

Report on the Sydney Model Global Parliament 2024

The 2024 Model Global Parliament took place on Monday November 11th in the Legislative Chamber of the NSW Parliament House in Sydney, continuing the annual series of events which started in 2013 (apart from the Covid interruption in 2023).

Ten teams presented motions, including teams from the University of New South Wales UN Society, the University of Sydney UN Society, and school teams from Hurlstone Agricultural High School (3), Malek Fahd Hoxton Park High School (2), Unity Grammar (2), and Irfan College.

The event was organized by an energetic team representing the Institute for Global Peace and Responsible Governance (IGPSG), led by Zeny Edwards and including Mai Ni Pham, Chris Hamer, David Delos Reyes, Jason Lijuardi, Alex Zhuang, Joiji Wara and Maria Adriano, plus school advisors Dario Hawat, Sam Cavallaro, Eyal Mayroz and Aqsa Khan. Caleb Alexander, a year 8 student from Hurlstone, did a sterling job at operating the TV screen, and Mayeem Azad and Artia Mayamin, year 9 and year 8 Hurlstone students respectively excelled as rapporteurs.

In the event, the MGP was a big success! The debates were vigorous from the start, made lively in particular by the extravagant oratorical flourishes of Anthony Ma from UNSW. Catcalls and unparliamentary language had to be restrained at times by the Speaker, but in the end a very good time was had by all. A list of the motions passed at the MGP will appear separately on our websites.