

Ups, we did it again.



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Model United Nations of Nyborg 2018 (MUNNY)



On Wednesday, January 31st, we left Rahlstedt very early in the morning, at 7 am to take part in the **Model United Nations of Nyborg** conference in Denmark and until Sunday afternoon 20 of our students represented



and a former student even joined us because she wanted to chair a forum.

Besides some social events in the evenings which gave us the opportunity to meet and talk to a lot of students and teachers from other European countries such as the Netherlands, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Sweden, Italy, we worked hard in nine forums, this time even including the International Court of Justice (ICJ). And although the US delegation got excluded from the conference on Saturday afternoon due to some quarrels in the Security Council between our delegate of the USA and the one of the PR of China, three of our students were awarded **outstanding** or **most distinguished** delegate. Again a big success!!!

But this is not the end: In the end of May we will go to Luebeck again to attend this year's **Model United Nations of Luebeck**. We are all very much looking forward to it, and just like last year there are even some S4 students who – although the conference will be directly before their oral exams – still can't keep their hands off **MUN**. This alone explains a lot about

Model United Nations!

And here is the latest news from the **Model United Nations of Luebeck** conference: It is simply **surprising, astounding, astonishing, exciting**.

After attending the last couple of MUNOL conferences at which we represented Sudan (2014), Italy (2015), the French Republic and North Korea (2016) and the United Kingdom (2017) and gained quite some awards, especially the French and the British delegations being – unofficially – called the delegations of the conference and the delegation of the United Kingdom winning six awards as best or outstanding delegates though only attending with 11 delegates, we were quite optimistic that we would get a major country or even a P5 nations (= the permanent members of the Security Council: China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, USA) for the 2018 conference as well. But unfortunately, due to the dates for the 'Abitur' oral exams, only 9 students applied for this year's MUNOL conference and since the P5 nations – so we thought – have to be represented in each of the 11 forums we did not expect to get a major country this year.

No chance! What a pity!

But yesterday we got informed about the country we will represent, and this is a perfect example of why it is important to have a good reputation, a reputation we have gained because of the success in the years before!

We will represent the **People's Republic of China**!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A P5 nation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WOW!!

I am quite sure that this surprising decision will make some of the Non MUNOL goers very envious!

But this also means that there are **high expectations**!! "You have some big shoes to fill!" like the principle, Mr Nolan, puts it in Dead Poets Society.

But I am sure and confident that our students will fulfil these high expectations, will fill the big shoes and defend our reputation.

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