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2026 SECONDARY SCHOOL MODEL UNESCO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ETHICS OF NEUROTECHNOLOGY

JULY 25-26, 2026
HONG KONG SAR, CHINA

Secondary school students
From any country or city
2 Delegates per delegation

*Delegates from the Greater Bay Area need to join the regional conference on July 4.



Global Youth Dialogue
Forward-Looking Topic
Soft-Skills Development
Change-Making Negotiation
Academic & Cultural Exchange



www.unesco.hk/web/munesco-neuro-2026
Training Registration Deadline: **March 15, 2026**
Preliminary Submission Deadline: **May 11, 2026**
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CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION

Model UNESCO is an experiential learning event in which participants play the role of representatives of UNESCO Member States, simulating meetings that negotiate and discuss important sustainability issues.

In our mission to promote UNESCO's work in the fields of education, science, culture, communication, and international exchange, the conference encourages students to seek multidisciplinary partnerships, propose innovative solutions, and provide an opportunity for students' voices to be heard on international platforms.

Optional: Model UNESCO Coordinator Training, March 21-22 (Paid)

Ethics in Neurotechnology Thematic Webinar, April 3, 11

Preliminary Submission before May 11

56 delegations enter the Greater Bay Area Regional Conference on July 4

12 delegations of GBA awardees



18 international delegations from outside of the Greater Bay Area

International Conference at the Hong Kong SAR of China
July 25-26
(July 24 arrival, July 27 departure for international travellers)



A TOPIC OF GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

Neurotechnology is advancing at an unprecedented pace, integrating deeply with AI systems. These technologies—from brain-computer interfaces to neuro-monitoring tools—carry both promise and peril. UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and the Draft Recommendation on the Ethics of Neurotechnology (2024) emphasize the need for ethical frameworks to protect brain data, cognitive liberty, and human identity.

At the 43rd UNESCO General Conference in November 2025, UNESCO issued the first global normative framework on the ethics of neurotechnology on November 5; it is set to enter into force on November 12. This recommended standard is designed to maintain a balance between innovation and human rights to protect the human brain and brain-related data from misuse.



In response to this significant global progress, on December 13, 2025, the World Federation of Clubs and Associations for UNESCO (WFUCA) and the Hong Kong Association for UNESCO (UHKA) successfully hosted the 4th International UNESCO Model (MUNESCO) Conference in Hong Kong on the theme "Ethics of Neurotechnology, under the patronage of UNESCO and with the title sponsorship of Bank of China (Hong Kong). Youths from 25 different countries around the globe actively discussed innovative proposals and solutions for this topic.

The 2026 Secondary School Model UNESCO International Conference on Ethics of Neurotechnology hopes to explore new perspectives from the viewpoint of secondary school students, which we hope to combine with insights from the youth conference and construct a more comprehensive recommendation for the global and regional bodies.



MUNESCO STUDENT COORDINATOR TRAINING

ESSENTIAL TRAINING TO LEVEL UP YOUR MODEL UNESCO COMPETENCY

Date: March 21 & 22

Training Hours: 10 hours [5 hours per day]

The MUNESCO student coordinator training aims to develop students' essential knowledge and skills to perform confidently in the MUNESCO Conference, the ability to organise MUNESCO clubs and conferences in schools, and the ability to lead school teams to prepare and participate in MUNESCO International Conferences.

Training Highlights



- The functions and core missions of the UN and UNESCO
- The operation methods and processes of Model UNESCO
- The key points of organizing Model United Nations and Model UNESCO student club activities
- How to draft background and resolutions for MUNESCO Conferences



- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and international development trends
- How the Model UNESCO event responds to UNESCO's core mission and consider how to communicate this mission when organizing the event



- Strategies and skills for Model UNESCO Conferences
 - Public Speaking
 - Effective Communication and Negotiation
 - Active Listening
 - Comprehensive Problem Solving



Lesson Notes Included

Registration Fee

- HKD 1,200/student (face-to-face teaching)
- HKD 900/student (UHKA Member School)
- HKD 600/student (Zoom live session)

Certificate

- Students will be awarded a certificate upon completion of the training



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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

NURTURE FUTURE LEADERS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- to develop students' knowledge and skills for sustainable development;
- to empower youth to propose innovative recommendations for the ethical use of neurotechnology;
- Encourage youth to negotiate topics such as cognitive rights, brain data protection, cognitive manipulation and emotional regulation, and the protection of vulnerable groups.
- to provide a platform for international youth exchange;
- to promote the development of youth leadership and collaboration through discussions and negotiations;
- to provide an opportunity for the youth to realise civic duty and promote global citizenship;
- to develop the active listening, comprehensive analysis, and effective expression abilities of the youth;

KEY COMPETENCIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

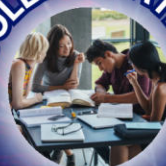
SELF-AWARENESS



CRITICAL THINKING



COLLABORATIVE



SYSTEM THINKING



INTEGRATED PROBLEM-SOLVING



NORMATIVE



STRATEGIC



ANTICIPATORY



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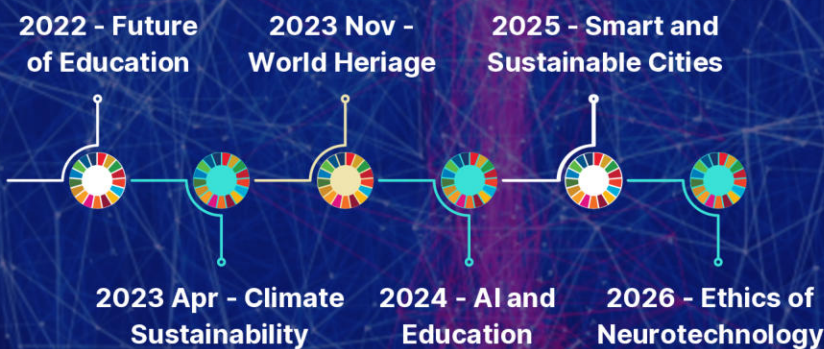


ABOUT THE ORGANISER

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR UNESCO (UHKA)

UHKA is a charitable institution under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. (IRD Ref No. 91/10053). As a member of the World Federation of Clubs and Associations for UNESCO, it makes full use of UNESCO's powerful think tank network and leverages Hong Kong's advantages in technological and talent resources to facilitate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and international cooperation through education, sciences, culture, and communication.

The UHKA has organised 6 Model UNESCO Conferences in Hong Kong, expanding from local to global, covering secondary school and university students. We work actively with the WFUCA to expand the impact of Model UNESCO to more aspiring delegates around the globe.



Past conferences have received enormous support from various government authorities, consulate generals and leading universities. Students and schools have shown consistent commitment to the programme over the years, showcasing outstanding feedback.

