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Unbiased may seem a strange name for the IV Regional Conference Newspaper. Probably yes, it is not an ordinary name, which hides a great philosophy behind. First of all, the enigma of the word “UNbiased” has to be opened right now in order to make you feel its complete sense. The word “unbiased” means “impartial” and this very quality is crucial at any MUN Conference for both Chairs and Delegates. No matter what personal relationships you have with a delegate in your usual life but it does matter how objectively you evaluate this very person by 5 well-known system called “PAKED”. Actually, the Professional-Accountability-Knowledge-English-Debates system was created for this very purpose, to judge your colleagues and yourself *unbiasedly*.

Also, another part of the trick with the name of the Newspaper is simpler and just consists in the words game. Have you already guessed it? UNbiased includes the name of our favorite Organization, the United Nations or the UN. By this we would like to express our commitment to the principles of this universal mechanism.

Finally, we believe you will enjoy reading daily Newspaper “Unbiased” and stay with us for the next 4 days of the Conference.

Good luck with debates and enjoy the process!

Editorial Board

Peace, labor, May!

What do normal Russians do on the 1st of May? Go to the traditional demonstration, make nesting boxes or just enjoy their day off. Then, what do people from MUNRFE on the 1st of May? Of course, they go to Regional Conferences!

One more Regional Conference, the IV, is another great event in MUNRFE history. It was being prepared since January 2013 and, finally, we gathered together here, in the city of Khabarovsk, to meet old and new friends, overcome our fears, develop our skills, climb one more Mountain in our life, demonstrate who we are and determine who judges us. By the way, before Opening Ceremony the team of the People's Republic of China (whose adviser is honorable Under-Secretary-General for Conference Management, Denis Plotnikov) was getting the inspiration from classic MUNRFE movie, the Great Debaters, crying out its most famous words.

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by the President of Khabarovsk MUNRFE Club, Daria Stolbikova, and Evgeniy Nesterenko, the delegate of Argentina in the Security Council. The Managing Director of the Model United Nations of the Russian Far East, Andrey Kozinets, USG for Conference Management, Denis Plotnikov, Secretary-General, Olga Katina and Deputy Secretary-General,



Vitaliy Savenkov, delivered their opening speeches giving motivation to the delegates, inspiring to enjoy the Conference or, as one of the most popular MUNRFE mottos says “enjoy the process”.

After this piece of inspiration the Secretary-General with her Deputy proceeded with introduction of the rest of the Secretariat Officers (11 hard-working people in total). Then the President of the General Assembly, Ksenia Shevtsova, conducted the Roll-Call where 22 delegations specified their status. Also the agendas for each committee were announced and adopted by the General Assembly Plenary (2 agenda items for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 2 agenda items for the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and 5 for the UN Security Council). Therefore, the long-awaited Conference began brightly by the efforts of the Secretariat but now its destiny is in your hands, distinguished delegates! Create the future by your own hands.

P. S. Here is the quote from that “classic MUNRFE movie”.

Who is the JUDGE?

The judge is God.

Why is he GOD?

Because he decides who wins or loses, not my opponent.

Who is your OPPONENT?

He does not exist.

Why doesn't he EXIST?

Because he is a mere dissenting voice of the TRUHT I speak.

“The Great Debaters”

“Notes from the Field” of the UN ESCAP



1st of May was the day of hot discussions in the UN ESCAP. Almost each out of 14 delegations present and voting expressed their desire to voice opinion of their people concerning one of the most crucial issues for the present-day Asia Pacific Region – inclusive and sustainable development of urban areas in the Region. Moreover, each proposal, each speech triggered at least 22 points of inquiry, which shows a tremendous interest of all delegates towards ideas of their colleagues.

However, as it happens very often in multilateral diplomacy, not always it was possible to find common grounds. The Russian Federation and the United States of America tried to take leading roles being extremely active during “sidelines”. Nevertheless, East Asian countries, in particular, Republic of Korea, Singapore and China are not willing the whole region to play the tune of others. Consequently, the debates process in the Commission which mainly concentrates on humanitarian and social issues looks sometimes almost similar to tough negotiations of the Security Council.

As the Asia Pacific Region is definitely the center of the world economy and world politics today, we believe that such things as professionalism and devotion to the common success will determine the debates process in the days to follow.



Heat in the Sixth Committee GA



The situation in the Sixth Committee has changed a lot comparing to the beginning of debates. Delegates “woke up”, lost their uncertainty and got much more confident. At this time committee discusses status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions, which is not the easiest topic at all. It takes a lot of knowledge and skills to be able to debate on this topic, so delegates are doing great so far. The sixth committee is pretty loud and it is for sure that debates are hot over there. Though many delegates are very active, the absolute leader is still to be detected.

It should be noticed that creativity of delegates goes without saying. The whole committee was surprised with the unexpected 12-second strategy of delegate

from Cambodia who compared a cell phone to the future of mankind by saying that all is in our hands and dismantling the phone.

Also during the first day the most popular phrases of the committee were determined. According to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Legal Committee these two phrases were said numerous times and broke all the records. And those are “Thanks for your brilliant speech but we still have some misunderstandings.” and “Could you please clarify...?” So maybe delegates should think of something else to be original and unsurpassed?

And we will see how situation changes in tomorrow UNbiased newsblock (:



What about Six-party Talks?



The first session of the Security Council's debates was hot from the very beginning. Almost fighting for the opportunity to make a speech delegates raised their placards so fast that it was hard even for the President to decide who actually was the first. There is still no obvious leader in this committee because it flows from one delegate to another all the time and everyone tries to show his/her best.

Among five topics participants chose the DPRK nuclearization as the most urgent and important one. No one will argue that this topic is very relevant to the current political situation. There were many different proposals, for example, Russian Federation suggested to establish the special economic zone for providing humanitarian aid.



Almost all the delegates consider the need of negotiations between DPRK and other countries, the re-opening of Six Party Talks is also a popular proposal but details are still to be discussed. Nevertheless, the Council has already started writing a resolution. Therefore, the Chairs are waiting the SC-28 to be raised soon.

But in spite of very tense ambience in Security Council there is still time for little bit of humor. During the first hour of debates the delegate from Pakistan used hilarious 12-second strategy that made everyone confused. "Let me speak from my poor English and nerdy speech" said he. DPI found this quote deserving to be published (:

Interviews with stars



The IV Regional Conference
Secretary-General, Olga Katina

1. What was the greatest challenge for you at MUN Conferences?

For me it has always been a great challenge to speak on the spot. I usually need to think over what I am going to talk about. Well, it takes time and in such Bodies as the Security Council time matters a lot, and sometimes you have just a couple of seconds to reply or express your position.

2. How could you overcome your fears and become the Best Delegate of the XI International Conference?

The whole process of the preparation to the XI IC was kind of a fear overcoming track. I had a lot of different fears and concerns about myself but, you know, when you get some really significant responsibility. All the fears lose their sense. I found such a duty not to let down my beloved team. That helped me to forget my concerns.

3. What assumptions did you have before the IV Regional Conference had started? Do you think some of them will become the reality?

I assumed the Security Council will be the most popular Body but according to the statistic it is the Sixth Committee where we actually have 17 countries present. Generally, I believe notwithstanding the number of delegates, every committee will have tough debates.



Special guest, SG of XII IC, Vladimir Tananykin

previous advisers Eugenia Kiparenko, Anastasia Skripnik, Vladislav Sklyanov and of course Semyon Korotich who invested huge amount of his knowledge, really inspired me and made my self-confidence strong enough to win. And of course who doesn't want to go to New-York to kick asses of Americans at their own conference?

2.What (brand) new are you planning to make at the XII International Conference as the Secretary-General?

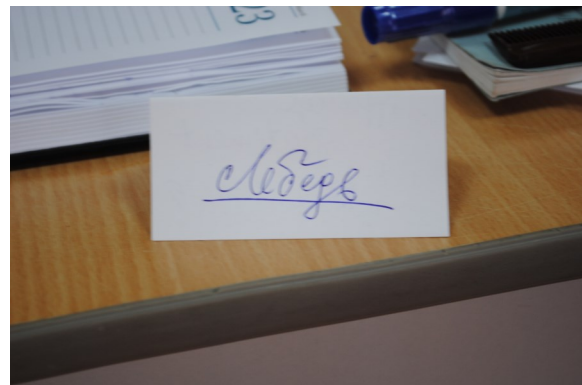
I hope that during XII International Conference people will get maximum of useful experience that is possible and for that I'm planning to give participants the opportunity to look on this event from a little bit different perspective. The structure of the conference is quite traditional, the main purpose of which is to address the main pillars of the United Nations: Peace and Security, Humanitarian Affairs, Development, Human Rights and International Law. However, what is really new is the countries, which are represented in all the committees of the Conference. The full countries will be represented by Argentina, Guatemala, Republic of Korea, Pakistan and the United States of America and also such countries as China, France, Morocco and Rwanda will have the observer status in Human Rights Council and thus will also be represented in all committees. By making this innovation in countries representation I want to underline the importance of each Member-State of the United Nations and it doesn't matter if it is a Permanent Member of the Security Council or not. We need to understand that Developing Countries are right now playing really crucial role in the world, so I want to reflect this importance during the XII IC. Also, the Human Rights Council is a brand new committee that were not simulated in MUNRFE for quite long period of time. Thus this committee will give the opportunity for the delegates to try themselves in the sphere of Human Rights.

Paparazzi

The life of trash at the IV Regional Conference



South Korea delegate of GA 6 is practicing ballet dance



Guess who?



Street magic of Linda Kvitkina



Babie kingdom



Dopping for Chairs to become true nyashkas



Children of the Sun

P. S.

The life of trash at the IV Regional Conference



While the UN ESCAP is discussing problems of urbanization, which also include the trash utilization issue, the delegates from the whole Conference are jeopardizing the existing problem by not throwing it in a proper way at the Coffee Breaks venue, called "kitchen". However, we do believe that the United Nations distinguished delegates will remember about their important roles before the Society, show their personal example of making the world better and will not prevent the UN ESCAP delegates from solving the issue of negative consequences of urbanization.