



**ST. PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE**

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE 2015**

***28 JUNE – 3 JULY***

## **THE CONFERENCE: WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE AND WHO IS IT FOR?**

St Paul's Co-educational College Model United Nations (SPCCMUN) is, like other MUN conferences, a simulation of the United Nations, offering students an opportunity to play the roles of diplomats representing nations in various committees. Delegates from schools all over the world will debate important human rights issues and work together to address the challenges facing the international community.

The key issues for discussion at the conference are:

- the empowerment of women;
- the rights of children;
- the right to information – media freedom

The conference will feature a range of activities, notably keynote speeches from experts in their respective fields, the General Assembly, and Committee Meetings.

Delegates will be accommodated in our newly constructed dormitory on site.

This is an ideal opportunity for highly motivated, confident and articulate young people with good English skills to meet like-minded peers and develop their rhetorical skills, knowledge of the actual operation of the United Nations and international mindedness.

Founded in 1915, St. Paul's Co-educational College is an English-medium school with strong international links and an extensive exchange programme with sister schools around the world. It is situated in Central, Hong Kong's central business district and site of the government headquarters. The conference also marks the beginning of the school's centenary celebrations.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the SPCC International MUN Conference are to:

- enable students to understand how the United Nations operates;
- allow students to engage in extensive research and animated debates to devise solutions to world problems;
- raise students' awareness of human rights issues and to encourage them to appreciate different viewpoints;
- foster students' rhetorical and negotiation skills;
- provide an opportunity for students to connect with people of different nationalities and from various cultural backgrounds to encourage an appreciation of different beliefs and cultures;
- develop students' confidence in expressing their views in formal and informal contexts;

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME (correct as on 11 June 2015)

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1 28/6 (Sun)	AM / PM Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arrival of conference delegates</li> <li>▪ Welcome and ice-breaking activity</li> </ul>
Day 2 29/6 (Mon)	AM  PM Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening Ceremony</li> <li>▪ Keynote speaker 1 – Dr York Chow Yat-ngok (Chairperson of Equal Opportunities Commission)</li> <li>▪ Delegate training</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 1</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 2</li> </ul>
Day 3 30/6 (Tue)	AM PM  Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee Session 3</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 4</li> <li>▪ Keynote speaker 2 – Ms Anna Wu Hung-yuk (non-official member of the Executive Council and Chair of the Competition Commission)</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 5</li> <li>▪ Resolution Writing</li> </ul>
Day 4 1/7 (Wed)	AM  PM  Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keynote speaker 3 – Ms Puja Kapai Paryani (Associate Professor of Law, HKU)</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 6</li> <li>▪ Keynote speaker 4 – Mr George Chen (Managing Editor, International Edition, South China Morning Post)</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 7</li> <li>▪ Chinese Dinner</li> </ul>
Day 5 2/7 (Thu)	AM PM  Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee Session 8</li> <li>▪ Committee Session 9</li> <li>▪ Closing Ceremony</li> <li>▪ Free evening</li> </ul>
Day 6 3/7 (Fri)	AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Departure</li> </ul>



## DETAILS OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **Dr York Chow Yat-ngok**

Dr York Chow Yat-ngok, GBS, MBE, JP was appointed as the Chairperson of Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in April 2013. Dr Chow is an orthopaedic surgeon by profession.

Prior to joining the EOC, Dr Chow served as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon of Princess Margaret Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital respectively from 1983 to 1992. He was appointed Hospital Chief Executive of Queen Elizabeth Hospital in 1992 and Hospital Chief Executive of Queen Mary Hospital in 2001. He was subsequently appointed Cluster Chief Executive of the Hong Kong West Cluster of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority in 2002. He was appointed by the Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR Government as the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food from 2004 to 2007, and again as the Secretary for Food and Health from 2007 till 2012.



### **Ms Anna Wu Hung-yuk**

Anna Wu is a lawyer and a member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong. She is the current and founding chair of the Competition Commission. Ms Wu is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Hong Kong and chairs the Academic Board for Postgraduate Certificate in Laws of the University of Hong Kong. She is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Ms Wu served as a member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong and in that capacity initiated the Equal Opportunities Bill, the first private member's bill covering an area of policy.

She previously chaired the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Consumer Council and the Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption. Ms Wu was a member of the Law Reform Commission and of the Hospital Authority, a Non-executive Director of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited and of the Securities and Futures Commission. She was also a member of the Women's Leadership Board of the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.



### **Ms Puja Kapai Paryani**

Puja Kapai Paryani has been an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Hong Kong since 2012. She is the Director of the Centre for Comparative and Public Law and the Director of the Summer Social Justice Internship Programme. Since 2005, she has been a non-practicing barrister of the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR.

Ms Paryani specialises in human rights, multiculturalism, citizenship and particularly the rights of minorities, including children and women. She has published articles internationally in the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*, the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* and the *Soochow Law Journal* and chapters in various international presses, including Cambridge University Press and Ashgate. An important part of her research concerns human rights of minority groups, including the rights of ethnic minorities, women and children. She has led three funded-research projects with a total budget of more than HK\$0.5 million and currently holds a GRF grant of HK\$450,000 as well as a UNICEF research grant to carry out commissioned research on children's rights. She was Co-convenor of the University of Hong Kong's Emerging Strategic Research Theme on Diversity Studies and sits on the board of and is consultant to various NGOs in Hong Kong.



### **Mr George Chen**

Mr George Chen's career spans international media, policy studies and academia. He has researched and written about China's political and economic changes since 2002. George has also been a strong advocate for Internet freedom, which is the research focus of his proposed doctoral dissertation at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). He earned his Master's degree (distinction) at HKU in international and public affairs, with a concentration on the triangular US-China-Taiwan relations.

Currently, George is Managing Editor for the digital-native International Edition of the South China Morning Post (SCMP), which he helped to launch. George also leads SCMP's technology news team, covering the Internet of Things and how new technology changes the society and people's daily life. Prior to joining SCMP in 2012, George worked for Reuters and Dow Jones in various editorial and project management roles in Shanghai and Hong Kong, with numerous overseas assignments.

George was a 2014 Yale World Fellow at Yale University where he was also an affiliate member of the Council on East Asian Studies. He is the author of two books: "This is Hong Kong I Know" (2014) and "Foreign

Banks in China” (2011). An award-winning journalist, George has been a two-time judge for editorial awards of the Society of Publishers in Asia. He has been interviewed by the BBC, Al Jazeera, The New Yorker, Foreign Policy and other media outlets on China and Hong Kong affairs.

## **PARTICIPATION FEES**

Sponsored by the Council of St. Paul's Co-educational College Charitable Trust, we manage to set a reduced participation fee of only HK\$2,000 (or US\$258) per student. Accompanying teachers are to pay the same fee as student participants.

The fee will cover virtually all the expenses during the conference, including board and lodging, meals (except for the dinner on the last day), ice-breaking, key-note speeches, committee sessions and conference publications. We expect participants to bear only the costs of air passage, travel and medical insurance, airport transfers and their own personal expenses.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation is provided at Chong Yau Pak Wan Residence Hall of St. Paul's Co-educational College at 33 MacDonnell Road, Hong Kong. The dormitory bedrooms are normally for three or six sharing. Removable aero-beds may be added as necessary.

Teachers who prefer more privacy and services may book hotel rooms at their own cost. Information of nearby hotels will be provided upon request.

## **ENQUIRIES**

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