

Royal Holloway & Santander Travel Award Report

Change the World Model United Nations, The UN Headquarter,

New York City

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I was attending the Model United Nations in New York with the scholarship from Royal Holloway travel Award and Santander Scholarship, this event was held in late March 2018. It attracted me by the opportunity to enter the United Nations headquarter, and the chance to learn international affairs, also developing my public speaking skill.





The application procedure was really simple by only submitting the basic personal and educational information, however, there were many applicants to apply, so it was not guaranteed to get a place for everyone. I was lucky enough to attend. Also, they required successful applicants to pay an administration fee for the preparation materials and the badges.

Before the event took place, they sent the attendee some documents to read, and distributed the presenting country and committee to us. For me, I was presenting Bangladesh in IAEA committee. Our topic was about the nuclear situation of Bangladesh, including the Nuclear weapon of North Korea, and the application of Nuclear power.



“International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

The International Atomic Energy Agency is the world’s central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the nuclear field. It works for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, contributing to international peace and security and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. The Agency was set up as the world’s “Atoms for Peace” organization within the United Nations family. From the beginning, it was given the mandate to work with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote safe, secure and peaceful nuclear technologies. The objectives of the IAEA’s dual mission – to promote and control the Atom – are defined in Article II of the IAEA Statute.

IAEA Agenda:

The nuclear situation in DPRK

The safeguard applications in Iran

Nuclear applications in responding to viruses and confining pests”

The information above is from the agenda topic they gave us; we needed to come

up a position paper before go to New York, this position paper shall includes the points of view and the preparation about our delegated country (Bangladesh). Apart from this, we could learn the information and an overview about United Nations and the committee through the online learning system that organisation provided.



On the day of event, it was lasting for three days in USA, there were over thousands students to attend, so we needed to pass the passport check before enter the UN, it took about 3 hours for queuing, and the venue – General Assembly is not big enough to accommodate so many students, therefore part of

us were being allocated to another venue – Economic and Social Council (where I was in).



This trip was really interesting, and we knew many smart people, I am really grateful to have the scholarship support from my university. From this experience, it made me become a more confident person and confirmed my ambition to future career and further research area.