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### **The DAMUN XIII experience- The Closing Ceremony**

Right from the commencement to completion, this conference provided a learning opportunity, a chance to expand our horizons and strengthened our foundations as global citizens. Taking a note from our Deputy Secretary General Ishaan Srivastava's closing speech, we each took back new ideas and learnings that gave us a novel perspective of the world around us.

The keynote speaker at the Closing Ceremony was someone special to the DAIS community, being a DAIS alumnus himself and the Secretary General of DAIMUN in 2006. Mr. Aditya Jhaveri spoke about Indian foreign policy and relations, a subject that is central to us as the future generation of Indian citizens and leaders. He focused on the recent disruptions in Indian foreign policy and their affect on the global diplomatic landscape as well as India's domestic politics. Concentrating on these issues, he put forth the growing requirement for think tanks and analysts for India to secure its positions as the world's upcoming superpower, a job left best in the hands of the eager delegates at Model United Nations conferences.

The conference saw constructive deliberations in all committees, as tomorrow's promising young leaders came together to rise to the most pertinent challenges we, as a community, are faced with today, whether it is the conflict in the Indian Ocean, or the question of proxy wars in the Middle East. With effective and comprehensive solutions being multilaterally agreed upon, delegates took DAIMUN to new heights this year. Considering the global extent of this issue, it is only befitting that contributors from the world over should come together to debate solutions. Delegates from the world over participated in this apogee - our counterparts from Liceo Internazionale, Rome and Indian School, Al Gubra - joining us in discussing the vast concept of sustainability. Today, sustainable development is becoming increasingly relevant as we combat various challenges that are intensifying everyday. In the 21st century itself, the the world has undergone drastic changes, which makes one wonder whether man can really sustain life on earth, or whether we are nearing an inevitable end. At this year's DAIMUN conference, delegates were anointed with the formidable task of innovating sustainable solutions to this all-pervasive issue. It is truly one that influences every sphere of human civilization today - be it inequity, political conflict, or economic growth. Through extensive debate and tireless ideation, delegates this year engaged in addressing this wide range of problems, with an emphasis on creating policies that are sustainable in the long run, and ones that ensure continued global development without causing harm to global biodiversity.

Secretary General Shaurya Garg had initiated this three-day amalgamation of intriguing symposium by reminding the auditorium full of eager delegates that there were not present merely for debate. They were here to prepare themselves for the need to ensure not only environmental but also political, economic and social sustainability. We can state with complete confidence, that DAIMUN XIII truly embodied his words. As this year's conference draws to a close, we have only enduring memories of the passionate debate, cultural exchanges and irreplaceable experiences we have gathered over this arduous yet gratifying journey. We look forward to circumstances where we can put into practice all that we have acquired, be it in diplomacy, debate or direction.

### **Vote of Thanks**

We are delighted to be able to say that DAIMUN XIII was a rampant success. to a lot many people who have laid worthy footprints on the pathways to our grand event.

First and foremost, we must offer sincere gratitude to our Chief Guest, Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, for his introspective thoughts on this year's theme of SUSTAINABILITY. His opening speech was truly appreciated by all in the audience. It was a pleasure to have our DAIS Alumnus Aditya Jhaveri as the keynote speaker on the day of our Closing Ceremony. Having been Secretary General at the 2006 DAIMUN conference, he was very much at home with his valued words of advice.

We would like to extend our most humble gratitude to our dearest Chairperson Shrimati Nita Ambani, for her trust, support and valued guidance at all times.

The success of this year's conference would not have been attainable without the tireless efforts and foresighted advice from the Heads of our School.

Our dynamic MUN Director, Mrs. Sreemati Sen, has been a pivotal driving force in shaping this venture. The strong MUN team of teachers have steered this event with grace and elan. Months of planning and able-footed organization during these 4 days have culminated into a very fruitful DAIMUN experience for yet another year. Three cheers for all of you! Another special mention is well deserved by the teachers who supervised the Beverly Park Guest House, maintaining the comfort and wellbeing of our participants. Any acknowledgement falls short without appreciating the irreplaceable contributions of the teachers of the Press team. We are grateful for your mentorship.

We thank the Approval Panel for binding this conference together. The events of the week would not have smooth-sailed without your astute objectivity.

Mr Yassir Choonawala, Head of Administration has effortlessly coordinated finances, ensuring that DAIMUN ran unhindered. Our conference wouldn't have sustained without the organizational effectiveness of the Administrative Staff.

The Accounts team working behind the scenes ensured that our resources were efficiently allocated.

A big mouthful of a Thank you to the Cafeteria Staff and supervising teachers who providing us with sumptuous meals.

Applause for the quietly efficient Housekeeping staff and the Liftmen, who ensured an atmosphere that stimulated a formal conference encapsulating the essence of a MUN.

We extend our whole-hearted gratitude to the Security Staff for making everyone feel safe even though miles from their homes.

To the Medical Staff, thank you for making us feel cared for, at all times.

Finally, thanks to the Chairs and Delegates and everyone present in this forum of DAIMUN XIII, for helping to continue this enduring tradition. **All your 'sustained' efforts are truly appreciated!**



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