

DAY-5 24th March**“How to make the world better?”**Group: **T**

The Vision: “The Asia in 2040”

By 2040, we will be a strong Asian region working well as partners based on our identities and diversities, and through modern technologies, build and sustain environments and communities.



Related to the Vision

Today, we have done negotiations about whether we should build a dam on Mekong river or not with the other countries represented by the other groups. Since our vision mentions about working well as partners, we have come to the conclusion that negotiation is the key factor leading to a successful partnership. We had so much fun during the negotiation and at the same time received lots of knowledge on how to a fruitful agreement. Firstly, we made an ally with Thailand to make a fair trade that both of the countries would benefit from the dam project but Vietnam refused to make an agreement with others. Fortunately, Thailand and Laos joined the negotiation and together we reached an agreement at last. Not only did it give us a meaningful lesson, but also it was an extremely marvelous experience, too.

Other Unique Findings?

Youee “Mr. Ishibashi’s laugh is funny.”

Tatsuya “I look like a mushroom in that picture.”

Kenny “Mushrooms look delicious.”

Anh “I got too excited. I might take the negotiation a bit too serious and got extreme.”



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Group: **Y**

An Asia that Empowers Each Person

To establish an Asian Community centered around efficiency, sustainability, inclusivity and cooperation that forwards the empowerment and protection of each person through advancements in education, environmental conservation, innovation and social involvement. After today's events, we added a small but significant change to our vision by including innovation and social involvement.



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As we learned steps on how to make the world better, our group picked up many essential lessons and insights from our Mock International Negotiation Activity by Dr. Alvarez and the lecture on the final presentation. The Mock Negotiation not only taught us more about a real life issue on the Mekong dam, but it also allowed us to put on the shoes of real diplomats and world leaders. In this very exciting and enjoyable activity, we faced challenges such as representing the interests of a state, persuading other diplomats to be aligned with our own goals, finding compromises between two opposing sides and most importantly realizing the need of alliances despite losing some benefits. At the end, we came to the conclusion that when states sacrifice some of their interests, they can still uphold the greater good for the region. This lesson was very important when we started preparing for our final presentation. It was through this that we were able to think of concrete solutions and plans that take into consideration the benefit of all while remaining effective despite weaknesses. Hopefully, this is the start of a diplomatic career?

Other Unique Findings?

Naru: “It was eye opening to hear Dr. Daniel’s way to make strategies to be implemented.”

Matti: “Ni hao is not Thai and learning about international negotiations was very interesting.”

Om: “Don’t think only about yourselves but also think about others!”

Sen: “Reaching an agreement that benefits all is time consuming.”



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Group: **C**

The Vision

Our vision is to achieve sustainable economic development through technological innovation and regional cooperation to provide a healthy, stable quality of life and a safe environment to live in harmony while embracing diversity. To make our world better, we need economic growth but this progress should be sustainable so that we can preserve our resources for the future generations. To do this, technological innovation is important as it makes our lives easier and more convenient. Strengthened relationships, partnerships, and organizations are essential too for we need to help one another to attain a better society – a community wherein everyone will be able to live in unity.



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Today, Group C found the international negotiation mock exercise very interesting and fun. We, the members of the group learned the importance of creating allies, and utilizing one's resources. In addition to this, we also learned more about the concepts of Direction and Action as well as how they can, and should, connect these two things to their Vision. After learning about these two contexts, we were able to create our own directions, and actions. Some of these are only the beginning. To be continued...



Other Unique Findings?

- Neung** I've learned that negotiations and building partnerships between countries are essential.
- Dutch** Action and direction are very important. It can guide us to the path of our vision and accomplish it immediately.
- Tomoko** I feel it's important to ask for help because if I have some trouble, everyone is willing to help me.
- Yoshie** To have negotiation is very complex, but it was very fun.
- Christine** Never underestimate your future.



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“Making the world a better place”

Group: **A**

The Vision

A world where every conflict can be solved by making agreements and peaceful treaties

Related to the Vision

Today, Dr. Daniel introduced us to one of the way to avoid war between nations, and that is NEGOTIATION. Understand is one thing but “ practice makes perfect “, that is why Group A and the others got to play a game called “Negotiation Mock” which each of the group represented a country in the South East Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand) to negotiate regarding dams building that has affect on all 4 countries. It was intense and fun, yet educational; and that is why the game left a big mark in our mind.



Other Unique Findings?

- Obito** : I was extremely happy and that was extraordinary negotiation
- Saiki** : I have thought of my dream future for the first time.
- Satsuki** : I was happy because we could sing “Let it go” together. I want to sing again!
- An** : I have learnt to open my mind and listened to other people’s opinion.
- Minh** : I love Japanese food but it gives me stomachache