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Dear Mr. Leong,

I write on behalf of the Secretary-General to thank you for your letter of 20 February 2008, in which you invite the Secretary-General to provide a welcome letter and a congratulatory message to the Asian International Model United Nations Conference, to be held in Peking from 13 to 16 March 2008.

I am pleased to provide the message of the Secretary-General to the participants, reflecting the latest developments at the United Nations and in the wider international arena.

Many thanks for your interest and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meyer".

Michael Meyer
Director of Communications

Mr. Leong Weihao
Secretary-General
Asian International Model United Nations Conference 2008
Peking

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**MESSAGE TO THE ASIAN INTERNATIONAL
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE**

Peking, 13-16 March 2008

This year provides a unique opportunity to enhance the central role of the United Nations in world affairs. A number of developments align to make this so: the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the midpoint in the work to reach the Millennium Development Goals and the high-level meeting on financing for development; the climate change negotiations; the unprecedented peacekeeping operation in Darfur.

As the vast international agenda expands the possibilities for collective action by States and people, it also calls on us to strengthen the capacity of the Organization to serve nations and populations in need, while upholding the principles of the Charter and values of the United Nations.

We must deliver results for a more prosperous and healthy world. Passing the midpoint to the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, we face a development emergency. Millions of people are still trapped in structural poverty and go hungry every day. In sub-Saharan Africa, despite pockets of progress, not a single country is on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

We must deliver results for a more secure world. This year will put us to new tests in peacekeeping, bringing it to an unprecedented scale, complexity and risk level. Success depends first and foremost on how Member States match the mandates they have set. It depends on their political support and on their actual contributions -- troops, police, vital capabilities and finance.

We must deliver results for a more just world. A global awareness campaign is already underway to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. And we must work to ensure the Human Rights Council lives up to the high expectations of the international community.

Global threats in the 21st century spare no one. They require us to advance the global common good by securing global public goods -- in the areas of climate change, global health, counter-terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation. The United Nations is uniquely placed to lead this effort.

The challenges ahead are daunting. But the United Nations has proven, at various stages of its history, that it is capable of rising to new challenges.

You have a key role to play in building a better understanding of our United Nations -- what it is, what it does, and what it can do. I thank all of you for your commitment, and wish you a most stimulating conference.

Ban Ki-moon

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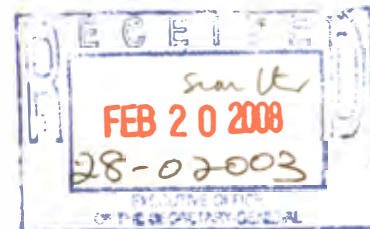
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Invitation Letter to Asian International Model United Nations Conference 2008

30th January 2008

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Your Excellency Mr. Ban,

The School of International Studies, Peking University and the Peking University Model United Nations Association would be organizing the Asian International Model United Nations Conference 2008 (AIMUN 2008) from 13th March 2008 to 16th March 2008. On behalf of the Organizing Secretariat, I would like to invite you to pen a one-page welcome letter for our conference handbook and a congratulatory message for our opening ceremony.

AIMUN, as the largest collegiate MUN event in Mainland China, aims to provide a platform for young adults to share their concerns and ideas on a myriad of international issues. By role-playing ambassadors to the United Nations of different countries, participants are able to garner deeper insights on various problems that countries are contending with on the international level and at the same time promote greater understanding and interaction between different backgrounds and cultures. This is especially so for AIMUN, as it is also the only self-initiated international MUN activity in China till now. This year, more than 400 outstanding students from 80 colleges of 19 countries all over the world would gather in Peking University to engage in intensive intellectual discourse and academic debate, as well as build up strong bonds of friendship that would be so crucial for these future leaders. With the conference theme of "A Co-operative Asia, A Harmonious World", AIMUN 2008 also provides an excellent opportunity for the youths of Asia to sound their voices and opinions, enabling them to develop global perspectives with Asian insights and engage in active, positive exchange with their international counterparts.

Attached together with this letter is a compilation of our conference details for



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your perusal. The Secretariat understands that you have a very hectic schedule, and thus we would be extremely grateful if you would be able to share your knowledge and insights with 400 other aspiring youths. We would truly be very honored and delighted by your letter and message at this annual congregation of some of the top students in the nation and across the world. As the conference would be in one month's time, we would also be very appreciative if a reply could be given by the end of February.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



Leong Weihao
Secretary-General

Asian International Model United Nations Conference 2008
School of International Studies, Peking University

Annex A: Contact Information

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Annex B: Proposed Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 13

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| 08:30hrs – 13:00hrs | Registration |
| 09:00hrs – 11:30hrs | Campus Tour |
| 10:00hrs – 12:00hrs | Rules of Procedures Training |
| 12:00hrs – 14:00hrs | Lunch |
| 14:30hrs – 16:00hrs | Opening Ceremony |
| 16:30hrs – 17:30hrs | Faculty Advisor/Head Delegate Meeting |
| 19:30hrs – 21:30hrs | Welcome Party/Ice-Breaking |

Friday, March 14

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| 09:00hrs – 12:00hrs | Committee Session 1 |
| 12:00hrs – 13:30hrs | Lunch |
| 13:30hrs – 16:45hrs | Committee Session 2 |
| 17:00hrs – 17:45hrs | Faculty Advisor/Head Delegate Meeting |
| 17:45hrs – 19:00hrs | Dinner |
| 21:00hrs – 23:59hrs | Club Night |

Saturday, March 15

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| 09:00hrs – 12:00hrs | Committee Session 3 |
| 12:00hrs – 13:30hrs | Lunch |
| 13:30hrs – 16:45hrs | Committee Session 4 |
| 17:00hrs – 18:00hrs | Final Faculty Advisor/Head Delegate Evaluation |
| 19:00hrs – 22:00hrs | Farewell Cabaret Party |

Sunday, March 16

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| 09:00hrs – 12:00hrs | Committee Session 5 |
| 14:00hrs – 16:00hrs | Closing Ceremony |

Monday, March 17

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| 08:00hrs onwards | Tour of Beijing/China for delegates (optional) |
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Annex C: Committees and Topics

English Language Committees

1) United Nations General Assembly Third Committee: Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Topic A: Protection of Unskilled and Semi-Skilled Migrant Workers in Developed Countries

Topic B: Racial Discrimination Faced by Muslim and Arab Peoples in the Aftermath of 2001 Terrorist Attacks

2) Security Council

Topic A: Arab-Israeli Conflict

Topic B: The Jurisdiction of UN Peacekeeping Operations

3) United Nations Environment Program

Topic A: Environmental Policy Making in the Asia-Pacific Rim: Measures to Combat Global Warming

Topic B: Restricting Illegal Wildlife Trade

4) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Topic A: Diversifying Member States Mainstay Economies and Increasing Their International Competitiveness

Topic B: Promoting Eco-tourism Investments in the Asia-Pacific Area

5) UNESCO World Heritage Committee

Topic: Nomination of New World Heritage Sites

6) UNICEF Executive Board

Topic: Draft Country Programs

7) ASEAN 10+3 Ministerial Summit

Topic: Energy Co-operation in Asia

8) Six-Party Talks

Topic: The North Korean Nuclear Issue

9) NGO Program

Topic: UN Millennium Development Goals and Grant Proposal

Chinese Language Committees

1) Historical Security Council

Topic: The Disastrous Racial Massacre of Rwanda

2) World Bank Group

Topic: International Credit Program

Annex D: Proposed Guests for Opening Ceremony

1) Mr. Li Zhaoxing

Former Foreign Affairs Minister of the People's Republic of China

2) Mr. Maurice Strong

Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations; Chairman, Earth Council; First Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program

3) Mr. Pang Sen

Vice-President cum Director General, United Nations Association – China

4) Prof. Lin Jianhua

Executive Vice-President, Peking University

5) Mr. Li Yansong

Assistant to the President cum Director of the Office of International Relations, Peking University

6) Prof. Wang Jisi

Dean, School of International Studies, Peking University

7) Ms. Zhang Xiaomeng

Vice-Secretary, Peking University Committee, Communist Youth League

Annex E: Participating Schools

Mainland China Schools

- 1) Beihang University
- 2) Beijing Foreign Studies University
- 3) Beijing International Studies University
- 4) Beijing Language and Culture University
- 5) Beijing Normal University
- 6) Beijing Technology and Business University
- 7) Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications
- 8) Central China University Science and Technology
- 9) China Agricultural University
- 10) China Foreign Affairs University
- 11) China University of Petroleum
- 12) China University of Political Science and Law
- 13) China Youth University for Political Sciences
- 14) College of Information and Business North University of China
- 15) Communication University of China
- 16) Donghua University
- 17) Fudan University
- 18) Henan University of Finance and Economics
- 19) Jilin University
- 20) Jilin Normal University
- 21) Ji'nan University
- 22) Jiujiang University
- 23) Nanjing University
- 24) Nankai University
- 25) North University of China
- 26) Northeast Normal University
- 27) Sichuan International Studies University
- 28) Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 29) Southwest Jiaotong University
- 30) Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
- 31) Southwestern University of Political Science and Law
- 32) The Central University Of Finance and Economics
- 33) Tianjin University
- 34) Tongji University
- 35) Tsinghua University
- 36) University of Electronic Science and Technology of China
- 37) University of International Relations
- 38) University Of The Inner Mongol
- 39) Wuhan University
- 40) Xi'an International Studies University
- 41) Xiamen University
- 42) Yanbian University
- 43) Zhejiang University
- 44) Zhongnan University of Economics and Law
- 45) Zhongshan University

Hong Kong and Macau Schools

- 1) Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2) Hong Kong Model United Nations Club
- 3) The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 4) The University of Hong Kong
- 5) University of Macau

Foreign Schools

- 1) American University of Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan)
- 2) Azerbaijan State Oil Academy (Azerbaijan)
- 3) Catholic University of Korea (Republic of Korea)
- 4) Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
- 5) De La Salle University (Philippines)
- 6) Ewha Women's University
- 7) Helwan University (Egypt)
- 8) Indonesian Student Association for International Studies (Indonesia)
- 9) Justus-Liebig School (Germany)
- 10) Keio University (Japan)
- 11) Khabarovsk State Academy of Economics and Law (Russian Federation)
- 12) Korea University (Republic of Korea)
- 13) Kyunghee University (Republic of Korea)
- 14) London School of Economics (United Kingdom)
- 15) Model United Nations of the Russian Far East (Russian Federation)
- 16) National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- 17) NUST Institute of Management Sciences (Pakistan)
- 18) San Beda College Alabang (Philippines)
- 19) Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (Pakistan)
- 20) UN Youth and Students Association of Bangladesh (Bangladesh)
- 21) University of Groningen (Netherlands)
- 22) University of Karachi (Pakistan)
- 23) University of Tuebingen (Germany)
- 24) University of Wuerzburg (Germany)
- 25) University of Saskatchewan (Canada)
- 26) Waseda University (Japan)
- 27) Yale University (United States)

Annex F: About the Organizers

The School of International Studies, Peking University

The School of International Studies (SIS) of Peking University is the first of its kind among Chinese universities. It is an important teaching and research institution devoted to the training of specialized talents in international studies, international political economy and diplomacy.

Founded in 1996, the origins of SIS can be traced back to the former Department of Political Science established in 1960. SIS is now organized into three departments and three institutes: the Department of International Studies, the Department of Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs Management, the Department of International Political Economy; the Institute of International Relations, the Institute of Afro Asian Studies, and the Institute of World Socialism.

Currently, SIS has 51 faculty members, with 21 full professors, 26 associate professors and 4 lecturers. In the fall semester of 2005, SIS holds an enrollment of 1226 students, of whom 554 are in regular undergraduate programs, 225 in double major undergraduate programs, and 447 in graduate programs. Among these students, 219 are from overseas.

Peking University Model United Nations Association

Peking University Model United Nations Association (PKUMUN) is a student-run organization founded in 2001. It became the first established MUN program on the Chinese Mainland.

PKUMUN has focused its efforts on raising awareness among Chinese university students about the important social and economic issues that the UN is involved in. Every year, PKUMUN sends around 80 top students to participate in various MUN conferences both within China and around the world, including the Harvard World MUN, the European International MUN, and UNA-CHINA MUN. It has successfully held 5 Annual Peking University Model United Nations Conferences. In co-operation with UNA-USA, PKUMUN is also spreading this activity among Chinese High Schools. We will soon be publishing a yearbook titled "A MUN Dream Come True", depicting the success of our MUN program with the aim of assisting other MUN associations and promoting MUN activity in Mainland China.

With the vision, international perspective, diligence, and passion of its members, PKUMUN has garnered a sterling reputation in PKU and has strong influence among other collegiate MUN programs. In 2006, the association received the Peking University Top 10 Students Association Award (out of more than 160 associations).