

Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest Model United Nations

11th to 13th October 2024

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I hereby invite you to the first ever session of Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest Model United Nations, (RijnMUN) which will be taking place from **Friday 11th to Sunday 13th of October, 2024** at Het Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest, the Netherlands.

Taking place at the beginning of a new school year, RijnMUN is the product of many hardworking, globally minded students. The aim of the RijnMUN conference is to create a supportive environment for beginner delegates in finding their way into the demanding world of Model United Nations. Our conference will promote personal development and encourage delegates to become open-minded towards different perspectives. Our own Board of Directors will be hosting various workshops to help new delegates learn the procedures and ways of MUN. We will also be hosting beginner chair workshops, in order to accompany already experienced delegates in preparation for a new challenge. Conveniently placed at the beginning of the new school year, RijnMUN is an ideal opportunity for students to explore whether MUN will be a good fit for them.

Workshops for beginner delegates and beginner chairs will take place on Friday afternoon. This means that Friday will be an optional day for all delegates, although it is strongly recommended for all beginners to attend on this day in order to be properly prepared for the debate throughout the weekend. The participation fees associated with this conference are €15 for Student Officers, €30 for delegates, and €18 for MUN directors and visitors. This fee includes entrance to the conference, as well as lunch for Saturday and Sunday. We will seek to fulfill all requests for participants of the conference, although we kindly request you keep in mind that housing will unfortunately not be offered at RijnMUN 2024.

Student Officer applications are already open, and will remain open until May 10th, 2024. Additionally, delegate applications will begin on May 6th, 2024, where we will be welcoming individual applications as well as school reservations for delegate spots until June 3rd, 2024. The option to reserve spots is being offered by RijnMUN 2024 as a way of catering for schools who might not yet be certain of which delegates will be attending an MUN

conference taking place in the next school year, but can already provide a rough estimated number of newcomers that would be interested in the conference. Through this reservation, schools will be able to bring up to two more or two less delegates than reserved by confirming their exact personal details on September 2nd 2024.

The theme of RijnMUN 2024 is “Harmony in Healing: a journey to peace and hope in conflict-torn areas”, with the goal of raising awareness regarding our current conflict-filled times. This theme is now more relevant than ever, and puts emphasis on both our and the United Nation’s priority during this difficult period: paving the road to peace. This theme is reflected in the committees and issues of our conference, available on our very own RijnMUN webpage, and will help focus the delegates’ attention on peacebuilding efforts. This year, five committees will be offered: the Security Council, the First, Third, and Fourth General Assembly and the Human Rights Council as we feel that these committees will be able to provide new delegates a wide range of opportunities.

Our school, Het Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest, offers the perfect location for our conference. With TTO-VWO, VWO, HAVO and IB programs all under one roof, Het Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest is a unique location and an ideal example of how diversity together can create a beautiful atmosphere. Our own Board of Directors, consisting of students from IB, TTO, and VWO, successfully embraces the collaboration across departments and therefore perfectly exhibits the global cooperation aspect of Model United Nations. It is furthermore our honor to be hosting this special event in the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the IB programme at RLO.

For any more information about RijnMUN 2024, please visit our website, www.rijnmun.org. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at rijnmunsecretariat@gmail.com. Please note that any updates or extensions in applications will be communicated on the website.

We are committed to inspiring a new generation of MUN students and providing an unforgettable experience for all participants. For now, we hope to see you at RijnMUN 2024!

Yours Sincerely,

Julie L.H. Lodereau,

Secretary General of RijnMUN 2024

On behalf of the RijnMUN 2024 Board of Directors