing University of Education
Myanmar



Shine acquired his first degree of Education majoring in English from Sagaing University of Education. He currently studies Project Management at the Strategy First Institute in Myanmar, under the Institute of Commercial Management's UK program. He is the holder of two „Highest Achiever Awards“ of Strategy First Institute. He started working as a youth volunteer in National League for Democracy since 2014 and participated in election movements, 2008 constitutional amendment campaigns initiated by NLD and volunteered as Election Monitor in both 2015 general election and 2017 by-election. Shine is currently working as a Program Assistant and Member of youth management team at National League for Democracy, Hlaing Township.

Mr Win AUNG

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Win is a student of International Relations at the University of Yangon. He is currently serving as a core member of the Central Executive Committee at the University of Yangon Student Union. He also served as General Publicist, and Person-In Charge for Constitution Drafting Committee at the Union. Moreover, he was elected as the President for the Youth Thoughts Sharing Club of the university which he co-founded in 2016. Furthermore, he was selected as a delegate for ASEAN Cyberkids Camp 2009 in Malaysia and Youth Camp for Asia's Future 2017 in South Korea. Lastly, he also studied Human Security Development and Energy Science at Kyoto University as a short-term student of ASEAN University Network.

Mr Sithu BALA

University of Medicine-1, Yangon
Myanmar



Sithu is a final year student from University of Medicine-1, Yangon, Myanmar. He holds an English Diploma from SEAMEO CHAT (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Center for History and Tradition). Sithu Bala was a student delegate of Myanmar who represented his country in the China-ASEAN Youth Summer Camp in Gaungzhou, People's Republic of China in 2010 and 3rd ASEAN Future Leaders Summit in Malaysia, 2015. He is also one of the stakeholders from the student perspective in the development of Myanmar Medical Council accreditation standards for basic medical education. Moreover, Sithu is also one of the representatives of the University of Medicine-1 Student Union and YSEALI.

DELEGATES

Mr Gum BRANG

Technological University
(Myitkyina)
Myanmar



Gum is an Electronic and Communication Engineering students from the Technological University (Myitkyina). He is an alumni student from the English Access Micro Scholarship Program which is funded by the American Embassy. In his hometown, he participated in many social activities like debate, English Conversation Club.

Mr Khun GIORNI

Computer University (Hpa-an)
Myanmar



Khun comes from the Kayah State in Myanmar. He joined the Myanmar matriculation program in 2013, which he passed successfully with a distinction in English language. Afterwards, he enrolled at Hpa-an University. He currently specialises in computer science.

Ms Yoon Shwe HLWAR PHOO

Mawlamyine University
Myanmar



Yoon Shwe is an undergraduate Third year Honors, english specialisation student. She is a former Myanmar representative for JENESYS Culture 2nd batch, 2016 (Japanese Language Communication and Experience in Japanese Culture). She previously worked as a volunteer with world vision acting as an English Language teacher for local primary school. She is currently working as a part time english language teacher at RVi centre.

DELEGATES

Mr Phyo HTAY

Yangon Technological University
Myanmar



Phyo is a Chemical Engineering student at Yangon Technological University. He has served for various executive positions at the university Students' Union and is currently the Academic Officer. Last year, he organized the Model ASEAN Meeting Myanmar on the theme of "Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers", chairing the Socio-Cultural Community Pillar. He is also a member of the U.S. Ambassador's Youth Council.

Ms Win Win HTET KYAW

Technological University
(Mawlamyine)
Myanmar



Win Win is a Technological University Student of Mawlamyine. She passed the matriculation examination with two distinctions. After that, she joined Technological University. She study Information Technology (IT) as the major subject. She attended the class in First Year (IT) during (2014-2015) academic year and received the First Prize from Department of Information Technology. She attended the class in Second Year (IT) during (2015-2016) academic year and also received the First Prize from Department of Information Technology. She is interested in writing programming language and networking.

Mr Augustus HTOI

Lashio Technological University
Myanmar



Augustus is a student from Lashio Technological University, majoring in Electronic and Communication. He is now working as a volunteer at Kachin Cultural and Literatural Association, Kachin Youth Organization (Shan State). Furthmore, he attended a political history training at Mandalay Social Science Institute in 2015. He just finished four courses: English for Advocates, Political Engagement, Advocacy for Ending Gender Based Violence and Organizational development offered by iPACE (Institute for Political And Civic Engagement).

DELEGATES

Ms Thaw Thaw HTUT

Mawlamyine University
Myanmar



Thaw Thaw is a post-graduated student, specializing in the faculty of English literature. She is currently working as a part-time assistant teacher for high school students. Furthermore, she works as a freelance interpreter and translator. She participated in many literacy campaigns for rural areas and other social works like fund raising for flood-hit areas. She completed Human-Centered Research Skills internship with the collaboration of participants from Zurich University.

Ms Rebecca IANG

Hakha College
Myanmar



Rebecca is a 19 years old university student at Hakha College where she is majoring in mathematics.

Ms Myo KYAW

Sittway University
Myanmar



Myo currently studies at Sittwe University. She is involved in extra curricular academic activities such as mock trials. Furthermore, she participated to the Asian University Student Council Union Conference at JENESYS 2017 in Japan.

DELEGATES

Mr Saw Thura KYAW KYAW

Technological University (Hpa-an)
Myanmar



Saw Thura is a 2nd year student of Mechanical Engineering at TU (Hpa-an), Kayin State. He is a member of the university Volunteer Group. During weekends, he teaches at the Child's Hope Volunteer Group children who cannot afford to go to school. Lastly, he participated in a non-profit social organization fostering social development at Maela Refugee Camp.

Mr Saw LER

Lashio University
Myanmar



Saw just graduated from university. Along his studies, he accumulated 4 years of teaching experience and ran his own Atlar's business over the last 3 years. Last year, he attended the Asia-Pacific Youth Conference. In the last 5 years, he has been involved in a series of youth development projects such as recycling playground buildings and philanthropic activities. In 2013, he started YEL (non-profit education club) organising weekly conversation club.

Ms Biak LING

Hakha College
Myanmar



Biak studies at Hakha College. She is majoring in history. Furthermore, she received the first prize from Grade 1 to Grade 8. Earlier this year, she was rewarded with the first prize of debate. At the side of her academic curriculum, she is a member of Chin Literature and the Culture Team of Hakha College. Lastly, she participated to the 27th Sea Game at Naypyitaw.

DELEGATES

Ms Betnadet LINLIN

Technological University (Loikaw)
Myanmar



Betnadet is a university student at Technological University of Loikaw. Aside her academic curriculum, she devotes her spare time to helping others. Betnadet is a spiritual person advocating for a peaceful planet.

Ms Htet Htet LINN KYAW

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Htet Htet is currently enrolled at the International Relations Department of the University of Yangon. She attended first year and second year classes at East Yangon University. She got her first Bachelor (Hons) degree specializing in English in 2015 and finished her Master's degree in May, 2017 from the University of Yangon.

Mr Ram LO

Kalay University
Myanmar

Ram is an undergraduate student of Sociology at Kalay University in Myanmar. He considers listening to the voice of the youth to be the most important aspect of the Myanmar democratic transition.

DELEGATES

Ms Thawdar LWIN

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Thawdar is a 2nd year honor student specializing in International Relations at the University of Yangon in Myanmar. She received the 'Best Multinational Team Award' rewarded by the Youth Innovative Competition on Greater Mekong Sub-region and Governance (YICMG). She recently collaborated conducted projects in the field of Climate Change and Disaster Protection, and the development of tourism.

Ms Lulu MAI

Myitkyina University
Myanmar



Lulu, a 23 years old, completed her Master's degree in chemistry. Furthermore, she is on the verge to start a Master of Research in the same field. She attended an International sport leadership training. Moreover, Lulu is involved in social activities such as volunteering and teaching to refugees. Last year, she participated at water forum about Ayeyarwady river and Myitsone confluence.

Mr Hung MANG

Hakha College
Myanmar



Hung currently studies at Hakka College in Myanmar. Earlier this year, he was awarded with the 1st Debate prize of his College. Furthermore, he is an active individual as he is the secretary of Chin literature and culture team of Hakka College.

DELEGATES

Ms Htet MAW

Mandalay University
Myanmar



Htet is a student in International Relations at the University of Mandalay. Always in action, she is active in extracurricular activities such as being an LGBT activist and Chairperson of Atoms Debate Club. In addition, she is a former student of English Micro Access Scholarship Program, granted by the US embassy, and she volunteers as well as a translator in Education Fairs.

Ms Mya Bhone MIN

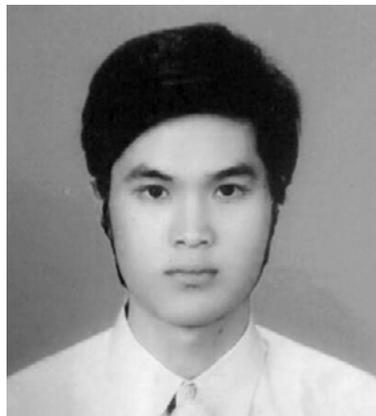
Technological University (Sittwe)
Myanmar



Mya Bhone is a student from the Technological University in Sittwe. She specialized in civil engineering.

Mr Sai MINN

Taunggyi Technological University
Myanmar



Sai is 26 years old and comes from Taunggyi, a city located in Southern Shan State in Myanmar. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering since 2013. Furthermore, he has a vivid interest in ICT's, which led him to work as a regional fault management engineer at Nokia.

DELEGATES

Ms Nang Shwe MOE MYINT

Keng Tung
Myanmar



Nang Shwe currently studies at Kyainge Tong University which is situated in the eastern Shan state of Myanmar. She is majoring in English. Recently, she was awarded several awards for English proficiency during the World Peace Ethic Contest. Moreover, she possesses an international background which she acquired during an JENESYS exchange program in Japan.

Ms Nang Thaingi MYO

Yangon University of Foreign
Languages
Myanmar



Nang Thaingi is a post-graduate student specialized in English language at Yangon University of Foreign Languages. Always interested in languages and cultures, she speaks Korean and French. Currently, she is also studying International Relations at the University of Yangon. She has actively participated in many group activities at the University. She received a Bachelor for English language at Mandalay University of Foreign Languages. Furthermore, she is responsible for sharing culture and traditions of Myanmar for the visiting foreign students at YUFL.

Ms Hsulei NANDAROO

Mawlamyine University
Myanmar



Hsulei currently conducts an internship at UNICEF. At the same time, she is learning at the ACCESS program funded by the American embassy in Myanmar. Moreover, she holds various certificates in leadership training, youth's participation program, Conflict and Peace training. Recently, she participated at BDiCE project led by Nyein Foundation for peace building within her community.

DELEGATES

Mr Saw NAUNG

Technological University (Hpa-an)
Myanmar



Saw lives in Kaen State where he is attending courses at the Technological University of Hpa-an. He is currently specializing in Civil Engineering. At the same time than his studies, he is teaching Karen Don language as a volunteer.

Ms Zar Ti Nwe NU AUNG

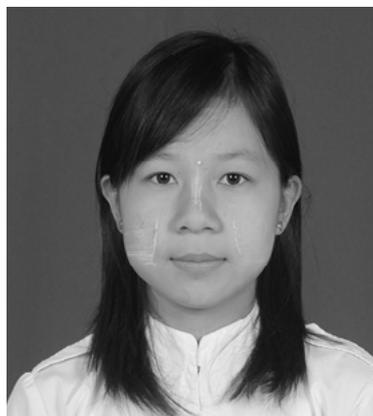
Mandalay University of Foreign
Languages
Myanmar



Zar Ti is a graduate with a Bachelor's Degree of English Language from Mandalay University of Foreign Languages. She also holds her Diploma in English Language Teaching from Mandalay University. While she was an undergraduate, she possesses experience in teaching to secondary students as a part-time job. Furthermore, she is working as a volunteer at a girls' orphanage. Moreover, she had successfully taken the main role as an event coordinator in „Art of Interpersonal Communication“ workshop held at Mandalay University by ASEAN Youth Leaders Association.

Ms Elizabeth NYAE MYAR

Technological University, Loikaw
Myanmar



Elizabeth comes for the Kayah State. She studied at the Good Shepherd Convent where she learnt how to relate to other people. When she finished high school she attended a five month course at the Youth Life Formation Center. Furthermore, she is involved as a volunteer teaching English to children during the summer.

DELEGATES

Ms May Thu PAING

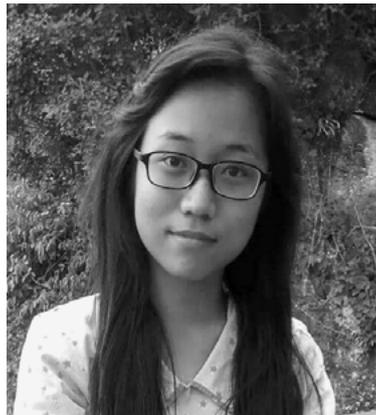
Yangon University of Foreign
Languages
Myanmar



May Thu is a 3rd year English specialization student at Yangon University of Foreign Languages. She has finished Diploma in Business Management and she is also learning Japanese Language. Furthermore, she is receiving a scholarship given by Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation from Japan. At the same time than her studies, she works as a freelance translator and volunteers in social services for her community.

Ms Thiri Wai PHYO HAN

Lashio University
Myanmar



Thiri is a 2nd year honours student at Lashio University. She majors in English, striving to be an English language teacher. She actively participates in social activities, competitions and volunteer teaching. Thiri worked as an education coordinator at YEL (non-commercial education club, English programmes). She is also a member of Executive Committee of English Department and Student's Union of Lashio University.

Ms Moe PHYU

Yangon university of Economics
Myanmar



Moe is a 2nd year student at the Yangon University of Economics where she is majoring in Public Administration. Her interest in political and economic fields began during the second semester of 2016 when she had the opportunity to participate as a delegate at the 16th AUN and 5th ASEAN+3 Educational forum and Young Speakers' contest under the motion „Sustainable Development through Community Engagement“ at Mahidol University, Thailand. Inspired by this international experience, she joined a camp called „International Development Field Camp“ for Myanmar and Japan Youth Leaders (IDFC) in 2017. She is currently working as a committee member in recruitment department of IDFC.

DELEGATES

Mr Myo Thet PY

Dagon University
Myanmar



Myo Thet (Eric) is a fresh Law graduate from Dagon University. He holds two diplomas in Business Management from MIC and I.T from NMDC. He worked as Deputy Executive Director of DULSA, the first Law student association in Myanmar and currently serves as Vice President of Academic Activities for ALSA Myanmar. He has advocated for the enhancing the capacity of Myanmar youth and Myanmar law students by giving legal training, workshops and organizing seminars through DULSA and ALSA. He also worked as intern in Myanmar Oversea Employment Agencies Federation.

Mr Pasquale

Loikaw University
Myanmar



Pasquale is a 3rd year honor, English specialization from Loikaw University. Pasquale is currently a member of YANG (Youth Life Formation Center Alumni Network Group) in Kayah State and the leader of youth in religion of National Catholic Youth Commission. In 2015 to 2017, Pasquale was a trainer as part time job in order to train English Language for local children during summer among Kayah State. He took part in a training for trainers organised by the by British Council. Furthermore, he attended the "People Forum" in September and a Youth Conference in Loikaw.

Ms Myo SANDAR

Yangon University of Education
Myanmar



Myo is a tutor in Department of Educational Theory at Yangon University of Education. She is currently attending a preliminary course for Ph.D. She obtained a Master of Education with the research on "Conflict management of school principals". She has experience in teaching for six years. As a Ph.D student, she is trained to understand educational theories, how to manage schools, how to construct a good curriculum, how to manage human resources and to be a good researcher.

DELEGATES

Ms Yae Tai SEING

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Yae Tai is a 1st year honours student of International Relations at the University of Yangon. She participated as a Myanmar delegate in Initiatives for Peace Conference in Mae Sot, Thailand earlier this year. She currently serves as Secretary General for YWBC Education Committee where she gains her experience in organising and facilitating special talks and workshops on youth development and civic education. Furthermore, she organised the U4U Friendship Camp in Yangon last October. She is also a member of Wa Students' Association and a committee member of her Church Youth Department. She is particularly passionate about education for peace and community development.

Ms Haymar SHWEYI

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Haymar is specializing in English Language and Literature at the University of Yangon. As an active youth person, she has had experiences in international programmes like „Focus On Future Youth Exchange Programme“ in China and Asia Pacific for Youths in Malaysia. According to her strong passion in community development and solving global challenges, she volunteered as a KBZ Gender Ambassador in „Women's Week Opening Forum Creating Inclusive Growth“. With a strong interest in peace-making process, she proudly took part as an observer at the Union Peace Conference. She is also working as an organizing committee member for the „International Development Field Camp“.

Mr John SMITH

Kalay University
Myanmar



John is 24 years old student from Hmawng Tlang. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Bethel Theological Seminary in Kalaymyo. Furthermore, he is currently enrolled in an Master of Arts (History) at Kalay University. Lastly, he is also a Youth Leader in Kyarinn Baptist Church.

DELEGATES

Ms Nang SWE

Computer University Loikaw
Myanmar



Nang is a 3rd year student of the Computer University. She conducted several projects at her university as a leader such as: motor bike information service system, student registration system, furniture sale service system.

Ms Thae THET

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Thae is a 2nd year honours student, studying English Literature and Language at the University of Yangon. She has previously volunteered as a liaison officer for ASEAN Meetings on Culture, Arts and Information. This experience triggered her curiosity about regional and international issues, and she got more involved in student exchange programs. She was a participant for Youth LEAD 2015 (Thailand) and ASEAN Youth Expo 2015 (Indonesia). She recently attended JENESYS Japan-ASEAN Students conference. Currently, she is working as an external affairs committee member for the International Development Field Camp.

Ms Aye THINZAR

University of Yangon
Myanmar

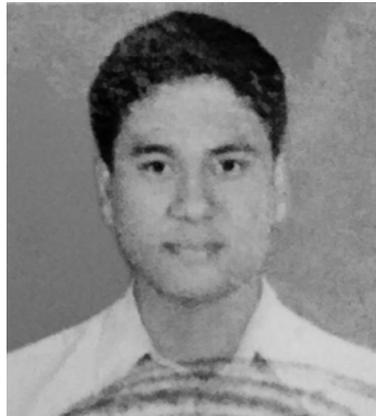


Aye Myat is a 1st year Master student specializing in English at the University of Yangon in Myanmar. At the same time, she is also studying international relations. She is currently working as social media correspondent at Development Innovation Insider and has been one of the interns at the American Center. Enthusiastic about volunteering and contributing to community, she served as a public relations officer at the American Center iNature Environmental club. She participated in many activities such as the Social Innovation Weekend by UNICEF, ASEAN-Japan Library Development Forum, Earth Hour 2017, etc.

DELEGATES

Mr Kaung THU

Sittwe University
Myanmar



Kaung is a final-year university student majoring in English at Sittwe University. Throughout his university life he participated in several extra-curricular activities. He won the first prize in the impromptu talk, round-table and debate competitions held in English. Moreover, he was selected as a representative of Sittwe University for national-level competitions. He is also a member of YSEALI and participated as a youth-representative in the conversation with the American Ambassador. Furthermore, he has been a teacher and logistics officer at a youth-organized local voluntary school known as CEAL.

Ms Khin THU

Computer University (Sittwe)
Myanmar



Khin is a student at the Computer University of Sittwe. More precisely, she is majoring in computer science. She was recently awarded with prizes in the competition of painting, writing English essay and debate.

Mr Phone THU

University of Yangon
Myanmar



Phone Myat Thu is a final year student, who has been awarded Myanmar government scholarship for his four academic years, at University of Yangon. He is majoring in international relations and he possesses a vivid interest in international organizations. He recently completed a research paper on „Human Rights in ASEAN from the Economic Perspectives“. He is the alumni of Yangon Youth Program 2017 where he learned and discussed civic education, leadership skills and gender equality. As for professional experience, he has been voluntarily working as a realization manager of Build-Your-Dreams project in AIESEC-Myanmar for one year. Lastly, he also participated as an observer in 2017 by-election in Myanmar.

DELEGATES

Mr Sai WAN

Computer University (Pin Lon)
Myanmar



Sai is a college student at Computer University (Pin Lon). He was born in Mong Shu, South Shan State in Myanmar. As a member of the Shan (Tai) nation, he is actively involved in his community life. Sai is regularly volunteering especially when his fellow citizens are impacted by natural disasters.

Ms Nadi Win Lei WIN

Taungoo University
Myanmar



Nadi Win Lei is a final year law student from Taungoo University, Myanmar. She is famous for her articles about current issues which are written in English in Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper. She was an intern at BABSEACLE for two months. She was selected to attend the 3rd Asia Pro Bono Conference in Singapore in 2014. Moreover, Nadi Win Lei is a volunteer in charities and she is also an organizer of Taungoo University Law Students' Association and Taungoo University English Club.

Mr Khun Zaw ZAW TUN

Technological University of
Taunggyi
Myanmar



Khun Zaw is a student at the Technological University of Taunggyi. Last year, thanks to his communication and leadership skills, he led successfully a project of the university. Furthermore, he is an alumni of the Difference Forum of Myanmar which is celebrated to embrace diversity and enhance the habit of tolerance in the multiculturalist country of Myanmar. He is currently the organiser of „Piti Teacher Volunteering Network“ which is teaching basic english to students in villages.

DELEGATES

Ms Ei NANDER

Hpa-an University
Myanmar



Ei is a 19 years old student from the university of Hpa an. She is currently specialising in botany where she is a second year student.

Mr Nyan Lin KYAW

Technological
University of Sittwe
Myanmar



Nyan Lin Kyaw is a student of Mechanical Engineering at the Technological University of Sittwe. Currently, he is working at Shin Di of Golden Hoe company.

Mr Laurens BISTERVELS

Yonsei University
Netherlands



Laurens is finishing his Master's degree in International Relations in Seoul. His early career has had a clear focus on East Asia. Most recently, he worked as a Policy Officer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague, where he was responsible for human rights, education and culture files at the China Desk. Previously, Laurens was an intern at the headquarters of the United Nations University in Tokyo. He has also had short stints teaching in Chandigarh, India, translating in Kunming, China, and farming in Hokkaido, Japan.

DELEGATES

Ms Frederika VAN DE VEN

Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Netherlands



Frederika is enrolled in a master in International Humanitarian Action at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands. She has lived in different cultural environments by spending a semester abroad in Poland and one in South-Africa. Currently she is writing her dissertation on the eradication of female genital cutting. She is specialised in Armed Conflict and Humanitarian Action. During her studies she was engaged in different types of voluntary work, for instance at the Studentdesk of the Red Cross Groningen.

Mr Nathan HOTTER

Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand



Nathan is a 1st year Bachelor of Arts student at Victoria University of Wellington, majoring in Political Science and International Relations. His interests lie in human rights, trade and communication (minoring in Media Studies and taking papers in Finance and Commerce). He currently volunteers for UNYouth and gets involved with political organisations in Wellington, including the NZIIA. Furthermore, he got involved in the get out the vote campaign at the Victoria University of Wellington.

Ms Kathryn KEIR

University of Auckland
New Zealand



Kathryn is in her 5th year of a Law and Commerce conjoint degree at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Currently Kathryn is spending a semester studying law on a short term exchange at Aarhus University, Denmark. Kathryn has spent her past two summers at leading New Zealand law firms, working in areas ranging from construction law to immigration law. Last year, Kathryn volunteered and attended Festival for the Future, a conference focused on encouraging social enterprise and innovation among young people around the world. In 2016, Kathryn received the Zonta International J M Klausman Women in Business Award for her academic ability and contribution to the local and global community.

DELEGATES

Mr Martin Haaskjold INDERHAUG

National Research University
Higher School of Economics
Norway



Martin holds a Bachelor in food science in Italy. He has a professional background in journalism, tourism, public speaking and food business. Martin currently undertakes a master's degree in politics, philosophy and economics (PPE) at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. He speaks Norwegian, English, Italian and basic Russian. A keen observer of world politics, with a particular eye for agricultural policy and international relations. Read more on his personal website smartinder.com.

Ms Hege Victoria Pettersen KALLBEKKEN

UiT -
The Arctic University of Norway
Norway



Hege is a political scientist from UiT - The Arctic University of Norway, where she specialized in Arctic politics and paradiplomacy. She holds a Bachelor in International Studies from the University of Oslo, and has also lived and studied in Russia, France and Japan. While working towards her master's degree she also completed an internship with the International Relations Section at Troms County Council and led the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association in Tromsø. Hege is currently working as a seminar leader in global politics and sitting as Deputy Chair of the Barents Regional Youth Council.

Mr Ans KHURRAM

Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute
of Engineering Sciences &
Technology
Pakistan



Ans is a market research professional currently working with a leading telecommunication entity in Pakistan. Ans is also a prominent youth activist; he has been a Goethe Institut Cultural Management Fellow, a delegate at the Pakistani Youth Parliament program. He is member of the U.S Ambassador's Youth Council and is currently working on policy related matters with the Prime Minister's Youth Program in Pakistan. He also enjoys writing on a wide variety of social and economic issues for one of the leading English newspapers in Pakistan.

DELEGATES

Ms Ma. Andrea Anne DABUET

De La Salle University -
Dasmariñas
Philippines



Andrea is enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies majoring in International Development at De La Salle University - Dasmariñas. She works as a student volunteer for international non government organizations namely ASEAN Youth Forum and PACE 48. Moreover, she is currently the President of the DLSU-D College of Liberal Arts and Communication Student Council for the Academic Year 2017 - 2018. One of her ongoing works is her undergraduate thesis entitled „The ‚Doctors to the Barrio‘ and its Impact to its Stakeholders in the Municipality of Rapu-rapu, Albay“.

Mr Francis Josef GASGONIA

University of the Philippines,
Diliman
Philippines



Francis is a sociologist, cartographer and professional Urban and Environmental Planner from the Philippines. He obtained his Bachelor in Sociology from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila graduating with Cum Laude Honors and he holds a diploma in Urban and Regional Planning from the School of Urban and Regional Planning of the University of the Philippines. He has worked on National, Regional, Provincial, Municipal, and Barangay land use planning specializing on spatial planning using open data and global earth observation satellite systems.

Mr Marcin GRABOWSKI

Jagiellonian University
Poland



Marcin is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Jagiellonian University of Krakow. Marcin graduated in International Relations. Furthermore, he studied at Columbia University in the City of New York (School of International and Public Affairs), George Washington University in Washington (Sigur Center for Asian Studies), and University of California, San Diego, where he completed the Global Leadership Institute program. Marcin's research interests focus on the Asia-Pacific Rim, U.S. and Chinese foreign policies and International Economics.

DELEGATES

Ms Alicja KOŃCZYK

Univeristy of Wroclaw
Poland



Alicja is a recent graduate of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków in the field of Swedish Philology. She took a gap year before starting her Master's degree in International Relations, and during that time she is volunteering in various non-governmental organisations. She has participated in 3 international student conferences in Romania, Slovenia and Norway and several youth projects in Estonia, Serbia and Italy. In 2016 she spent a semester studying at Lund University in Sweden. Her recent experiences include an internship at the honorary consulate of Sweden in Kraków and a project in Genc Kart organisation in Azerbaijan.

Ms Maria Leonor CANO CRESPO DARGENT

University of
Lisbon School of Law
Portugal



Maria Leonor is a Law Student at Lisbon University, Portugal. She has been interested in international affairs since she was very young, having represented her country in many events, such as the 80th Session of the European Youth Parliament and Ideas Lab Brussels 2015. Maria Leonor was also a part of a youth exchange that occurred in Vinci, Italy in 2015, where she helped making society more inclusive for people with disabilities.

Ms Carolina PEDROSA DE ALBUQUERQUE

University of Beira Interior
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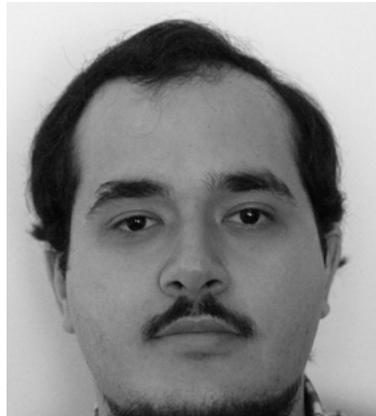


Carolina is currently a senior at her university with a major in Political Science and International Relations. She has participated in the European Youth Weekend as well as in a Study Trip to Central Europe that focused on migration, held by IAPSS, an organization for Political Science Students. Carolina was the Project Manager for Erasmus Social Network Covilhã (ESN) and is currently the Coordinator of the Pedagogic Department of her Students Association. Last summer, Carolina worked as a Project Development intern at SB OverSeas, a Belgian Non-Governmental Organization.

DELEGATES

Mr Andrei CĂLINOAIA

University of Bucharest
Romania



Andrei is currently enrolled in the British Cultural Studies Master of the University of Bucharest. He has graduated from both the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the Faculty of History, but his wider academic interests also include international relations and diplomacy, a field in which he is particularly interested because it subsumes his passion for intercultural communication. He serves as a member of his Faculty's council and has benefited from a DAAD Summer Scholarship in Freiburg, where he gained experience in a multinational environment.

Ms Olesya DOVGALYUK

University of Bristol
Russian Federation



Olesya is a Russian-Ukrainian student at the University of Bristol, where she was awarded academic prizes and engaged in multiple academic and non-academic activities. Participation in MUN simulations, IAPSS 2017 World Congress and WSIS 2017 Forum at the ITU sparked her interest for Public International Law. Over the summer 2017 Olesya interned with the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies. Currently in her third year of Bachelor studies, Olesya is planning to pursue Masters in the field of International Security and International Law.

Mr Konstantin TKACHUK

Ural Federal University
Russian Federation



Konstantin is studying civil engineering at Ural Federal University. He took part in International Summer School in Beijing and participated in the international exchange with Brno University of Technology. Furthermore, he published 3 scientific works on the topic of civil engineering, which were included in the databases of SCOPUS and RINC. In addition to publications, he participated in national and international conferences on the topics: "ECOTECTONICS 2017" and "Safety Problems of Civil Engineering Critical Infrastructures", where he presented his researches

DELEGATES

Mr Yi Zhe Gabriel CHUA

London School of Economics and
Political Science
Singapore



Gabriel is a final year Economics student at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Gabriel is no stranger to the world of (model) diplomacy, having participated in the London International Model United Nations (MUN) and Harvard World MUN. He served as the secretary of his university's United Nations society, and was responsible for internal communications. Gabriel recently finished an internship at the Centre for Strategic Futures, which is within the Prime Minister's Office of the Singapore government.

Mr Kumaraesh HARIDAS

National University of Singapore
Singapore



During his time at St Patricks Secondary School and St Andrews Junior Colledge SAJC, Kumaraesh excelled in leadership, sport and community service. At SAJC, Kumaraesh was a member of the rugby team from 2012 to 2014. While in St Patricks, he was a scouts leader, prefect and was active in community service. He was awarded the rank of Senior Patrol Leader and given the appointment of Training Officer. These appointments and positions gave him a unique opportunity to work in group to achieve various goals. From 8-10 December 2017 Kumaraesh will be the Chair of the Model ASEM Spin-off Singapore 2017.

Mr Michal BRICHTA

Moscow State Institute of
International Relations
Slovakia



Michal is a postgraduate student of International Affairs and Transnational Business at Moscow State Institute of International Relations currently enrolled in the exchange program at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. His fields of specialization are public and cultural diplomacy, as well as international business and cross-cultural cooperation. From July 2016 to June 2017 he worked for the Cultural Department of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Moscow. Before that, Michal Brichta served one year as the chairman of the International Students Association at Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

DELEGATES

Ms Adriana KARPINSKA

University of Dundee
Slovakia



After spending a gap year living and working in remote parts of New Zealand, Adriana continued her studies with the Master programme “Renewable Energy & Environmental Modelling” in Scotland, which she complemented by a placement at the Sino-Danish Renewable Energy Centre (CNREC) in Beijing. She then worked as an intern and later as an advisor to a European energy development programme in Germany and Belgium. Adriana is currently based in Myanmar, where she has been growing her expertise in rural development by supporting the startup of GIZ Myanmar’s off-grid electrification programme and most recently working at INGO Pact Myanmar on community-driven decentralised clean energy solutions and rural entrepreneurship.

Ms Megan BOŽIČ

University of Primorska
Slovenia



Megan is an undergraduate student. Currently, she is in her final year doing her Bachelor of Arts in Tourism Enterprise Management at the University of Primorska in Slovenia. She has a lot of international working experience: She worked in Sweden, Denmark and in Croatia. During her studies she has pursued internships connected to hospitality industry in Italy and Spain. Volunteering has also a big role in her life. She volunteers in sports and other events in Slovenia.

Mr Filip DELAŠ PETREŠ

Centre International de
Formation Européenne (CIFE)
Slovenia



Filip is a student of International Relations and European Studies. He graduated in International Relations at the University of Social Sciences in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He did one year as an Erasmus student at the Metropolitan University of Prague, Czech Republic. During this year, Filip also did an Internship at the Slovenian Embassy in Prague. His was responsible for writing reports on current political, social and cultural events of the Czech Republic and report it to the Slovenian Foreign Ministry. Currently he is enrolled in a Master of Advanced International and European Studies at the Centre International de formation Européen that is a private institution for education and research, located in three places (Berlin, Nice and Rome).

DELEGATES

Mr Javier BAEZ GARCIA

Maastricht University
Spain



Javier is a European Law student at Maastricht University. However, since september 2017 he is as well the Co-Founder of the newest language school in Maastricht, Belingual. When he is not among books or managing the language school, he spends his time exercising as President of AEGEE Maastricht.

Ms Julia DREVÅS BANTEMA

University of St Andrews
Sweden



Julia currently studies a Master in International Relations at the University of St Andrews in the UK. As a student, Julia has primarily focused her academic work on Euro-Asian relations and has spent a semester at both the National University of Singapore and Renmin University in China. During the last year, Julia has interned, and later worked as a desk officer, at the Department for Asia and the Pacific Region at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Sweden. Julia has also completed internships for the international organisation Youth for Understanding. Previous to this event, Julia has participated in the 6th Model ASEM in Italy (2014) and the ASEM Workshop on Fostering Entrepreneurship in Higher Education in Brunei (2015).

Ms Emily TIAINEN LOSNO

University of Skövde /
Yeungnam University
Sweden



Emily was born in 1995 in Italy. Since 2015 she studies a Bachelor in biomedicine at the University of Skövde. She is currently doing an exchange program at Yeungnam university in South Korea from August to December 2017. During this period she studies four courses and conducts a laboratory experience in the research department of Yeungnam Hospital in Daegu city. She is a student ambassador in her home university (Skövde) and also has been chairman of the international students association for two years. During summer 2017 she did a two-months traineeship in an Italian CRO company.

DELEGATES

Ms Salome EGLER

Graduate Institute of
International and Development
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Salome is currently working as a Carlo-Schmid Fellow at the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs in New York. She holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Contemporary History, and Media Studies from the Universities of Berne, and Fribourg. She is presently publishing a policy paper on City Diplomacy with the Swiss foreign policy think tank Foraus.

Ms Natalie GARTMANN

HEC Paris
Switzerland



Natalie obtained a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Management at HEC Paris in France. Her main interests lie in topics on the interface of business, society, and politics. After her Bachelor studies, Natalie Gartmann gained international practical experience at the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York, where she worked in cultural diplomacy, and at a Swiss bank where she worked as a project manager in sustainability.

Ms Wahtihdah DUFFY

Chulalongkorn University
Thailand



Wahtihdah is studying in the international program at the Faculty of Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Currently, Wahtihdah holds the title of the official presiding Master of Ceremonies for International events of Chulalongkorn University. Wahtihdah is also Communications Director of Chulalongkorn University Debate Society, President of CommArts International Club, and is a member of the Student Council of Chulalongkorn University.

DELEGATES

Mr Thanapat WONGLERT

Thammasat University
Thailand



Thanapat is a senior undergraduate student at the Combined Bachelor and Master of Political Science programme in Politics and International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University. He participated in various activities, including being a liaison of ASEAN University Student Assembly to facilitate the conference. Furthermore, he conducted an internship at the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Penang, Malaysia. During his internship, he attended as an observer the 9th Working Group Meeting on Transport and ICT Connectivity Meeting of Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle.

Mr Nicholas BLOOM

University of Bristol
United Kingdom



Nick is a final-year student at the University of Bristol (UK), studying for a Bachelor of Arts in French and Spanish. Later on, he aims to undertake a Master's in International Relations and International Security. Last summer, Nick was selected as a Many Languages One World delegate, participating in a youth forum in Boston before addressing the United Nations General Assembly in New York on gender inequality in British politics. Nick studied for a semester at the Universidad de los Andes in Colombia, and spent six months working in communications in Paris. Furthermore, he has just been appointed Campus Ambassador for the United Nations Youth Assembly.

Mr Christopher BOARD

Centre International de
Formation Européenne
United Kingdom



Christopher grew up in London, attending King's College's respected Department of War Studies between 2011-14. Upon graduating, he joined the US Army Reserve as a Civil Affairs Specialist and has taken part in NATO exercises in Poland, as well as a Humanitarian Assistance Mission in the Republic of Georgia. He has completed internships on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, as well as the UK Parliament and, most recently, in the Delegation of the European Union in Singapore. He is currently finishing his MA with Centre International de Formation Européenne, writing his thesis about the European Union's Eastern Partnership Programme.

DELEGATES

Mr Nam PHAN

National Economics University
Viet Nam



Phan is a senior pursuing the Bachelor of Economics degree in Management Science Faculty, National Economics University, Vietnam. With the interest in social development activities of young people, Nam has experience in participating in many youth programs. He got the „Best Delegate“ award in Vietnam National Model ASEAN Meeting and Vietnam Youth Parliament 2017. He also was active as the organiser and the volunteer in numerous programs for youngsters in Vietnam as well as abroad.

Ms Huyen TRAN

La Sapienza Universita Di Roma
Viet Nam



Huyen is currently in her second year of the Master of Science in Economics at La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy - focusing on the curriculum of Competition and Market Regulation. She is interested in game theory and its application in managing social interactions and institutional design to improve the welfare for the parties involved. She worked in Vietnam, studied in Ireland and Italy, attended summit and congress with other young leaders in Laos and the United States, participated in conferences and summer school in Italy, Germany and France.

VIDEOGRAPHER AND PHOTOGRAPHER

Mr Heiko SEIBEL

Germany
Studio Heiko Seibel



Heiko Seibel has been working as a freelance photographer since 2002. He has studied Journalism and Communication Science at the University of Muenster, Germany and Integrated Design at the University of Fine Arts Bremen. Mr Seibel creates visual and photography concepts for businesses and magazines and develops his own artistic projects. Photography shall serve more than a decorative element to a text; it follows its own narrative and message. For his illustration and interpretation of movements in Olympic sport disciplines, he received the Art Directors Club Award. The series was published in the ZEIT Magazin.

Mr Sean LEE

Singapore
Sean Lee Photography



Sean grew up in Singapore. His first body of work was Shauna, made between 2007 and 2009. This work was nominated for the Prix Découverte on the 40th anniversary of Arles Photography Festival. Since then, Sean has gone on to make other stories. His most recent work, Two People, received the 2011 ICON de Martell Cordon Bleu award. Much of Sean's work can be found in the collection of the Singapore Art Museum, as well as in the Sandor Family Collection. Sean's first book, Shauna, was released in September 2014. It was collected by the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) Library.

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Mr Albert MEIJER

Netherlands
ASEFEdu Young Reporter



Albert Meijer is a freelance writer and singer. He has previously worked for the European Commission's Creative Europe programme and the Erasmus Mundus Master programme Euroculture in the University of Groningen. Albert has recently been appointed Membership Officer for IETM (The International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts).

Ms Syrine Gladys PODADERA

Philippines
ASEFEdu Young Reporter



Syrine Gladys Podadera has a degree in Communication from the Far Eastern University, Manila. She co-founded and headed a university-wide organization for academic scholars in college and was awarded as one of the outstanding senior students of her batch. She works as a freelance writer and teaches campus journalism in grade school. Syrine also co-founded The Diarist Projects, an online platform dedicated to help young individuals cope up through writing. She's one of the young reporters that covered the 6th ASEF Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum.

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Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN

Education Department Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)



Leonie has been working in the field of international relations for over 15 years, with a focus on Education Diplomacy since 2014. As the Director of the Education Department, she is responsible for leading the department in conceptualization and execution of a programme portfolio covering 51 countries across Asia and Europe. Her work addresses education policies, higher education cooperation, university-business partnerships, activities in the field of lifelong learning as well as experiential learning and skills development for young people.

Mr Oscar BOIJE

Project Executive
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)



Oscar is a Finnish national with partially Bolivian origins. Being an ASEF alumnus of the 4th ASEM Rectors' Conference and Students Forum, he joined ASEF's Education Department as a Project Executive in March 2016. He works with projects under the ASEF Young Leaders Programme and the ASEF Education Policy Programme. Oscar is an International Human Rights Law (LL.M) graduate from Lund University in Sweden. He has also conducted exchange studies in Colombia and degree studies in Finland, where he obtained his Bachelor (B.Soc.Sci.) and Master (M.Soc.Sci) in International Public Law. Prior to joining ASEF, he lived in Brussels, Belgium and was the Partnership Manager of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), Europe's largest student organisation. Oscar has also interned at the European Commission and the Finnish Foreign Ministry in Lima, Peru, and at the Reykjavik Arts Festival in Reykjavik, Iceland.

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Project Officer
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)



Benoît, a Belgian national, joined ASEF's Education Department in January 2017. Prior to joining ASEF, he completed a Blue-Book Traineeship at the Foreign Policy Instrument Service of the European Commission. Benoît participated in two of ASEF's flagship projects in the past: the 19th ASEF Summer University in India and the Young Leaders Summit held in Luxembourg. Furthermore, he completed a series of internships in various public organisations such as the Strategic Department of the third Belgian metropolis of Liège, where he tackled smart and city branding projects. Beyond having a passion for Asia, he focused his academic career on Europe by completing his Bachelor degree in European Studies at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands and his Masters in European Governance at the University of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Additionally, he took part to two Erasmus exchanges in Spain and Italy.

Mr Akhil THOMAS

Project Officer
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)



Akhil, an Indian national, joined ASEF's Education Department in January 2017. Prior to joining ASEF, Akhil completed a half-year internship with the United Nations Academic Impact, based at the UN Headquarters in New York City, where he worked on projects such as the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador and the 71st session of the UN General Assembly. During his university days, Akhil completed a chain of internships at organisations such as KPMG, Teach for India, and a Bangalore-based think tank called Synergia Foundation, where he completed research projects on India - U.S Relations and the Deep Web. Akhil also worked part-time with the international student organisation AIESEC, where he headed the business development portfolio for the local committee in Chennai. A graduate of Bachelor Economics from Loyola College, Chennai, Akhil supplemented his academic experience at college by completing a summer programme on Consumer Behaviour at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Acting Director General
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Since April 2017, Dr Sai Kyaw Naing OO has served as the Acting Director General of the Department of M&E in Myanmar's Ministry of Education. In this capacity, he leads the design and implementation of M&E systems across all of the Ministry of Education's Departments. He hopes to develop clear measures of progress against the government's National Education Strategic Plan, and to find ways to analyze and present data in useful ways that allow government officials to make decisions better. Before this, he served for 2 years as the Deputy Director General (DDG) in the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET), where he helped reforms for development to make the public supply of TVET more effective and relevant with the needs of the world of work and strengthened cooperation between public and private sectors in TVET Myanmar. Before he was the DDG, he had 17 years of experience working in the TVET subsector and management field. This included periods as the Head of Office of the Ministry of Science and Technology, pro-rector and professor at a technological university, and lecturer and assistant lecturer at a technical institute. He received his Master's degree in 2004 and PhD in 2007, both in Metallurgy Engineering from the Russian State Geological Prospecting University. He received his Bachelor's degree in Metallurgy Engineering from Yangon Technological University.

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Dr Khine MYE entered the academic profession in 1980 and he was appointed as Professor in Geology at Kyaukse University in 2003. In 2007, he was promoted to Pro-Rector in Sittway University and in 2009, transferred to Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar) at Yangon as Deputy Director General. From June 2011 to January 2015, he worked as Rector of West Yangon University. From January 2015, he transferred to Department of Myanmar Education Research till August 2016. Since September 2016, he has been assigned as Director General at the Department of Alternative Education (DAE), Ministry of Education. As Director General at DAE, he is responsible for conducting various education programs of non-formal and informal education sectors. Apart from these responsibilities, he works as the Secretary of Education & TVET Sector Coordinating Group (ETVSCG), bringing together Ministry of Education and international development partners for the Myanmar education's uplift. Now he is also working as the Secretary of National Education Policy Commission of Myanmar.

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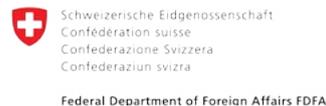
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