



The College of Business Management Model United Nations - 12th Edition



On a Friday morning, June 28, 2024, a university all the way in Korangi, bustled with excitement as team CBMUN worked to keep up with their eleven-year legacy.

At the College of Business Management (CBM) students from all over Karachi arrived to participate in their 12th and well renowned edition of the Model United Nations (MUN), which was held from June 28 to June 30, 2024, organized by talented and experienced Presidential Body of LPSS.

To charge up the students, CBMUN surprised the participating delegates with a visit from the esteemed Vice Consul General of Turkey, as a guest, on the first day of the program. The foreign representative visited every committee and engaged conversation with the delegates who, were seated, gearing to face each other off in an exciting debate.

With eight committees ready to have thought-provoking discussions, aiming to promote civil dialogue and discussion on a global perspective, CBMUNXII hosted 500+ delegates from institutes all over Karachi.

Walking through CBM corridors each door opened to invigorating debates and dialogue, from UNHRC, UNWomen, DISEC and Specpol to HCC, UNSC and PNA.

Additionally, the team of CBMUNXII incorporated the concept of inclusivity into their three-day event with the committee, Council for Specially-Abled (CSA). A participant, delegate for Iran, shared her thoughts over the event and the rather insightful incorporation into the event.

"I loved the inclusivity and the co-operation of the team with us,"

An insight into each of the committees ranged from fierce discussions to light-hearted entertainment sessions that were supervised under the expertise of talented chairs, who themselves, had years of experience to show in the field of MUNs.

The Assistant Committee Director to UNHRC, Asim Hashmani, expressed his point of view over this year's CBUMN, while comparing it with the last edition.

"This event has been wonderful from the start till the end and since I have been deeply rooted with CBMUN since the last edition, this edition is clearly an improvement."

CBMUNXII provided just the direction today's youth need to discuss global conflicts with respect to history, such as the Treaty of Versailles and in more recent light, the Russia-Ukraine conflict highlighted in the committees of HCC and CSA respectively.

Additionally, committees like UNWomen and UNHRC raised questions and proposed solutions that the world must incorporate to solve pressing issues such as women and minority rights violations.

Gender violence and particularly the abuse inflicted upon the Rohingya minority in Myanmar were addressed and debated upon with enthusiasm and hopeful resolutions

CBMUN also initiated conversations on the sensitive topic of female genital mutilation, discussed with much passion, along with. General issues such as expanding the members of the United Nations Security Council or whether the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict in triggering World War III and having an in-depth discussion over the Non-Proliferation Treaty concerning the ongoing global situation.

Meanwhile, from a room in the corner of the corridor, much commotion could be heard and such is the tradition of every MUN's PNA (Pakistan National Assembly) committee, which brings about the local perspective in a MUN conference, making it unique to our country. Each delegate was allotted a political personality to represent at the three-day conference with an open agenda, students from different institutes, holding up plaque cards from the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shahbaz Sharif to Sharmila Farooqui and Khalid Maqbool Siddique.

The Committee Director for PNA, Shahnihal Idrees, praised the talent CBMUNXII was able to harness in the students, stating, "I've been through multiple PNAs in MUNs from almost four to five years now and students could not have in-depth conversations over the country's pressing matters."

"Even though, the students I see here belong from various schools, colleges as well as universities, they are quite well-versed over economic policies and I believe the credit goes to CBMUN for providing these students an incredible platform to showcase their talent," he added.

As the entire building of CBMUN stayed lit up on all through the weekend, not only did delegates come up with arguments and counter arguments but also proposed solutions to the matters under discussion with the guidance of the chairs in each committee.

In the room for UNHRC, Razi Wani, the Committee Director, could be seen guiding the delegates by providing general and personal critiques. "It's impressive, the students CBMUN has gathered," he told one of our reporters.

While in CSA, Committee Director, Osama Gujjar expressed his admiration for the differently-abled participants in the committee stating, "I had a discussion with my co-chair, Sarim, I told him 'I don't know anything about the Russia-Ukraine conflict,' and he responded to me, 'Just wait and watch, these delegates themselves will tell you.'"

Abdullah Jamal, who co-chaired PNA along Shahnihal, treated the delegates to his own speech that he would've given if he were a delegate in the room, a demonstration lauded by all the institutions in attendance.



CBMUNXII came to a spectacular finish as the Russian Consul General, Mr. Andrey Fedorov and the Faculty Advisor, Madam Nida Zehra, were all praises for the event that was organized, appreciating the efforts put in by her students to execute this invigorating three-day conference, at the closing ceremony.

As the team of CBMUN recognized the efforts of everyone, from the Secretariat to the invited Chairs and the volunteers, who made the event and its smooth execution, possible, they concluded their 12-year-long tradition with an exciting qawwali night, of course!

CREDITS

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