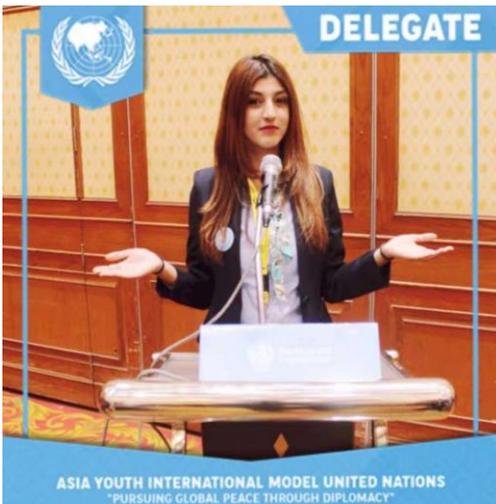


ZJGSU LAW STUDENTS TAKE PART IN THE 2018 ASIA YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Two final year ZJGSU Law students, **Nazly Sadik** and **Maajida Mia**, were among the 1066 delegates from all around the world at the Model United Nations Conference (MUN) hosted in Bangkok, Thailand, over 3-6 November 2018.



Maajida Mia



Nazly Sadik

For many years now, MUN conferences have been held around the world to encourage cross-cultural communication and global awareness. The movement works to cultivate youth awareness of the international system centred around States and the United Nations, introduces them to current international challenges, and also helps them understand and develop problem-solving skills to address particular issues. At the same time, the participating students can improve their communication and diplomatic skills, critical thinking, and learn how to widen their circles.



Delegates of the Asia Youth International MUN 2018 were warmly welcomed on Day 1 with an opening ceremony. At the opening ceremony, students were able to hear from **Dr Dino Patti Djala**, the Founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI). They learned how the MUN could be the start of an amazing and varied career. **Dr Sipim Sornbanlang**, a lecturer at Srinakharinwirot University and **Associate Prof Dr. Rosalia (Lia)**

Sciortino Sumaryono from the Institute for Population and Social Research at Mahidol University, also spoke. They gave students very inspirational presentations on peace, culture justice and diplomacy. The speakers discussed recent issues regarding to some topics in each council to allow all delegates understand

current International issues and how to come up with those issues through diplomacy. The Opening Ceremony also include a formal dinner, MUN 101, and a wonderful entertainment session that helped prepare delegates for the rules and procedure.

The Asia Youth International MUN 2018 was comprised of nine councils. Nazly took the role of the delegate of Oman at the International Labour Organisation, while Maajida was the delegate of Niue in the World Health Organisation. Nazly explained the MUN format further:

The next day we were separated to participate in our council's meeting session. With the formalities completed, our names disappeared and instead each of us became the delegate of his/her country. Committees replicated the organization of the United Nations. Alliances were formed with other countries and resolution papers written that outlined solutions for world issues. There were fruitful debates and heated negotiations upon the discussion of each topic and a final resolution which was condensed from every solution and idea that delegates brought. I learned that even after much highly skilled negotiation and diplomacy, resolutions could still be defeated on the final vote.



Ambassador Nazly Sadik, the Omani delegate to the International Labour Organisation, in action



On the last day, the MUN delegates had a fun day out exploring Bangkok city, and spreading the message of peace and diplomacy.



The event closed with a terrific closing ceremony. Many delegates put on cultural performances to spread awareness about their national cultures and heritage. All delegates received certificates, and left very much richer in experience, and with many more new friends. For Nazly, 'it was a great experience, of fun, hard work and great personal development.'