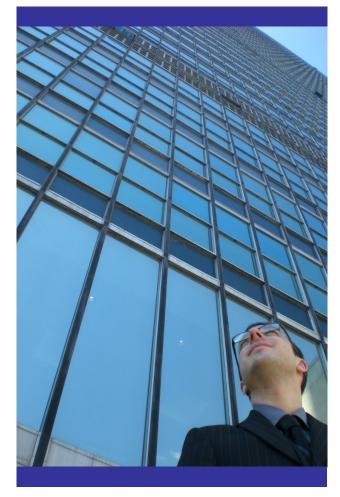
"More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together. And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations."

-Ban Ki Moon-





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What does MUN stand for?

The acronym MUN stands for Model United Nations, which is a students' simulation of the United Nations. During the mock assemblies, participants work as UN diplomats. They negotiate and discuss international politics authentically. Specific rules and regulations concerning behavior and diplomacy have to be observed and honored.

The participants have to inform themselves thoroughly about the country they have been assigned to represent as delegates and prepare for the debates. The major task is to convey the country's position as relevantly as possible on the issues at hand. The "Rules of Procedure" guide the debates and the drafting of resolutions.

With this practical approach to the functioning of the United Nations, the participants gain valuable insights into international politics. MUNs have taken place all over the world ever since the United Nations was founded. In Germany numerous UN simulations are offered for pupils and students. For further information about German MUNs please visit:

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MUN Siegen was founded in September 2008 with the goal to attend **N**ational **M**odel **U**nited **N**ations (NMUN) in New York in 2009. After being accepted the Siegen delegation represented the country Malaysia at the NMUN conference.

NMUN organized the first simulation in 1946, and stages the largest and most renowned MUN conferences. The National Collegiate Conference Association (NCCA) sponsors NMUN and offers students from countries throughout the world the opportunity to play the role of UN diplomats in the UN headquarters. Annually, over 3,000 students find their way to New York.

To meet the overwhelming interest in 2009, two UN simulations took place in New York simultaneously. The Siegen group's success in being invited has inspired us to write another chapter of *diplomacy made in Siegen* and to continue our project.

The Siegen delegation represents Malaysia at the NMUN in New York, March 2009



Most recently, a group of Siegen students attended at the *LahnMUN* in Marburg, Germany.

Why support this project?

MUN puts into practice what economic, political and cultural institutions demand: Young adults develop the tools for an active and responsible participation in society, creating solutions for a more humane world of tomorrow.

International exchange and cooperation are highly important in the era of globalization.

The participants will learn numerous "soft skills" in the fields of communication, organization, conflict and group management, and intercultural communication; skills that will be asked for in their future professional lives.

NMUN is both a role model and a multiplier: every year an increasing number of student groups are interested in the simulation game and by now there are many more applicants than vacant slots. Being accepted was an achievement for the delegation from Siegen.

Since the participants' financial capacity as well as the university budget is limited, we can only realize this project with community help. To ensure the sustainability of MUN Siegen we ask for your support!