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The background of the cover features a photograph of two young men in dark blue suits. The man in the foreground is shown in profile, looking towards the left, with his hand resting on his chin in a thoughtful pose. Behind him, another man is visible, holding a silver microphone and appearing to be speaking. The overall atmosphere is professional and academic.

# SHASMUN XIII HANDBOOK

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Honorable Student Officers, Delegates, Directors, and Guests,

Welcome to SHASMUN XIII, one of Shanghai's largest MUN conference hosted by the best international school in Shanghai: Shanghai American School. Situated in a serene seaside golf course, our Pudong Campus is a perfect haven for delegates from around the world seeking tranquility within the bustling international metropolis of Shanghai. February in Shanghai is the perfect time and place for all to visit. You can enjoy the vibrant atmosphere as the city gets ready for Lunar New Year while strolling the Bund, where the modern East unites with the monumental West across the iconic Huangpu River. The SHASMUN XIII secretariat team extends our sincere invitation to all delegates from around the world to explore our innovative, historic, and diverse city by attending our conference.

The first SHASMUN was held in 2012 with the theme of Introducing Happiness, with over 160 delegates from schools in Shanghai attending. SHASMUN II – The Sun, The Moon, and the Truth – welcomed schools from Hong Kong and Taipei. SHASMUN III – Talkin' 'Bout My Generation – saw participation from schools ranging from Beijing to India, and introduced the ECOSOC committee. SHASMUN IV – The Ethics of Progress – introduced the General Assembly 3 Committee, and welcomed over 300 delegates. SHASMUN V – Won't Get Fooled Again and SHASMUN VI – The Slanted Mirror – introduced the Security Council 2. SHASMUN VII – Hear the Echo Chamber – added the Historical Security Council. SHASMUN VIII – The Complacency Crisis – foresaw debate in a veto-less Security Council 2. Due to COVID-19, SHASMUN IX – The Butterfly Effect– decided to go '-ito', catering to SAS delegates in an in-house conference, and SHASMUN X – The Sound Barrier – hosted delegates from all over the world online. SHASMUN XI– The Footnote of History– and SHASMUN XII - The Crystal Globe - reopened the doors for in-person conferences.

Following the success of SHASMUN XII, we are thrilled to announce that SHASMUN XIII will be held in person, welcoming schools from across the globe.

Sincerely,

The SHASMUN XIII Secretariat Team

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Conference Theme:

*Alea Iacta Est* – The Die is Cast

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# Alea Iacta Est

This year's theme "Alea Iacta Est", or "The Die is Cast", embodies the weight of decision making in global diplomacy and highlights the irreversible nature of decisive action in global affairs. Similar to how Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon permanently altered the course of history, the choices of today's leaders carry consequences that cannot be undone. In diplomacy, as in war, moments arise when hesitation gives way to action—when resolutions are passed, alliances are forged, and policies are enacted with lasting impact. SHASMUN XIII challenges delegates to confront the weight of such decisions, utilizing the burden of every choice to propel insightful debate and discussion. At this critical juncture, let us not merely cast our dies, but rather cast them with conviction and resolve. In SHASMUN XIII, we embrace the spirit of Alea Iacta Est—not as a surrender to fate, but as a call to wield agency with wisdom, courage, and resolution.

Sophie Jin

Administrative Officer, SHASMUN XIII

## Friday, February 6th

Time	Event
12:00-12:45	Sign In @PAC
1:00 - 1:40	Opening Ceremony
2:00 - 5:15	Opening Speeches/Lobbying
5:30	Day 1 Ends

## Saturday, February 7th

Time	Event
8:00 - 10:00	Lobbying/Approval Panel
9:30 - 11:15	Debate
11:15-12:15	Lunch/Recreational Activities
12:15 - 2:15	Debate
2:15 - 2:30	Break + Snacks
2:30 - 4:15	Debate
4:15 - 4:30	Break + Snacks
4:30 - 5:30	Debate
5:30	Day 2 Ends (Optional Explore Shanghai Activity)

## Sunday, February 8th

Time	Event
8:00 - 9:30	Debate
9:30 - 9:45	Break + Snacks
9:45 - 11:15	Debate
11:15 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 14:00	Debate
14:00 - 15:00	Closing Ceremony

## General Assembly

Location: LLH

Floor: 1

## Environment Committee

Location: P304 Band

Floor: 3

## HRC

Location: C2 Art Room

Floor: 3

## ECOSOC

Location: MS/HS Library

Floor: 1

## HSC

Location: H308

Floor: 3

## SC

Location: Common Area Offices (H105B)

Floor: 1

## UNICEF

Location: Innovation Institute (Open Classroom)

Floor: 3

## Crisis

Location: H310 Classroom

Backroom Location: 3rd Floor Biking area

Floor: 3

## NATO

Location: H303

Floor: 3

## Directors Lounge

Location Social Studies Room

Floor: 3

## Approval Panel

Location: Commons Area

Floor: 1

## Secretariat Office

Location: C4 Art Room

Floor: 3

## Friday, February 6

- *Lunch and snacks provided upon sign in*

## Saturday, February 7

- *Snack: School Provided*
- *Lunch: School Provided*
- *Dinner: Not Provided; Self arranged at Bund*

## Sunday, February 8

- *Snack: School Provided*
- *Lunch: School Provided*

Location for School Lunch/Dinner: MS/HS Cafeteria

## General Assembly

- *Addressing worldwide HIV/AIDS outbreaks*
- *Tackling maritime piracy in international waters*
- *Addressing hybrid threats: countering disinformation, cyber-Attacks, and economic coercion*

## Economic and Social Council

- *Promoting decent work and labor rights in the gig economy*
- *Developing economic recovery strategies for nations emerging from conflict*
- *Ensuring economic diversification in oil dependent economies*

## Environmental Council

- *Addressing the increased environmental toll incurred by the advent of AI*
- *Addressing the environmental crisis regarding rising sea levels*
- *Ensuring ethical and sustainable supply chains for critical energy transition minerals*

## Human Rights Council

- *Protecting the right to education in conflict zones*
- *Ensuring the free movement of all peoples*
- *Combating child marriage in rural regions*

## Security Council

- *Addressing the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*
- *Stabilizing Syria post-civil war*

## Historical Security Council

- *On the Topic of the April Revolution of 1960 (overthrow of Syngman Rhee) in South Korea*
- *On the topic of the Romanian revolution of 1989*

## Crisis

- *The Second Punic War*
- *The Wars of the Diadochi/Wars of Alexander's Successors*

## UNICEF

- *Ensuring the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of children within active war zones*
- *Protecting children from predatory advertising*
- *Addressing child labor in global supply chains and the informal economy*

## NATO

- *Establishing the accountability of all member states to the defense of Europe*
- *On the topic of admitting new members to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization*
- *Decoupling foreign influences from key industrial military sectors in NATO member states*

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## Dress Code

All delegates are expected to attend SHASMUN XIII in formal attire. For formality, delegates should wear suit pants/dress, formal dress shirts, blazers, ties (for those identifying as male), and dark shoes. Costumes and props are not allowed; however, dress based on a person's own identity/culture is respected.

## Expectations

- *Finish a resolution with at least 3 preambles and 5 operative clauses*
- *Understand THIMUN procedures*
- *Familiarize yourself with all committee topics by reading the chair reports and checking the news*
- *Arrive 5 minutes before the meeting starts*
- *Speak in third person and refrain from using personal pronouns*
- *Refrain from holding side conversations and using any form of electronic communication during debate time*
- *Please respect our host country, China, when debating*
- *Actively participate in the conference and have fun!*

## Disciplinary Strike System

Delegates are expected to abide by conference rules, procedure, and expectations, as well as respect SHASMUN's values of respectful collaborative diplomacy. Any breach of these will, at the discretion of the committee chairs, warrant:

- Strike 1: Chair warning
- Strike 2: Email directors
- Strike 3: Ineligible to participate in conference nor receive participation certificates

## General Guidelines

After the Opening Ceremony, the conference begins with opening speeches. Delegates are expected to show up with a one minute opening speech prepared (three minutes for delegates in the Security Council and Historical Security Council), and chairs will call upon delegates in alphabetical order to present those speeches.

This is followed by lobbying and merging time. Delegates who wrote resolutions on the same topic with similar stances form "blocs" to create final resolutions for submission to the committee for later debate.

After all resolutions are created, they are sent to the approval panel. After approval, formal debate begins. Chairs moderate the process, and delegates move through each resolution for debating, amending, and voting.

## Debate Process

1. Opening speeches: Delegates give speeches to introduce their position and proposals on topics
  2. Lobbying: Delegates of similar positions and prepared resolutions get into blocs and merge their resolutions
  3. Approval panel
    - a. Opens only on Saturday
    - b. Go to second floor cafeteria
  4. Main submitter speech: Main-submitter of resolutions gives a 3-minute speech, marking the start of debating on one resolution as a whole
  5. Debate
    - a. For/Against speeches: Speeches encouraging delegates to vote fore/against resolutions as a whole
    - b. Amendments: Modifications of resolution by delegates, having its own debating and voting procedures
    - c. (Un)moderated caucuses: brief break times for speech preparations that might be entertained by chairs if there are no speech or amendments ready by any delegates at the time
  6. Voting procedure: Final voting on resolutions as a whole
- Please see below for further information on specific processes.

## Motions

### Description

Motions propose action or changes within a committee. Whether it's a motion to extend debate time or revote on a resolution, motions purpose as catalysts for discussion and action. They can be called out any time during debate, but not when someone else is speaking.

### Process

1. Delegate raises placard
2. Chair calls on the delegate to state their point.
3. Delegate says: "motion to\_\_"
4. Chair says: "There has been a motion to\_\_on the floor. Are there any seconds? Are there any objections?"
5. Delegates can second or object the motion. If the delegate objects, they should say their reason for objecting.
6. Chair says: "Seeing as there are/no objections, this motion will be entertained/not entertained."
7. The motion proceeds/not proceeds.

## Types of Motions

### ***Motion to move to previous question***

This motion is made when delegates believe that sufficient debate and discussion have taken place on the current topic and that it is time to end the debate and move to the next procedure. This includes moving directly to voting procedures on an amendment or resolution.

Chair: There has been a motion to move to the previous question. Are there any seconds? Are there any objections?

### ***Motion to divide the house***

This motion is made when there are a large number of abstentions in voting. It asks for a revote and should be entertained at the chair's discretion and not entertained if it will take up significant time without any results.

Chair: There has been a motion to divide the house. Before we proceed, the chair would like to caution the house, as such motion calls for a revote of the current item on the agenda due to the large number of abstentions. With that being said, are there any seconds? Are there any objections?

### ***Motion to extend debate time***

This motion is made when delegates have more points to speak about the current topic being discussed when the chair closes debate time. Delegates should state "Motion to extend debate time by\_speakers. " The chair will not entertain this motion if there are time constraints.

Chair: There has been a motion to extend debate time by\_speakers. Are there any seconds? Any objections?

### ***Motion to extend Points of information***

This motion should be made once all points of information to the current speaker have been addressed, and before the chair asks the delegate to yield the floor. It should be stated as: "Motion to extend points of information by\_"

Chair: There has been a motion to extend points of information by\_. [To the current speaker] Is the delegate open to any further points of information?

## Points of Information

### Description

After a speaker finishes their speech, delegates have the opportunity to raise points of information (POIs). POIs are concise questions or statements that delegates use to seek clarification, request further elaboration, or challenge the speaker's arguments.

### Process

1. Chair: [To speaker after they finish their speech] Thank you delegate, is the delegate open to any points of information?
2. Delegate opens themselves to\_\_number or any and all points of information
3. Chair: The delegate has opened themselves to\_ points of information, are there any points on the floor at this time?
4. Delegates who have points of information raise their placards high.
5. Chair calls the delegates in the order in which they will ask their questions.

## Amendments

### Process

1. Delegate submits an amendment
  - a. The submitter's country name is written on the amendment
  - b. Indicate if the amendment is to: Add, Strike, Amend
    - i. In SHASMUN, striking a resolution or clause is highly discouraged. As we hope to foster a constructive and positive learning environment, please try your best to add or modify instead of strike.
  - c. Choose only one clause to Add, Strike, Amend
  - d. Submit to the Chair for approval
2. Delegate raises placard and states: "This delegate believes s/he has submitted an amendment."
3. The Chair entertains the amendment
4. The Chair presents it to the committee, reads it out, and sets debate time in favor and against the amendment
5. Submitter speaks for the amendment
6. Delegates can speak against the amendment or submit an amendment to the second degree
7. Voting is commenced on the amendment or on an amendment to the second degree; delegates can vote for, against, or abstain.

## Extra Resources

For specific THIMUN procedure: [https://thehague.thimun.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Rules\\_of\\_Procedure\\_revised.pdf](https://thehague.thimun.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Rules_of_Procedure_revised.pdf)

For Security Council procedure: <https://thehague.thimun.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/The-Security-Council-guidelines-May-2014.pdf>

For Crisis Committee procedure: <https://bestdelegate.com/everything-you-need-to-know-about-crisis-committees/>

Basic Guidelines for New Delegates: [https://thehague.thimun.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/THIMUN\\_2014\\_Basic\\_Guideline.pdf](https://thehague.thimun.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/THIMUN_2014_Basic_Guideline.pdf)

## Sample

**(1)** Always start by addressing the chairs and delegates.

**(2)** First 15-20 seconds: a brief overview of your topic and its significance.

**(3)** Next 30 or more seconds: the three strongest/most unique solutions from your resolution. This is how you let others in your committee know what your stance is.

**(4)** Last 10 seconds: A final statement to conclude your speech. This usually emphasizes the importance of your topic, and can be a quote or impact.

**(5)** Always end by saying “thank you,” even in debate speeches after this.

**(1)** HONORABLE CHAIRS and FELLOW DELEGATES,

**(2)** The Korean Peninsula contains the most hostile nuclear threat facing the world, repeated violations of basic human rights by state governments, and infamously high post-war tensions. Such issues do not just concern Korean citizens, but the security of the global community. Thus, the United States finds it imperative to facilitate peace in the Korean Peninsula, and proposes the following solutions:

**(3)** First, the delegate urges a formal end to the Korean War, including the revision of historical agreements and the destruction of all dormant post-war aggressions.

Second, the US emphasizes the importance of complete denuclearization, beginning with aggressive nuclear threat, and moving to the removal of defensive munitions.

Third, this delegate recommends open condemnation of human rights abuses in the Korean Peninsula, seeing these as results of high tensions and government corruption.

**(4)** Delegates, the Korean War was frozen over 60 years ago. It is about time for the UN to put an end to these tensions. The delegate of the United States hopes for a fruitful debate.

**(5)** Thank you.

## Approval Panel (Used with permission of BEIMUN)

### The Resolution: Step-by-Step

#### Heading

Forum: General Assembly (1<sup>st</sup> Committee)  
 Question of: Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space  
 Submitted by: Switzerland

#### Salutation

The General Assembly,

#### Preamble

The first word in each Clause is italicized.  
 Each Clause ends with a comma.

*Recognising* the need to prevent an arms race in Outer Space, to avert possible conflicts arising from space warfare,

*Wishing* to prevent Outer Space from being an arena of conflict,

*Firmly convinced* the deployment of space weapons will destroy balance and stability, thus endangering international peace and security,

#### Operative Section

Each Clause is identified with an Arabic numeral.

The first word in each Clause is underlined.

Each Clause ends with a semi-colon.

Each Sub-clause is identified with a Roman letter.

The first Sub-clause is preceded by a colon.

Sub-clauses are separated by commas.

The last Sub-clause ends with a semi-colon.

Each Sub-sub-clause is identified with a Roman numeral.

Punctuation rules for Sub-sub-clauses are the same as for Sub-clauses.

The final Clause ends with a period.

1. Encourages all states to sincerely consider their approaches of disarmament to understand and accommodate each other's security concerns and threat perceptions in the context of outer space;
2. Suggests that military presence in Outer Space is to be regulated by a Regulatory Committee of Space Militarization (RCSM) formed by representatives of various national space agencies which are appointed by the conference of disarmament by:
  - a. earth based surveillance on space objects with the use of heat sensors and chemical detectors,
  - b. space based surveillance missions to monitor orbits of space objects;
3. Calls Upon the Conference of Disarmament to draw up an additional agreement (in addition to the existing Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies) which aims to further prevent an arms race in Outer Space by:
  - a. disallowing states to test, deploy and use any form of weapons in the Earth's orbit, celestial bodies, and Outer Space,
  - b. encouraging states to promote the peaceful uses of Outer Space by avoiding incidents and refraining from dangerous military practices in Space, including but not limited to:
    - i. simulated attacks on outer space objects,
    - ii. engaging in maneuvers that increase the risk of collision,
    - iii. nuclear weapons and devices to be deployed into space,
  - c. calls upon all nations to disavow the launching of any form of weaponry deployed from outer space on other nations or other nation's property;
4. Proposes referral of any party found to have violated the conditions of existing treaties and agreements on this issue to the Security Council.

## Format:

- Times New Roman, Size 12
- Heading in bolded capital letters: FORUM:, QUESTION OF:, SUBMITTED BY
- The name of the Forum, typed in capital letters

## Pre-ambulatory Clauses:

- A comma separates each clause.
- All clauses begin with a pre-ambulatory verb or adjective that is italicized.
- All clauses state facts that outline the problem at hand and express urgency.

## Operative Clauses:

- All clauses suggest a way to resolve the issue, instead of stating a fact
- Numbered with Arabic numerals (e.g, "1.", "2.", "3."...)
- Begins with an Operative Verb that is underlined (see next page)
- A colon precedes the first Sub-clause or the first sub-sub-clause
- Sub-clause is identified with a lower case letter (e.g, "a)", "b)". (c)"...)
- Sub-sub-clause is identified with a lower case roman numeral (e.g, "i)", "ii)". (iii)"...)
- No punctuations between sub clauses and sub-sub-clauses
- Each operative clause ends with a semi-colon
- The final operative clause ends with a period.
- Include a total of at least 3 operative clauses

## Pre-ambulatory Phrases:

<b>Affirming</b>	<b>Expecting</b>	<b>Having studied</b>
<b>Alarmed by</b>	<b>Expressing its appreciation</b>	<b>Keeping in mind</b>
<b>Approving</b>	<b>Expressing its satisfaction</b>	<b>Noting with regret</b>
<b>Aware of</b>	<b>Fulfilling</b>	<b>Noting with deep concern</b>
<b>Bearing in mind</b>	<b>Fully alarmed</b>	<b>Noting with satisfaction</b>
<b>Believing</b>	<b>Fully aware</b>	<b>Noting further</b>
<b>Confident</b>	<b>Fully believing</b>	<b>Noting with approval</b>
<b>Contemplating</b>	<b>Further deploring</b>	<b>Observing</b>
<b>Convinced</b>	<b>Further recalling</b>	<b>Reaffirming</b>
<b>Declaring</b>	<b>Guided by</b>	<b>Realizing</b>
<b>Deeply concerned</b>	<b>Having adopted</b>	<b>Recalling</b>
<b>Deeply conscious</b>	<b>Having considered</b>	<b>Recognizing</b>
<b>Deeply convinced</b>	<b>Having considered further</b>	<b>Referring</b>
<b>Deeply disturbed</b>	<b>Having devoted attention</b>	<b>Seeking</b>
<b>Deeply regretting</b>	<b>Having examined</b>	<b>Taking into account</b>
<b>Desiring</b>	<b>Having heard</b>	<b>Taking into consideration</b>
<b>Emphasizing</b>	<b>Having received</b>	<b>Taking note</b>
		<b>Viewing with appreciation</b>
		<b>Welcoming</b>

## Operative Phrases:

<b>Accepts</b>	<b>Encourages</b>	<b>Further recommends</b>
<b>Affirms</b>	<b>Endorses</b>	<b>Further requests</b>
<b>Approves</b>	<b>Expresses its hope</b>	<b>Further resolves</b>
<b>Authorizes</b>	<b>Further invites</b>	<b>Has resolved</b>
<b>Calls</b>	<b>Deplores</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Calls upon</b>	<b>Designates</b>	<b>Proclaims</b>
<b>Condemns (<i>only SC</i>)</b>	<b>Draws the attention</b>	<b>Reaffirms</b>
<b>Confirms</b>	<b>Emphasizes</b>	<b>Recommends</b>
<b>Congratulates</b>	<b>Encourages</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
<b>Considers</b>	<b>Endorses</b>	<b>Reminds</b>
<b>Declares accordingly</b>	<b>Expresses its hope</b>	<b>Requests</b>
<b>Deplores</b>	<b>Further invites</b>	<b>Solemnly affirms</b>
<b>Designates</b>	<b>Further proclaims</b>	<b>Strongly Condemns (<i>only SC</i>)</b>
<b>Draws the attention</b>	<b>Further reminds</b>	<b>Supports</b>
<b>Emphasizes</b>		<b>Takes note of</b>
		<b>Transmits</b>
		<b>Trusts</b>

Bund Address: Zhongshan Rd (E-1), Waitan, Huang Pu Qu

\* Buses will only be provided for schools outside of Shanghai. Delegates must take their stuff and go directly to the buses at the front of school for a 5:45pm departure.

## Recommended Bund Area Activities:

1. Explore shops on Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street
2. Visit the Shanghai Tower: China's tallest building
  - a. Location: 501 Yincheng Rd (M), Lujiazui
3. Stroll along the Bund promenade

## Other Attractions:

- Custom House-137 Jiujiang Rd, Huang Pu Qu
- Signal Tower-6FMR+8RX, Waitan, Huang Pu Qu
- Sightseeing Tunnel-349 Zhongshan Rd (E-1), Waitan, Huang Pu Qu
- Shanghai Museum-201 Renmin Ave, People's Square, Huang Pu Qu
- Fairmont Peace Hotel-20 Nanjing Road East

## Recommended Restaurants:

- Chilis -17 Yan'An Dong Lu, Huangpu
- Shanghai Tavern-199 East Nanjing Road, Huangpu
- Restaurants on Nanjing Road





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