

Being the Stars of Hope and the Catalysts of Change:

PSBBMUN 2017

On the 26th and 27th of August, 2017, the PSBB Senior Secondary School, Nungambakkam hosted delegates armed with ideas and ambitions of attempting to solve some of the numerous problems that plague our world today through the PSBB Model United Nations 2017. The two-day extravaganza of debate, deliberation and diplomacy consisted of the simulations of seven unique committees, each with their own specific agendas – UNSC, UNHRC, ERC, ECOSOC, UNEO, CCS and the EU. These agendas included pressing issues such as statelessness in West Africa, addressing statehood of Palestine, global warming, and rising Euroscepticism.

The delegates extensively analysed the agendas at hand, prepared structured speeches covering their country's stances and suggestions on the same and bombarded their fellow delegates with a volley of questions. Each committee was a show worth watching – a brilliant display of eloquence, spontaneity and a surprising amount of general awareness of global issues.

After two days of discussing solutions to tackle problems, and forming professional resolutions, the delegates prepared themselves for the valedictory function. The function was presided over by the chief guest, Mrs. Aarti Santhanam, HOD of International Studies, Stella Maris College. She delivered a stirring speech on the horrors of today's world, on how children have to endure, much beyond what a child ever should.

"The North Korean defector had the gruesome task of burying her own father and spent cold, lifeless nights in the Gobi desert, shivering in the lack of solace. In this time of crisis, all that the little girl had were the stars – nobody else. Nobody else to care. I want you to be that star," she said, leaving the audience applauding in awe and inspiration. The meritorious were awarded their prizes, while the Executive Board of each committee gave their opinion on the proceedings of the two days. This was followed by Chettinad Vidyashram being crowned Best Delegation, with Sri Sankara Adyar coming runners-up.

The experience was truly unforgettable and gave the delegates the momentary, but remarkable glimpse into the intricacies of international politics and decision making! Indeed, delegates left the event equipped with a much larger arsenal of essential skills for standing out in this increasingly competitive world.





The Proud Winners - Chettinad Vidyashram

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