

LETTER FROM YOUR CO-CRISIS DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN 50! My name is Cyrus and I'm a junior mathematics and economics double major at the University of Texas at Austin.

I first started my model UN journey in UT's Central Texas Model United Nations (CTMUN) organization. While this is my first experience with HAMUN, this is my third year in CTMUN. I have had the privilege to chair and vice chair several committees in CTMUN, as well as compete in conferences as part of TexMUN, CTMUN's traveling competition team. I'm incredibly excited to be a CD at HAMUN this year along with my co-CD, Kimmy Brown.

I come to the CD position with an extensive knowledge of China's ancient and late modern history, as well as its contemporary position in the geopolitical, economic, military, and national security spheres. The international conflicts of the late 19th and early 20th centuries have always fascinated me because they saw the introduction of many of the weapons and technology we now use and face in war today. I wanted to choose the Boxer Rebellion as the committee topic because I have always viewed that war as having more "personality" than most; that is, the stakes were higher, the characters involved came from very different parts of the world, and alliances were forged and broken on a much grander scale. On one end, the once-great Qing Dynasty was crumbling due to both internal failure and external pressure, and on the other, a very rare and unique alliance of American, European, Russian, and Japanese power united out of pure imperial pursuit (only to turn on each other for the almost the entire remainder of the 20th century).

I'm honored to be your co-Crisis Director for the Eight-Nation Alliance side of the Boxer Rebellion Joint Crisis Committee. I look forward to helping all of you strategize the perfect way to crush the Boxers, conquer the Qing Dynasty, and build your empires.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I am always happy to help. See you in February!

Sincerely,
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