



SECOND GLOBAL MODEL UN IN KUALA LUMPUR – 14-18 AUGUST 2010

Hundreds of Students from across the World simulate a UN Summit on the Alliance of Civilizations

Following the inaugural conference in Geneva, Switzerland on 5-7 August 2009, the second annual Global Model United Nations Conference organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 14 - 18 August, 2010. The conference will simulate a General Assembly Summit on intercultural dialogue. The theme of the 2010 conference will be "Towards an Alliance of Civilizations: Bridging Cultures to achieve Peace and Development."

More than 500 university-level students, ages 18 to 24 at the time of the conference, will be invited from Member States where Model United Nations programmes are currently organized. The students will be selected through a fair and competitive selection process.

Youth represent a top priority for the United Nations and a new generation of support. Several hundred Model UN conferences are organized each year at all educational levels from primary school to university in many different configurations. Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts participated in Model UN programmes during their youth.

UN Alliance of Civilizations High Representative President Sampaio said: "Young people have a unique role to play to free our societies from the burden of stereotypes and intolerance. We cannot ignore that you are in a key position to figure out the main challenges of our age and open up new opportunities for the future"

At the Global Model United Nations Conference, students from every region of the world will role play as foreign diplomats and participate in simulated sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and other multilateral bodies in the UN system. While preparing for Model United Nations conference, students develop leadership skills and research, writing, public speaking and problem solving skills that they will use throughout their lives. In addition, participation also encourages consensus building, conflict resolution and cooperation and the enhancement of leadership skills. Jean-Christophe Bas, senior advisor Strategic Development and Partnerships, will represent the Alliance at the summit in Kuala Lumpur.

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