

SMURION DELEGATE PROSPECTUS
2025

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WELCOME LETTER



Esteemed Delegates, Faculty Advisors and Distinguished Guests,

As citizens of this 21st-century world, it is imperative now, more than ever, that we open our eyes and see what is unfolding around us. From the environmental effects of global warming and climate change to the humanitarian impact of the Israel-Palestine and Russo-Ukrainian conflicts to the economic influences of cryptocurrencies and digital currencies, it is starkly evident that our generation has no dearth of issues that we must not only discuss but attempt to address.

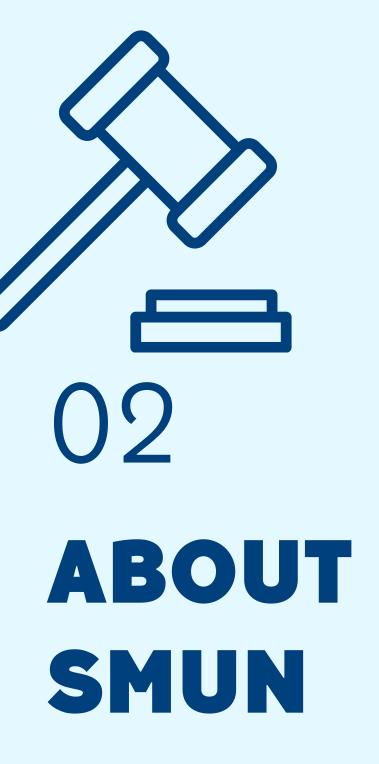
Throughout the years, Singapore Model United Nations (SMUN) has upheld its reputation in the region by having a diverse mix of participants and a challenging yet relatable set of topics for discussion. Renowned for its academic rigour and organisational excellence, SMUN convenes pre-university and university students to debate and formulate solutions to global problems about current affairs and international relations. In 2022, SMUN set precedence, being the first Model UN in Singapore to pivot back to a fully physical conference post-pandemic, attracting over 300 participants around the globe. In 2024, we brought together over 400 delegates from more than seven countries.

WELCOME LETTER

This year, we remain committed to "Building a New Era of Diplomacy", as it is clear that the world today is undergoing a gradual but definitive paradigm shift from what it was decades ago. Towards this end, we will be simulating eleven intriguing and rigorous committees. These include staples of Model United Nations, such as the United Nations Security Council and the World Trade Organisation, regional bodies such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, and specialised committees, such as the House of Representatives (Japan) and the Historical Crisis Committee.

We warmly invite you to join us on this journey of self-discovery, through which we may become not only more cognisant of the positions of the world on various issues but also potentially form our unique viewpoints by which we may become better citizens of our nations and by extension, of the world.

Yours sincerely,
Aditya Garladinne (Mr.)
Secretary-General,
Singapore Model United Nations 2025





ABOUT SMUN

WHAT IS MODEL UNITED NATIONS?

A Model United Nations (MUN) is a conference which involves students from pre-university and college-level institutions negotiating and formulating solutions to global problems. The topics discussed are issues pertinent in current affairs and international relations which requires multilateral diplomacy and cooperation to be resolved. Student participants will research on, and simulate various states or non-state actors (such as Non-Governmental Organisations) in bringing their individual agendas to the discussion with the goal of negotiating a solution that is agreeable to the interests of the majority.



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HISTORY OF SINGAPORE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Singapore Model United Nations, or SMUN, prides itself as being one of most established Model UNs in the Singaporean circuit, and will be going into its 22nd iteration in 2025. Through building upon the successes of our past 20 conferences, we have managed to amass approximately 500 participants in attendance in recent years. We have continually received excellent reviews from our participants, with special mention to our efficiency, hospitality and academic standards. SMUN has indeed distinguished itself from other MUN conferences in the region with its organisational and academic excellence. As a testament to the academic capabilities of the SMUN staff, the delegation led by SMUN Secretariat members achieved the 'Best Group Delegation Award' at Citi-Pan Asia Model United Nations 2017, hosted in Taipei City. Our staff members had also participated and won awards in the Asia Pacific Model United Nations Conference 2017, with others having staffed other prestigious international conferences such as Harvard Model United Nations 2018, which is hosted by Harvard University and frequently touted as the Olympics of MUN.





THE ORGANISER: NUS POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

SMUN is the National University of Singapore (NUS) Political Science Society's (PSSOC) flagship event. NUS PSSOC, founded in 1967, aims to help local and international students remain abreast of current affairs. Apart from Singapore Model United Nations, NUS PSSOC also organises multiple other events, such as forums and dialogues with high-profile individuals in the diplomatic and political spheres. NUS PSSOC played a crucial role in establishing Singapore Globalist, an online international affairs publication that is part of the Global21 network of student-run international affairs magazines.



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HOST UNIVERSITY: NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

The National University of Singapore (NUS) has been consistently ranked top in Asia, as well as ranked among the top universities in the world. Hosting the 22nd iteration of SMUN in NUS enables SMUN's participants to experience not only world-class education infrastructure, but also engage with some of Asia's brightest minds within NUS's vibrant campus community. Designed for the entire NUS community, on-campus facilities are strategically integrated and highly accessible through internal shuttle buses. An educational hub complete with residential spaces, teaching facilities and study clusters, NUS has created a intellectual. social and cultural environment lively that distinguishes the University through excellence in learning and student engagement. Conference venues are complete with amenities that enhance the experience of the user, rendering it more conducive for conference sessions to take place. All venues are equipped with air-conditioning and are conveniently located near study areas for delegates to interact and communicate.



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THE INFORMATION FOR ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Total Stay Duration	5 days, 4 nights
Check In	1 June 2025, 1500 hrs (GMT +8, SGT)*
Check Out	5 June 2025, 0830 hrs (GMT +8, SGT)*
Location	NUS University Town (2 College Ave West, Stephen Riady Centre, Singapore 138607)
Room Type	Single-bed, fully air-conditioned

*Check-in and check-out timings are subject to change. International delegates or faculty advisors staying in Singapore beyond these dates must arrange their own accommodations.





THE INFORMATION FOR ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Accommodation
Rates (Full
Duration,
Inclusive of
Goods and
Services Tax)

International Delegates	SGD\$360
Local Delegates	SGD\$380
Faculty Advisors	SGD\$420

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REGARDING ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS

Delegates and faculty advisors may opt for on-campus accommodations during the duration of the conference. The accommodations are available for both local (Singaporeans or those residing in Singapore) and international conference attendees, but priority will be accorded to international attendees in the event of over-subscription.

Each room accommodates only one delegate or faculty advisor. Residents may access the common facilities such as washrooms, showers and laundry machines. The residences are within walking distance of other recreational facilities, such as food establishments and study spaces. Internal shuttle bus services will also be available between 0715 hrs and 2300 hrs to ferry delegates across the campus. More information regarding accommodations in NUS University Town can be found via https://uci.nus.edu.sg/ceu/student-hostel/utown/.

Delegates or faculty advisors who wish to opt for on-campus accommodations may indicate their interest in the appropriate sections when filling in the registration form. All queries regarding accommodations may be directed to our Liaisons Directors, Loh Qi Yang (Mr.), Timothy Kew (Mr.), Sarthak Basak (Mr.) by email via liaisons@singaporemun.org.



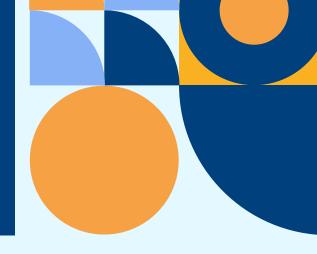
DAY 1 (2ND JUNE 2025) MONDAY

	Group A	Group B
0800 - 0900	Registration	
0900 - 1145	Opening Ceremony	
1145 - 1300	Lunch	
1230-1315	Movement to Committee Venues	
1315 - 1600	Committee Session 1	
1600 - 1615	Tea Break	
1615 - 1830	Committee Session 2	



DAY 2 (3RD JUNE 2025) TUESDAY

	Group A	Group B
0900 - 1200	Committee Session 3	
1200 - 1300	Committee Session 4	Lunch
1300 -1400	Lunch	Committee
1400 - 1500	Committee Session 4	Session 4
1500 - 1515	Tea Break	
1515 - 1800	Committee Session 5	



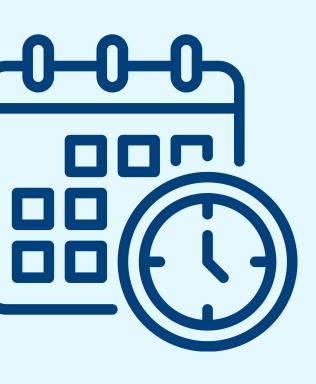
DAY 3 (4TH JUNE 2025) WEDNESDAY

	Group A	Group B
0900 - 1200	Committee Session 6	
1200 - 1300	Lunch	Committee Session 7
1300 - 1400	Committee Session 7	Lunch
1400 - 1500		Committee Session 7
1515 - 1530	Teabreak	
1515 - 1700	Committee Session 7	
1700 - 1800	Movement to Socials Venue	
1800 - 2200	Socials	
2215	Transport Back to UTown	



DAY 4 (5TH JUNE 2025) THURSDAY

	Group A	Group B
0900-1130	COMMITTEE Session 8	Committee Session 8
1130 - 1130	Lunch	Session o
1230 - 1400	Committee Session 8	Lunch
1400 - 1650	Closing Ceremony	



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- Access the Singapore Model United Nations website at https://www.singaporemun.org/, OR visit our Instagram page @singaporemun.
- Click on "Registrations" → "Delegates". Open the registration form link. Fill in the registration form with the appropriate information. Do double check your entry before submitting.
- After submitting the registration form, we will email you within 3 5 working days to confirm that we have received your form as well as provide further payment instructions.
- Once payment has been made and verified, we will send you an e-receipt to confirm your registration. Kindly await your Committee and country/portfolio allocations. Please note that Committee and country/portfolio allocations will be withheld until payment is made and verified by the SMUN Secretariat.

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ELIGIBILITY:

SMUN 2025 will be accepting both local and international delegates and faculty advisors to partake in our conference. All delegates must be between the ages of 15 and 25 (within the calendar year) and formally matriculated in an education institute (e.g., secondary school, junior college, university) to be eligible. Local delegates in their gap year (e.g., awaiting university semester to begin, recently graduated) or currently serving their National Service are also eligible for the conference.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, you may check your eligibility status by emailing our Deputy Secretary-General (Administration), Czandrya Cheong (Ms.), via administration@singaporemun.org.

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SMUN 2025 REGISTRATION FEES (PER PAX)

	Early Bird Registration (3 - 17 February)	Regular Registration (18 February - 18 March)	Late Registration (19 March -14 April)
Delegates	SGD\$130	SGD\$160	SGD\$195
Faculty Advisors	SGD\$55		

For SMUN 2025, we will be accepting PayNow and bank transfers as the only payment methods. Singapore schools or institutions affiliated with the Ministry of Education may opt for MOE-IFAAS as a payment option. To facilitate timely release of Committee and country/portfolio allocations, registrants are advised to make payment as soon as possible, in accordance with the stipulated deadline in emails sent.

SIGN-UP OPTION 1: INDEPENDENT DELEGATE (SOLO DELEGATE)

Individuals who are interested to participate in SMUN 2025 as a delegate may follow the registration processes outlined above and make payment accordingly.

SIGN-UP OPTION 2: SCHOOL/INSTITUTION DELEGATIONS

Delegates may sign-up through their schools or institutions. Invitations will be sent to all Singapore and international schools and institutions once the registration phases open. If your school did not receive an invitation, you may request for a formal email invitation from our Liaisons department by emailing liaisons@singaporemun.org.

Each school/institution delegation must contain a minimum of 5 delegates, and a maximum of 20 delegates. Schools or institutions wishing to send more than 20 delegates must register more than 1 delegation. All school/institution delegations must be endorsed by the school/institution, and led by an appointed head delegate and teacher/faculty member in-charge, who will liaise with the SMUN Secretariat on behalf of their delegation. The head delegate must also fill in the registration form on behalf of his/her delegation, and fill in the required details of every single member of the delegation. A "Best School Delegation" award will be handed out to the delegation with the most outstanding performing delegates and presented during the Closing Ceremony.

Payment must be made by either the head delegate or the school/institution in a single transaction on behalf of the entire delegation via the appropriate payment methods. An e-invoice will be issued via email to the head delegate, along with payment instructions. Singapore schools or institutions affiliated with the Ministry of Education may opt for MOE-IFAAS as a payment option by providing their sub-business unit code at the end of the registration form. An e-invoice will be issued through the vendors@gov portal with a credit term of 30 days.

SIGN-UP OPTION 3: FACULTY ADVISORS

Faculty advisors refer to all accompanying teachers and/or mentors of participating school/institution delegations. Registered faculty advisors will be issued with a lanyard granting admission to all committee venues at all times of the conference. Faculty advisors may observe conference and committee proceedings, but may not intervene in such proceedings. Faculty advisors will have access to the catered lunch buffets and be able to attend the Socials event.

SIGN-UP OPTION 4: INDEPENDENT DELEGATIONS

Delegates may opt to sign up in delegations on their own accord. Members of independent delegations do not need to be affiliated (e.g., same school). Each independent delegation must contain a minimum of 5 delegates, and a maximum of 20 delegates. A head delegate must be appointed within each independent delegation, who will liaise with the SMUN Secretariat on behalf of their delegation. The head delegate must also fill in the registration form on behalf of his/her delegation, and fill in the required details of every single member of the delegation. Payment must be made by the head delegate in a single transaction on behalf of the entire delegation via the appropriate payment methods.

For all registration-related queries, please email our Liaisons Directors, Loh Qi Yang (Mr.), Timothy Kew (Mr.), Sarthak Basak (Mr.) by email via <u>liaisons@singaporemun.org</u>. For all finance-related queries, please email our Finance Directors, Celine Ong (Ms.) and Rahul Shah (Mr.), via <u>finance@singaporemun.org</u>.





Committee	Topic 1	Topic 2
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	The 17th General Review of Quotas	The Question of Monetary Sovereignty and CBDCs
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	The Question of Management of Transboundary Water Resources	The Question of Management of Extractive Industries
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)	The Question of Autonomous Weapons Systems	The 10th Review of the Biological Weapons Convention
World Trade Organisation (WTO)	The Question of Trade Distortions by State- owned Enterprises	The Question of National Security in Trade
Group of 20 (G20)	The Question of Shadow Banking	The Question of Energy Development in the Global South



Committee	Topic 1	Topic 2
Historical European Council (2008) (HEUCO)	Re-examining the Treaty of Lisbon	The Question of the Legacy of Colonialism
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)	Dynamic Agenda	
House of Representatives (Japan) (HRJ)	The Question of Military Policy	The Question of Societal Preservation
House of Commons of the United Kingdom (HOC)	Reading of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2018	
United Nations Security Council (UNSC)	The Question of Reforming the UN Peacekeeping Dogma	The Question of the Syrian Civil War
Historical Crisis Committee (HCC)	4th Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam	



INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Founded by the Bretton Woods Agreement in 1944, the International Monetary Fund serves as the lender of last resort to distressed countries, promoting financial stability globally. Created to promote international monetary cooperation, the IMF does so by providing policy advice, financial assistance, and technical support to member states while facilitating global trade and exchange rate stability. Notably, the IMF played a pivotal stabilising role during financial crises, such as the Global Financial Crisis in 1998.

The IMF's operations are underpinned by Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), which play a crucial role in both the IMF's governance and the financial resources available to countries. Whilst the IMF's governance structure intends to reflect the relative significance of member economies, it was also intended to promote equity and inclusion for all its member countries.

As Executive Directors of the IMF, you will helm the Fund through uncertain economic waters, stabilising uncertain and volatile markets globally.



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (UNECE)

Since its establishment in 1947, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. For decades, it has served as a multilateral platform to facilitate greater economic integration and cooperation among its member states and promote sustainable development, deliberating matters pertaining to environmental policy, extractive industries, urban development and land use, smart cities, and energy. With representatives from its 56 member states meeting annually to discuss European economic matters, the UNECE contributes to enhancing the effectiveness of the UN through the regional implementation of outcomes of UN conferences and summits.

In the UNECE, delegates should expect to undergo rigorous yet fruitful debate on the issues of today that intertwine greatly with the prospect of Europe's economy. Will you be ready for brilliance? Join UNECE now to find out.

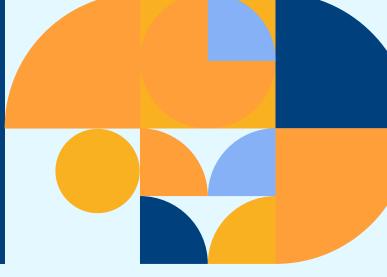


UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS (UNODA)

Originally established in 1998 as the Department for Disarmament Affairs, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) aims to achieve the ultimate goal of general and complete disarmament through robust international regulation. In a world where cutting-edge technology transcends the bounds of weapons of mass destruction, the UNODA stands at the forefront of global efforts as a beacon of peace and progress.

Committed to de-escalating threats before they spiral into regional or global crises, the UNODA facilitates transparent dialogues and reviews to curb weapons proliferation within its dynamic mandate. Yet, with rising geopolitical tensions and conflicts, disagreements will come to light as countries' sovereign interests collide.

With high-octane topics ranging from autonomous to biological weapons, delegates shall treated to the experience of high-stakes discourses guided by diplomacy, where even the smallest oversight can wreak havoc. Will weapons of war be abolished before they abolish humanity? Only time will tell.



WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (WTO)

The World Trade Organisation (WTO), founded in 1995, is the successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and serves as the leading international organisation for global trade agreements and policies. The WTO operates a global system of trade rules through its legally binding charter, acts as a forum for negotiating trade agreements, settles trade disputes between member states and supports the needs of developing countries.

Unlike other worldwide financial institutes, power within the WTO is not delegated to a board of directors or the organisation's head. Instead, the biennial Ministerial Conference, acts as the highest decision making body, where representatives from all member states must reach a consensus before any legally binding decisions are made.

In this increasingly fraught and uncertain 21st century, the future of trade and the global economy as we know it lies in your hands



GROUP OF 20 (G20)

Founded in 1999 after the Asian Financial Crisis, the Group of 20 (G20) started off as a deliberative body for finance ministers to discuss global economic and financial issues, which evolved into a high-level meeting for global leaders to foster international economic cooperation and coordinate multilateral policies on global issues.

Consisting of twenty of the world's most advanced economies, the G20 was created to focus on macroeconomic problems, but gradually expanded their area of work to tackle the world's pressing issues, including climate change, energy, and anticorruption.

With an increasingly divided world, and the advent of a worsening climate and technological advancements, the future of the world is more at stake than ever. Coupled with recent developments in the G20's member states, will the world's largest economies stay abreast of the current issues that plague the world, or drown in the sea of uncertainty?



HISTORICAL EUROPEAN COUNCIL (2008) (HEUCO)

The European Council (EUCO) is the body of the European Union that defines the political direction and priorities of the 27 Member States of the European Union. While important, EUCO has suffered much criticism over matters such as its passivity to its democratic deficit. As a consensus-based council, the EUCO is known for demanding compromise — or as some might put it, deadlock. Heading into a turbulent future, Council members will have to rise above the discord and by any means necessary, find a way to steer the world's most important continent in the correct direction.



SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANISATION (SCO)

First conceived from the Shanghai Five in 2001, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation now brings together member states from across Eurasia, representing some 20% of the Earth's total land area and 40% of its population, including its two most populous nations. Large natural gas and oil fields bedaub its members' landscapes, lining the historical Silk Road — history's central conduit for commerce and cultural exchange between the East and West.

Today, the SCO once again stands at the crossroads of great powers. As the global geopolitical equilibrium continues to shift, observers increasingly look to the SCO as a counterbalance to the contemporary world order — its unspoken raison d'être.

A united front is more crucial than ever, even as lingering tension and distrust between states threaten to pierce the veil of stability it espouses. The SCO's dream of a multipolar world is no more certain than its own place among those poles.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (JAPAN) (HRJ)

Established in 1947, the House of Representatives of Japan, also known as Shūgiin, is the lower and more powerful house of the National Diet. Throughout the past decades, the House of Representatives has been working on solving issues regarding Japanese society, and bettering their governance for the Japanese people.

With 465 members, the House of Representatives has a significant influence on the military and social aspects of Japan, particularly in the post-World War II era where the Japanese government established a pacifist clause. This clause renounces Japan's commitment to the sovereign right of belligerency and aims to promote international peace and order. To these ends, the House of Representatives has played a crucial role in shaping Japan's international outlook. Representatives, will the future of Japan continue to flourish in your hands, or will it falter like the fading echoes of the past empires?



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (HOC)

Order! Order! Welcome to the House of Commons of the United Kingdom, the lower house of the supreme legislative body of this great nation. Within the hallowed halls of the Palace of Westminster lies one of the world's oldest legislative assemblies, and the birthplace of the Westminster system.

Being a bicameral legislature, the Parliament of the United Kingdom comprises two houses — the elected lower House of Commons, and the appointed upper House of Lords. Both play a crucial role in shaping legislation, scrutinising the government of the day, and representing the interests and voices of the British people.

As the national assembly, Parliament plays a dual role in the affairs of state. The houses have to address domestic concerns - economic growth, healthcare reform, and the quality of education — while simultaneously shaping the nation's foreign policy, dictating relations with foreign powers, trade relations, and upholding the United Kingdom's leadership in international diplomacy.

Amidst political uncertainty and constitutional crises, delegates will navigate the intricacies of parliamentary democracy, constitutional monarchy and regional divides. The United Kingdom now stands at important crossroads: delegates, tread carefully, for the future of our nation is in your hands.



UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

As the only organ of the United Nations empowered with the authority to enact legally-binding decisions, the Security Council has an indispensable role in the world order. Established as a bastion of international peace and security, the UNSC has a crucial function in peacekeeping, conflict intervention and protecting civilians from extensive harm and suffering. Yet since its inception, the Security Council has been mired in backlash and controversy for its inaction towards ostensible breaches of international law and peace, largely owing to the lack of unanimity between its permanent members. From Arria-formula Meetings to specialised substantive procedures, delegates must navigate both the complex mechanics at their disposal and the web of geopolitical interests at play to uphold the hallowed mandate of the Security Council. For the delegates who wish to test their diplomatic mettle amidst the nuances of international law and various sovereign interests, the UNSC awaits you.



HISTORICAL CRISIS COMMITTEE (HCC)

"It is better to sacrifice everything than to live in slavery" ~ Ho Chi Minh.

Saigon has been liberated. From its ashes and carnage, a starry red flag ascends, burning fiercely over the sea of bloodbath and struggle. The crimson tide of liberation surges to its triumphant crescendo as it unfurls the banners of socialism, igniting its unyielding glow across the newly unified Land of the Ascending Dragon.

Glory be to the Communist Party: A fractured vanguard, so ideologically tethered to the shadow of a vanquished foe — the conspiration amongst global powers to ensuare Vietnam in their grasp, weaving a grand design to render her a mere marionette in the ruthless theatre of imperial hegemony.

Glory be to Vietnam: A divided nation, now reborn from the scars of history — the dreams of the conquered who, still shackled beneath the scarlet ensign, long for the day they could once more take up arms in defiance against the yoke of communism.

Glory be to Asia: A schismatic region, merciless and ravenous in its thirst for power and dominance — Vietnam's neighbours collude and scheme, seeking to cage her forever.

Glory, glory be to that tattered and splintered red flag.



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