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STUDENTS WELCOME A BRAVE NEW WORLD AT MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The statistics for Doha College's Model United Nations (MUN) conference held recently, 3-5 November, certainly lived up to its theme and heralded a 'Brave New World.'

Over 500 students from 15 schools across Qatar, took part in the MUN conference held over three days and across two venues. Secondary students were arranged into 13 committees and covered 36 different debates focusing on the main issues around disarmament, refugee rights, International security, youth radicalisation and education.

The keynote speaker at the conference was Doha College alumnus and former Head Girl, Mona Ahmed, Director of Legal Affairs at Qatar Museums. A trained lawyer, Mona is a graduate of the London School of Economics and has worked as a legal advisor in Qatar for Qatar Foundation and Doha Film Institute before taking up her current role. Mona addressed all the attendees at the closing ceremony and talked about the significance of education and how important it is to be a part of the process for the future.

This year, Doha College was delighted to have an ambassadorial presence at the conference, Her Excellency, Mrs Bahia Tahzib-Lie the ambassador for the Netherlands led a session with the Security Council Committee about reform of the Security Council. Within the GA6 Committee, His Excellency, Mr Christian Tudor, the Ambassador for Romania spoke and led a question and answer session around the Romanian – Spanish initiative to create a Court for International Terrorism.

This year was the ninth annual MUN conference run by Doha College, each year a new conference theme is selected to encourage maximum debate. This year's theme a "Brave New World" was chosen as the perfect setting to discuss contemporary issues and was kindly sponsored by QDSBG Construction.

Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that educates participants in current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy and the United Nations agenda.



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Doha College's MUN is a student-run organisation which encourages secondary school students interested in foreign affairs, politics, the environment, culture and countries to participate in public speaking, debating and resolution writing within an environment that echoes the United Nations. These students are assisted by three key members of staff, DCMUN Director Mrs Joanne Conly and Deputy Directors Mrs Amanda Stafrace and Ms Nicola Calvert-Beer.

Mrs Joanne Conly explained the significance of MUN on student development "MUN encourages students to view the issues affecting the world from different perspectives and the collaborative nature of MUN helps to teach our students about global responsibility."

Doha College's MUN proudly carries The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) affiliation allowing Doha College students to meet a variety of other 'MUNers' from all around the world.

Year 13 student, Ata Chowdhry secretary general for Doha College's MUN conference summed up the ethos of the conference participants, "We live in a world that is constantly changing. As citizens of the world, we have a duty to ensure these changes are dealt with in such a way that adds maximum benefit to our society. Our aim for this conference is that each and every one takes away the spirit of the United Nations and realises how thoughtful, committed citizens and the youth can make a difference through meaningful dialogue and the will to change."

The MUN conference handbook, press magazines and further information are available at <http://dcmun.org>

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