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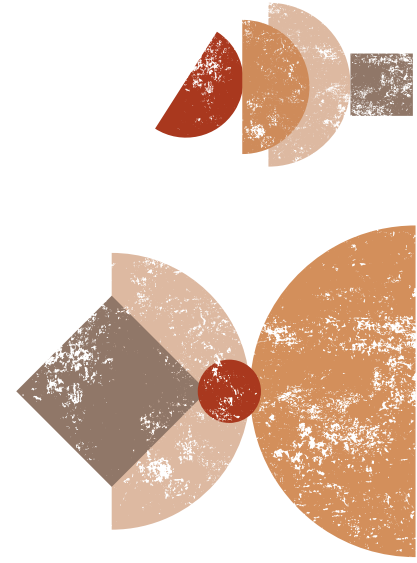


WORLD HERITAGE

2023 HK-GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference



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WELCOMING REMARKS

It is my great pleasure to welcome all prestigious guests, teachers, and students to the 2023 Hong Kong – Greater Bay Area Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage.

This is the third Model UNESCO Conference we've held in Hong Kong. With our First Conference on Education, Second Conference on Climate Sustainability, each conference corresponds to the topics of international conferences, giving students opportunities to immerse themselves in the discussion of the latest global affairs.



Prof. Karen Cheung

President of UNESCO Hong Kong Association
Director of Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development

On the global stage, our youth ambassadors, and the winner of previous Conference, have represented the delegation of Hong Kong and won the best delegation of the International Model UNESCO Conference for two consecutive years.

On the national scope, we have expanded our conference to the Greater Bay Area, so this year we are glad to have students from Guangdong and Macau joining us, fostering greater cross-border knowledge and culture exchange.

Locally, the unique case session allowed the students to apply insights from international solutions to a local case study, to develop practical recommendations for local challenges.

With the aim of facilitating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and international cooperation through Education, Sciences, Culture, and Propagation, we hope that through Model UNESCO Conference, an interactive, youth-led, and experiential learning activity, we could empower youths, by providing them with opportunities and support to develop the essential skills and knowledge for sustainable development, such as system thinking, strategic thinking, collaboration, critical thinking, self-awareness, and integrated problem-solving competency. We encourage our young leaders to evaluate, summarise relevant and truthful information, especially in such an age of rapid technological development and information explosion, to think critically, and to use this knowledge to collaborate and find multidisciplinary solutions to multifaceted global challenges.

As the UN Secretary General António Guterres said on the opening of the 2023 UN General Assembly, “the world is becoming unhinged as geopolitical tensions rise and it seems incapable of coming together to respond to mounting challenges”.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Indeed, we are living in an uncertain time, and I believe that the only solution to all the crisis we are facing is cooperation and negotiation. The world needs to come together to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Our students, the young generation, you, will be shaping our future. But when we look at the future, it is very important to also remember where we've come from.

Since 1972, the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage was created by UNESCO, to protect the treasures of mankind.

Some of them preserve important historical and cultural values, some of them contribute to the protection of nature and biodiversity, and some of them symbolize peace and diversity.

After the recent World Heritage Conference held in October, there are 1199 cultural and natural heritage sites around the world, all of which need to be protected from threats such as climate change, conflict, and urban developments.

Throughout the day, I am impressed by how you acted like future diplomats, to present impressive proposals, ask well-thoughted questions and participate in discussions and debates on the topic of "Protecting World Heritage". And I cannot wait to listen to the presentation of the "Youth Declaration on Protecting World Heritage" that summarises all the innovative solutions.

I would like to once again, express my greatest appreciation to all parties who have contributed to making this event remarkable, including our generous sponsor - the Bank of China Hong Kong; the co-organiser – Sprinkles Fund; the supporting organisations, including the Education Bureau and the Development Bureau of the HKSAR of China, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Education University of Hong Kong; the supporting consulate generals; the 33 participating schools and their school principals, teachers; supporting youth ambassadors and staff, and of course all 162 students.

With your support, we hope to continue with the momentum, push the conference to the next level, and engage more students from across the Greater Bay Area, to join the community for Model UNESCO for the future to come.

Finally, remember to be the guardian of our past, and a leader of our future.

I wish you success in all your future endeavours, thank you.

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

BRAZIL

Esteemed Organizers, Distinguished Guests, and Respected Students,

It is with pride and admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every participant of the 2023 HK-GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage. I am honored to witness the coming together of young minds from Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area, converging with a shared purpose - the preservation and celebration of our global heritage.



This conference, rooted in the principles of UNESCO, holds a multifaceted aim that resonates deeply with the challenges and opportunities of our time. First and foremost, it serves as a clarion call to the youth, urging them to recognize the paramount importance of safeguarding our world's cultural and natural heritage sites. In a rapidly changing world, these sites stand as windows to our past, guiding us towards a more sustainable and harmonious future.

Our shared heritage is a tapestry woven from the threads of history, culture, and nature. Each heritage site is a testament to human achievement, a repository of diverse traditions, and a source of inspiration for generations to come. The preservation of these sites is not merely a matter of protecting physical structures; it is a commitment to the continuity of our collective identity and a pledge to honor the legacies of those who came before us.

May this conference serve as a training ground for sharpening your analytical abilities and refining your capacity to articulate and advocate your viewpoints. By engaging actively, you are enhancing your civic engagement, nurturing leadership skills, and becoming adept at working within teams. Furthermore, take this opportunity as a platform for you to cultivate lasting friendships, broaden your horizons, and lay the foundation for a world that thrives on empathy, knowledge, and cultural appreciation.

I wish you all a successful and enriching conference, and I look forward to witnessing the innovative ideas and solutions that will undoubtedly emerge from your deliberations. Thank you.

Manuel Innocencio de Lacerda Santos Jr.
Consul General of Brazil in Hong Kong

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

Colombia

Hello, my name is Lucis f. Orozco, I was born in a city in Colombia called Cartagena. And in 1981 it was declared a world heritage. That changed my city, that changed the life of all its inhabitants, since the declaration by the UNESCO allowed the city to not only to have a worldwide exposure and made it very famous in the modern time, but also allowed Colombia – a country full of contact, to be better preserved.

I am honored to be present today participating, thanks to the invitation by the 2023 Hong Kong – GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage.

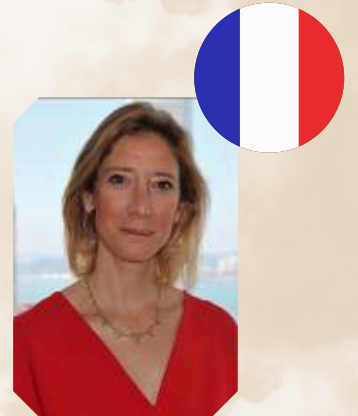


Mr Luis Fernando OROZCO BARRERA
Consul General of Colombia in Hong Kong

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

FRANCE

Preserving international heritage is crucial to the UNESCO's mission of promoting peace, security and sustainable development. The world's diverse cultures, natural wonders, and historical sites are a shared legacy that should be protected for future generations to appreciate and learn from. Preservation efforts help us to connect with our past, celebrate our unique identities and foster cross-cultural understanding.



The entire French diplomatic network is fully mobilized to preserve and promote natural and historical heritage sites all around the world, in particular when they are endangered by wars or natural disasters. The wonders of the UNESCO's World Heritage list should be seen by all, now and in the future.

Let's continue to work together, including in Hong Kong, to protect and promote these treasures for generations to come

Christile Drulhe
Consul General of France to Hong Kong and Macau

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

GERMANY

Dear Participants of the Hong Kong Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference, and particularly, dear students representing Germany.

Germany is home to more than 50 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the latest being the city of Erfurt with its Jewish-Medieval heritage. My personal favourite sites are the Palaces and Parks in Berlin because I have spent so much time there.



Since 2003, UNESCO also recognizes folklore, customs, beliefs, traditions as intangible cultural heritage. In Germany for example the art of bread baking is recognized as such.

Unfortunately, illegal trade, theft, predatory excavations and plunder are constant threats to- cultural heritage sites in many countries. Therefore, the protection of these assets has to be a priority task for the international community. And Germany is also committed to better protecting cultural assets.

By acceding the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflicts of 1954 and the UNESCO Convention on Measures to Prohibit and Prevent the Illegal Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property from 1970, Germany has committed to the protection of cultural assets.

With your help, more attention can be drawn to the importance of preserving world heritage sites.

UNESCO sites are legacies that are meant for your generation and YOU as well: because every visit to a UNESCO World Heritage site is a journey back in time to our shared cultural history.

During the whole process of the Model UNESCO Conference, I hope that you have the chance to develop yourself and to hone your skills, but – of course – don't forget to have fun!

I am more than delighted to have you to represent Germany and I wish you the best of luck!

Viel Erfolg!

Mr. Stefan Bredohl
Consul General of German in Hong Kong

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

INDONESIA



CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
HONG KONG

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Prof. Karen Cheung

President and Secretary-General of UNESCO Hong Kong Association
Director of Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development
HONG KONG

Dear Prof. Cheung,

With pleasure, I wish to convey my heartfelt congratulations on the 2023 HK-GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage, held on upcoming 25 November 2023.

World Heritage sites continue to be the legacy of the world to be relayed to our youth. Their involvement in caring for and pay attention to the World Heritage all across the globe must be nurtured, one of which ways is participating in the Model UNESCO Conference. I am profoundly proud already of our youngsters participating in the event, and greatly appreciate UNESCO Hong Kong for organizing such meaningful assembly to promote the importance of preserving the World Heritage.

I wish you a successful event, and all participants a wonderful moment at the conference.

Acting Consul General

Slamet Noegroho


MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

IRAN

In the name of God, the Almighty

Future of world treasures

Honorable dignitaries, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

It's my honor to address this august gathering. I thank and congratulate the organizers and participants who brought up this pivotal issue to the limelight. Let me go directly to the point:

We have done what we could for the current time but how can we preserve our world heritage for the sustainable use of future people? Recognition and designation is important but more crucial is how we cultivate our future generation.

They should know that when the time comes for them to act positively in this regard, we may be absent from this world. They have to stand on their own feet and hence they must learn today.

For that to happen, we need to understand that future of world treasures depends on the world treasures of future who are none but you.



Alireza ESMAEIL ZADEH
Consul General of Iran in Hong Kong & Macao

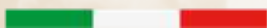
MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

ITALY

I would like to congratulate the UNESCO Hong Kong Association and the Institute of Education for Sustainable Development for organizing this important Conference to promote the interaction between youth and world cultural heritage and to raise the awareness on the risks that the common historical heritage faces due to many different challenges, such as the negative impact of climate change. Italy ratified the UNESCO World Heritage Convention in 1978 and since then it has offered a significant contribution to its development.



Italy reached the number of 59 listed sites as per 2023, the largest number worldwide, which makes the country one of the key players globally. Italian Institutions has continuously granted a high number of actions to promote the Convention goals, pushing for its growth through new projects, innovative ideas and concrete initiatives aimed at enhancing the spirit of the document, sending key messages and supporting awareness related to preservation of the historical heritage all over the world. The Italian Carabinieri Department for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, is considered one of the most recent national successful initiative to stop the illicit trafficking of cultural property; the Department has carried out support activities during peacekeeping operations (as in Iraq between 2003 and 2006) and works in close cooperation with UNESCO, being an international reference for many countries that seek to improve their policies and procedures for countering illicit trafficking of cultural objects. In this framework, the role of the youngest generation is crucial to further increase the international commitment. All occasions, which focus on encouraging universal dialogue are therefore always welcome and must be fully supported. In this spirit, I wish the largest success of the Conference and the best outcome of the works that I am sure will identify new opportunities to share and defend common values in this specific field.



Carmelo Ficarra
Consul General of Italy in Hong Kong & Macau

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Dear participants, it gives me immense pleasure to share this congratulatory message with you.

It fills me with great pride that so many young people participated in this conference. Not only because a group of you represented the Netherlands, and also not only because participation in this conference has taught you important life lessons that will remain with you forever, such as working together, negotiation skills, innovative problem-solving and creative thinking. But especially because it offers you the opportunity to learn about other countries and their cultures, and about the natural and cultural icons that make these countries and their people what they are today.

There are twelve Dutch World Heritage sites, many of them have to do with very specific and unique aspects of the Netherlands. Firstly, the fact that fully one quarter of the Netherlands is below sea level and the other third at sea level. Secondly, constant battle against the water, whether be the stormy North Sea battering the dunes and dykes, or the three mighty rivers of Western Europe that all discharge into that same North Sea. Ever since the first peoples decided to make the river delta their home, thousands of years ago, we have invented ways to literally keep our feet dry. We've built dykes, we reclaimed land, we built a water management system to make sure water is distributed equally across the country to prevent flooding. We also used the abundance of water to protect ourselves from enemies and invaders, so the list features windmills, water pumping stations, water defense lines, polders, and the islands that were gobbled up by them.

I also applaud you all for participating, because only by learning about each other can we begin to understand each other, to be open to different ways of looking at the world and the challenges we face; and to learn that others may look differently and speak strange languages but that we are all part of the singular world, where getting along is the only way to survive as mankind.

Thank you once again for your dedication to the success of this conference, and I truly hope and wish that you will forever carry with you the important lessons you've learnt from this experience. Good luck to you all in your future endeavors.



Arjen van den Berg
Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Hong Kong

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

Pakistan



“It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to all of you at the 2023 HK-GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage. This event serves as a platform for students to immerse themselves in the work and purposes of UNESCO, gaining valuable insights into international issues and the mechanics of global politics. Through negotiation, discussion, and debate, you embark on a journey to seek solutions to pressing world problems, ranging from human rights to economic development, environmental protection, disarmament, and the pursuit of peace.

I would also like to congratulate the organisers for successfully holding the first and second Model UNESCO Conferences in Hong Kong and I am confident that this year's conference will likewise achieve exceptional results.

The model conference focuses on “World Heritage “and aims to draw attention of youth to the importance of preserving world heritage sites; each of these sites holds valuable historical, cultural, or natural significance, contributing to the collective heritage of humanity. It also seeks to empower you, the youth, to propose innovative projects and solutions, showcasing your bright ideas to the world. Since 1972, the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage has played a vital role in safeguarding and preserving world heritage sites.

I take pride to highlight that Pakistan has six World Heritage Sites and has an additional 26 sites on the tentative list. The first three sites, listed in 1980, include the Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro, the Buddhist Ruins of Takht-i-Bahi and Neighbouring City Remains at Sahr-i-Bahlol, and Taxila.

I encourage each and every one of you to engage fully in the discussions, debates, and negotiations that lie ahead. Remember, you possess the power to shape the future through your ideas, collaboration, and dedication to preserving our world heritage. Together, let us celebrate and safeguard the treasures bestowed upon us, ensuring their preservation for generations to come.

Thank you, and I wish you a fruitful and memorable conference.”

Mr Bilal Ahmad BUTT,
Consul General of Pakistan in Hong Kong

MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

Philippines



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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BY EMAIL

20 July 2023

Dear **Secretary-General (Prof.) Cheung**,

The Philippine Consulate General would like to extend its best wishes to the UNESCO Hong Kong Association and the Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development on its upcoming "2023 HK-GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage" to be held on 25 November 2023.

As requested through the letter of UNESCO Hong Kong Association dated 17 July 2023, please see the enclosed message of congratulations from my goodself on behalf of the Philippine Consulate. Soft copies of such message and my photo are likewise sent to your email.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

RALY L. TEJADA
Consul General

Prof. Karen Cheung

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MESSAGE FROM CONSULATES

THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

I wish to extend my congratulations to the UNESCO Hong Kong Association and to the Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development, both headed by Prof. Karen Cheung, for hosting “The 2023 HK-GBA Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on World Heritage” (“this Model Conference”) with the participation of the students of Hong Kong and the rest of the regions and municipalities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).



The Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (“World Heritage Convention”), which was adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in a meeting in 1972, was premised on the “outstanding and universal value” of those properties designated as world heritage sites, such that they “need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of mankind as a whole.”

Through the World Heritage Convention, the international community recognizes that these designated cultural heritage and natural heritage are “increasingly threatened with destruction not only by the traditional causes of decay, but also by changing social and economic conditions which aggravate the situation with even more formidable phenomena of damage of destruction.”

The Philippines fully support the work of UNESCO in working tirelessly to help conserve and preserve designated cultural and natural heritage sites all over the world, including those in the Philippines where six (6) world heritage sites have been designated. These sites include three (3) natural heritage sites: the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, and the Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary; and three (3) cultural heritage sites: the Baroque Churches of the Philippines, Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras, and the Historic City of Vigan.

I hope that the Philippines’ support for national and international measures to protect world heritage sites from risks associated with natural causes that are aggravated by climate change, such as typhoons and floodings, and from man-made causes, such as war and terrorism, were fully reflected in this Model Conference through the passionate advocacy of student participants. The enormous mission of preserving world heritage is an inter-generational task, wherein the role played by the present generation is as crucial as the role to be played by the future generations. Hence, initiatives such as this Conference—where the youth are exposed to important issues such as preservation of world heritage through international collective action—play a vital role in shaping the future of mankind.

The task of preserving world heritage goes beyond national borders, as it is the duty of the international community to cooperate in protecting such cultural and natural heritage sites.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the student winners of this Conference who have shown intensive and extensive knowledge on world heritage sites, and a deep understanding of the purpose and concept of such preservation and conservation measures. I hope that such experience would continue to inspire the participants and spread awareness to the youth all over the world to continue to work at this important cultural endeavor for the benefit of people all over the world, and the people of today and tomorrow. Thank you.

Mr. Raly L. Tejada,
Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines to Hong Kong SAR, China



BACKGROUND



UNESCO

UNESCO is the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, sciences and culture. UNESCO's programmes contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals defined in the 2030 Agenda, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015.

What is Model UNESCO

Model UNESCO is an educational event in which participants play the role of representatives of UNESCO Member States, simulating meetings that take place within the Organization.

Students participating in this simulation are introduced to the work and purposes of UNESCO. They gain insight into international issues and how international politics works. The aim is to seek for solutions to various global issues through negotiation, discussion, and debate. Discussion topics range from human rights, economic development, environmental protection, disarmament, as well as more important issues such as war and peace.



Objectives

To...

- draw the attention of youth to the importance of preserving world heritage sites;
- empower youth to propose innovative projects and solutions, contributing their bright ideas to the world;
- promote the development of youth leadership through discussions, debates and public speaking;
- guide students to nurture 8 types of skills for sustainable development, including collaborative, normative, anticipatory, strategic, self-awareness, critical thinking, system thinking and integrated problem-solving competencies;
- provide an opportunity to realize the potential of youth, in a bid to increase their civic engagement and develop leadership and teamwork skills;
- develop the ability of the younger generation to analyse, shape and express their point of view.

PREVIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

International Achievements

The world's first International Model of UNESCO was held online from April 29 to 30, 2022. The delegation of Hong Kong SAR was made up of two UHKA Green Citizens Youth Ambassadors, Americana Chen and Reese Wong. At the conference, they received three awards for their outstanding achievements, notably the Best Delegation. Their proposal showcased Hong Kong's solutions for promoting inclusive, equitable and quality education through Education for Sustainable Development on international platforms.



On July 22, 2023, the "Second International Model UNESCO Conference" was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. on the theme "World Heritage". Americana Chen, the Youth Affairs Coordinator of the UNESCO Hong Kong Association, and Sky Lee, the Best Speaker of the "BOCHK | UNESCOHK 2023 Hong Kong Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on Climate Sustainability" represented the HKSAR of China. During the conference, the delegation proposed the "Revitalized Central District" to be listed as a World Heritage Site. To recognize their exemplary effort, the delegation of HKSAR is honoured as the "Best Delegation" for two consecutive years.



First MUNESCO Conference in Hong Kong

In November 2022, we held the first Hong Kong Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference, with the motion "Transforming Education for our Common Future". Nearly 100 students had the opportunity to participate in such a unique and meaningful event. The conference was supported and guided by the Chinese National Committee for UNESCO. The consulate generals of Australia, Mexico, Russia, and Spain in Hong Kong also offered their support, recognizing the significance of the conference.



PREVIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

MUNESCO Conference on Climate Sustainability

In April 2023, 156 secondary school students from 27 secondary schools in Hong Kong participated in the “BOCHK | UNESCO HK 2023 Hong Kong Secondary School Model UNESCO Conference on Climate Sustainability”, which was sponsored by Bank of China (Hong Kong). Student delegates representing different countries explored innovative solutions to climate change through negotiation. Field experts including Dr. Ma Jun, Co-chair of the G20 Sustainable Finance Study Group, Mr. Shun Chi-Ming, SBS, the former President of the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM) of the UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the former Director of the Hong Kong Observatory delivered workshops to participating students during the bootcamp.



A field trip to the HK Observatory was organised for all awardees to deepen their understanding on climate change. The winner of the Best Speaker also received full funding to participate in the second International Model UNESCO Conference in Kazakhstan.

The solution for reducing plastic pollutions in Hong Kong proposed by participating students were summarised and submitted to the Environment and Ecology Bureau of Hong Kong.



WORLD HERITAGE

Origins

In 1954 the Egyptian government decided to build the Aswan High Dam. This dam would impose significant risks to a number of monuments in Nubia, threatening these valuable cultural and historical assets of humankind.

In 1959 the Egyptian and the Sudanese Governments requested UNESCO to assist their countries in the protection and rescue of the endangered monuments and sites.



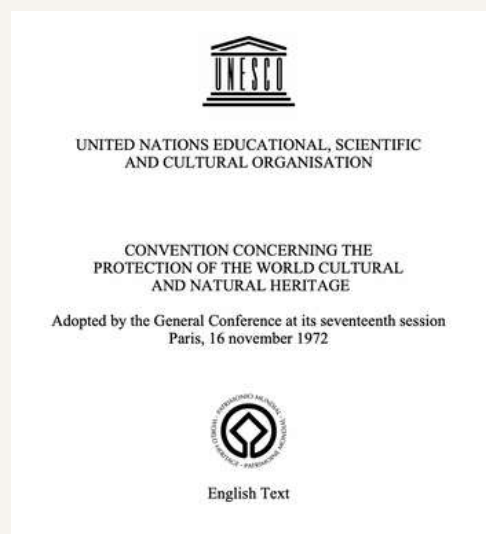
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The success of the Campaign inspired the development and adoption in 1972 of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention, which recognises certain places of outstanding universal value as part of the common heritage of humanity and calls for global effort to protect them.

In 1960, the Director-General of UNESCO launched an appeal to the Member States for an International Campaign to Save the Monuments of Nubia. This appeal resulted in the excavation and recording of hundreds of sites, the recovery of thousands of objects, and the salvage and relocation of a number of important temples to higher ground, most notably the temple complexes of Abu Simbel and Philae. The campaign ended on 10 March 1980 as a complete and spectacular success.



Adoption of the 1972 World Heritage Convention in room 1, UNESCO, Paris France © UNESCO



The most significant feature of the 1972 World Heritage Convention is that it blends the concepts of nature conservation and the preservation of cultural properties in a single document. By regarding heritage as both cultural and natural, the Convention reminds us of the ways in which people interact with nature, and of the fundamental need to maintain the balance between the two.

WORLD HERITAGE

The Convention

The Convention:

- defines the kind of natural or cultural sites which can be considered for inscription on the World Heritage List;
- sets out the duties of States Parties in identifying potential sites and their role in protecting and preserving them;
- explains how the World Heritage Fund is to be used and managed and under what conditions international financial assistance may be provided;
- stipulates the obligation of States Parties to report regularly to the World Heritage Committee on the state of conservation of their World Heritage properties.



The Royal Palace in Versailles – © Bartłomiej Rybacki



The Stonehenge in the UK – © K. Mitch Hodge

The Convention is the fundamental of international cooperation in preserving world heritage. Nevertheless, global framework won't work effectively without support from complementary national policies.



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Therefore, the Convention also specifies that by signing the convention, each signatory pledges to conserve not only the World Heritage sites situated on its territory, but also to protect its national heritage.

The States Parties are encouraged to integrate the protection of the cultural and natural heritage into regional planning programmes. Measures include setting up staff and services at their sites, undertaking scientific and technical conservation research and adopting measures which give this heritage a practical function in the day-to-day life of the community.

Your role in this conference is to speak as representatives of different countries to present your country's strategy in preserving your precious world heritage sites. You could introduce the policies that have been implemented, evaluate on their outcomes, and propose innovative new strategies that may be implemented in the future, considering the country's cultural, historical, economic, environmental background.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Credibility

Strengthening the Credibility of the World Heritage List, as a representative and geographically balanced testimony of cultural and natural properties of outstanding universal value.



Conservation

Ensuring the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties.



Capacity-building

Promoting the development of effective Capacity-building measures, including assistance for preparing the nomination of properties to the World Heritage List, for the understanding and implementation of the World Heritage Convention and related instruments.



Communication

Increasing public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through communication.



Communities

Enhancing the role of communities in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

SIGNIFICANCE



Auschwitz Birkenau, German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945) in Poland – © Nathalie Valanchon

The Culture of Peace

Many cultural and natural sites inscribed on the World Heritage List reflect our eternal aspirations to freedom, justice, mutual understanding and respect, love and friendship. These values constitute our fundamental human rights, and are the indispensable ingredients of peace and development in terms of each individual, each society and the world as a whole.

Nature Protection and Biodiversity

World Heritage properties are the most outstanding places on the planet and constitute a significant subset of the protected area system, which is critical for conservation of ecosystem integrity and biodiversity.



The Great Barrier Reef in Australia
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Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor in China
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Historical, Cultural Value and National Identity

Historic buildings and monuments can be powerful symbols of a nation's aspirations and identity. Learning about and visiting World Heritage Sites could enhance one's understanding of national history, strengthening cultural identity and national pride.

Inclusion and Diversity

The protection of world heritage is only possible by acknowledging diversity, which presupposes acceptance of other cultures and their expressions.



Acropolis, Athens in Greece – © Spencer Davis

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

At the three-day summit on sustainable development in 2015, more than 150 world leaders gathered at United Nations Headquarters in New York to formally approve an ambitious new agenda for sustainable development.



- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was published
- Including a declaration, 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) and 169 targets
- The 17 goals can be defined by 3 pillars: Economic, Environmental, Social aspects
- The goal of the plan: to find new ways to improve the lives of the world's people, to eradicate poverty, to promote prosperity and well-being for all, to protect the environment, and to fight against climate change
- The goals are to be achieved by 2030

Although World Heritage is related to all 17 SDGs, target 11.4 explicitly aims to “strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage”.

KEY DATES

Activity	Date
Registration	2023 Jun 28 - Oct 04
Bootcamp (Optional)	2023 Oct 07 - Oct 08
Submission for Preliminaries	2023 Oct 09 - Oct 15
Preliminaries Result Announcement	2023 Oct 23
Motion and Delegation Announcement	2023 Oct 25
Submission Deadline for Presentation Materials	2023 Nov 22
Conference Day	2023 Nov 25
GBA Field Trip (for Awardees)	2023 Dec 28 (tentative)



BOOTCAMP SCHEDULE

Date: October 7 & 8, 2023

**Venue: 1/F, Patriotic Education Centre, No.1 Fung Shek Street,
Tai Wai, Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong.**

Day 1 : October 07, 2023

9:00 – 9:30	Reception
9:30 – 10:30	Introduction to the UNESCO & the UN System
10:45 – 12:00	the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
11:15 – 12:00	The Social, Historical and Cultural Values of World Heritage
12:15 – 13:15	Public Speaking & Negotiation Skills Training Workshop
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch Break (Self-Service)
14:30 – 16:00	The Structure of MUNESCO & MUN Conference

Day 2 : October 08, 2023

9:30 – 10:00	Reception
10:00 – 11:00	The UNSDGs and Global Development Trends
11:00 – 12:00	Preserving World Heritage: Actions Around the World
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break (Self-Service)
13:30 – 15:30	Heritage Conservation in Hong Kong
15:45 – 16:45	Sharing & Q&A: MUNESCO in Hong Kong & Abroad
17:00 – 17:30	Feedback, Conclusion & Certification

Certification: “Model UNESCO and World Heritage Bootcamp” Certificate

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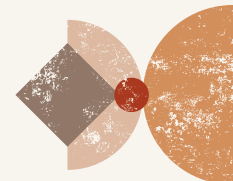
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CONFERENCE DAY

Date: November 25, 2023

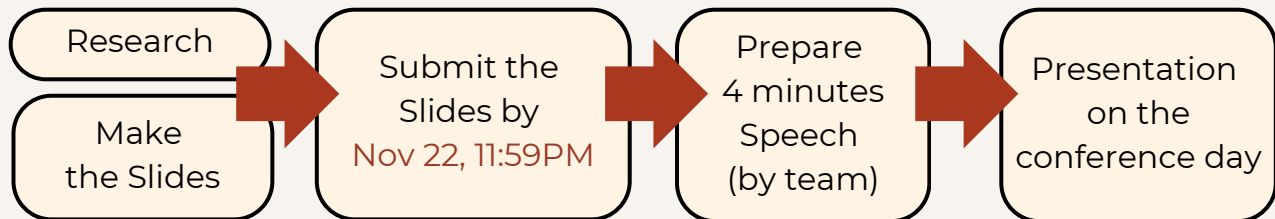
Venue: PolyU Hung Hom Bay Campus

8:30-9:00	Reception
9:00 - 9:20	Introduction & Opening
9:20 - 10:35	Strategy Presentation (1) Each delegation is given 4 minutes for speech accompanied by presentations (PowerPoint slides) and 3 minutes for Q&A
10:35 - 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	Strategy Presentation (2)
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch Break (Self-service)
13:15 – 14:45	General Debate and Discussion Each delegation needs to raise a discussion question, which could point out possible implementation challenges of other proposals, or strengthen their own proposals
14:45 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	Case Session Participants will discuss a local case related to the theme of World Heritage and propose a comprehensive solution
16:30 – 16:40	Voting
16:40 – 17:05	Networking Most delegates may network and mingle with each other, whereas the team that has received the highest number of votes in each group will prepare their final speech in separate rooms
17:05 – 17:25	Remarks by Officiating Guests
17:25 – 17:50	Final – Youth Declaration for Protecting World Heritage Top 3 teams will make 3 minutes speech and 3 minutes Q&A on “Youth Declaration on Protecting World Heritage Protection”
17:50 – 18:00	Adjudication Time
18:00 – 18:30	Award Ceremony
18:30 – 19:00	Post-Conference Press Interviews and Networking

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Session 1 : Strategy Presentation (150 minutes)

In the strategy presentation, the delegations have to present the strategies that their countries are already implementing in protecting World Heritage in their country. The delegates may focus on existing procedures/programmes/laws etc. or create their own based on research.



- Each delegation is given 4 minutes for speech accompanied by presentations (PowerPoint slides), which are sent in advance.
- After each delegation finish their speech, there will be a 3 minutes Q&A Session
- Overall, each delegation is given 7 minutes to present themselves.
- Presentation Order: in alphabetical order of countries

Guiding Questions for your research:

- What are some policies your country has already implemented to protect World Heritage Sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List?
- How effective are the existing policies? How to improve their effectiveness?
- What are some challenges faced by your country in protecting World Heritage Sites?
- What are some possible solutions to those challenges?
- How does your country's educational, cultural and demographical background affect the impact of these policies?
- Could you propose more suitable and innovative policies based on your research?

Excerpt of the structure of the presentation:

- Title page (name of the strategy, author, name of the country)
- Goals and Objectives of the Strategy
- Research (what policies have been conducted, etc.)
- Details of the Strategy Proposal
- Conclusion

Session 2 : General Debate and Discussion (90 minutes)

In the general debate session, each delegation needs to raise **AT LEAST ONE QUESTION**. The question can be specific to a delegation's proposal or a question addressed to more than one proposal, and the other delegates should respond and discuss the questions in turn. The aim is to strengthen your own proposal and point out potential weaknesses of other proposals. Delegations will raise questions in reversed alphabetical order of countries.

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Session 3 : Case Session (90 minutes) **Proposing a World Heritage for Hong Kong**

During this session, participants will have the opportunity to develop their critical thinking, negotiation and public speaking skills where they will be able to discuss and have conversations with other delegates on a local case study related to "Protecting World Heritage" and come up with a comprehensive outcome.

Your role:

In this case session, the you are NOT acting as representatives of your states. You could imagine yourself being a member of the panel of experts discussing which cultural site in Hong Kong should be nominated to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Your final objective is to agree on ONE natural or historical site.

What you need to prepare:

Although Hong Kong doesn't have any UNESCO World Heritage, 20 of our historical buildings have received the UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Awards (the Awards).

Research briefly on the following selected heritage sites in Hong Kong that have won the Awards and choose the one that you think has the greatest potential to be listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List to research in greater depth.

Prepare your arguments on why did you choose this site and be ready to have an exciting discussion with other delegations!

*Delegates will speak on voluntary basis without specific order of presentation.

1 The Mills



2 Viva Blue House



3 Tai Kwun



4 YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel



5 Tai O Heritage Hotel



6 Saltpans of Yim Tin Tsai



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Session 4 : Voting and Awards

Delegates vote among themselves according to the following award criteria:

Team Awards:

Criteria	Description
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Demonstrate thorough research on the topic of discussion; > A clear statement of the position of the country represented; > Completeness of the work; > Accuracy of the work; > Logic of the work; > Precision of the work; > Compliance and relevance of the material with the position of the country represented.
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Active participation in Q&A sessions; > Active participation in discussions;
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Shows innovation and comprehensive system thinking in strategy proposal, general debate and case sessions;
Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Balanced work allocation within the team > Demonstrate collaboration in presentation
Presentation and Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Demonstrate confidence and professionalism > Speak clearly with an appropriate tone > Use of appropriate wording > Use of body language and eye contact

Every delegate will **nominate 2 teams** for the award "**Best Strategy**" based on the criteria for "Content" only.

Every delegate will **nominate 3 teams** for the award "**Best Delegation**" based on all the above criteria.

All participating students will be split into 3 groups. Delegation in each group receiving the **highest number of votes** for the award "Best Delegation" will **proceed to the final.**

Each delegation will present their speech, followed by **3 minutes of Q&A.** The final result will be determined by **expert judges.**

They will be given **15 minutes** to prepare for a **3 minutes speech** on the theme "**Youth Declaration on Protecting World Heritage**" based on discussions with all other delegates throughout the day.

Grand Best Delegation: - Ipad x 3

The winner of the final.

Outstanding Delegation: - HKD 2500

The two other teams that have made it to the final.

Special Recognition Award: - HKD 1500

Delegation in each group receiving the second highest number of votes for the award "Best Delegation"

Best Strategy: - HKD 1500

The team that receives the highest number of votes for the nomination of "Best Strategy"



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Individual Awards: (Every delegate need to nominate 3 delegates for each award)

1. Best Delegate: - HKD 1000

- Following all the rules of interpersonal communication; Ability to present oneself (good speech technique, diction, clarity, intonation, friendliness);
- Communication with other delegates.
- Knowledge of the topic of discussion and the position of Your country.
- Delegate receiving the highest number of votes for the award "Best Delegate"

2. Outstanding Delegate: - HKD 500

Delegate receiving the second highest number of votes for the award "Best Delegate"

3. Best Speaker: - HKD 500

- Demonstrate ability to integrate ideas presented by different delegations
- Actively respond to arguments and proposals raised by other delegations
- Facilitate and lead the direction of discussion
- Demonstrate Integrated Problem-Solving Competency

***All Awardees will enjoy a "UNESCO World Heritage & Intangible Cultural Heritage" 1 Day Field Trip to Macau**

***All participants will be awarded with certificates of participation upon the conclusion of the conference.**



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What is Net Zero?

Put simply, net zero means cutting greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible, with any remaining emissions re-absorbed from the atmosphere, by oceans and forests for instance. Facing the current climate crisis, transitioning to a net-zero world is one of the greatest challenges humankind has faced.

What does it mean to be certified as an "UNSDGs" Towards Net Zero Event

The "UNSDGs Towards Net Zero Event Recognition Scheme" aims to consolidate the climate impact of events more concrete by calculating and presenting relevant data, such as the energy consumption of lighting, air conditioning, audio, and electrical appliances in event venues.



Through the implementation of carbon offset measures at the event site, we strive to achieve net zero emissions. The scheme also emphasizes the educational significance of encouraging participants to be more aware of the climate crisis and adopt a low-carbon lifestyle.

What do you need to do on the conference day to be a "Net Zero Delegate"?

- Complete the transportation survey before you arrive, we will use the data to calculate the carbon emission of the round-trip transportation used by participants, guests and staff
- Bring your own water / water bottle to the venue
- Learn about what is net zero, what you could do to reduce your carbon footprint, and different carbon offsetting methods
- Use the waste sorting bins in the venue
- Try to use electronic devices instead of paper for note taking
- Think about how could natural heritage sites contribute to climate sustainability
- Share your experience and knowledge about sustainable development with the surrounding community



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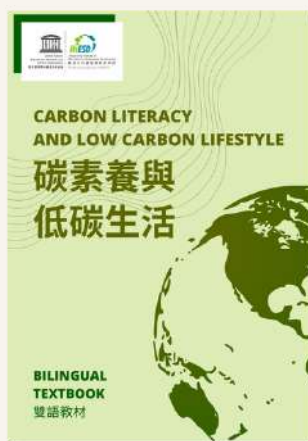
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