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Dear colleagues,

Re: THIMUN Singapore Conference 2008

Returning from Singapore where I spent the week with the treasurer of the Foundation, Remco van der Zwaag, and the Business Managing Director, Irene Crepin, preparing for our THIMUN Singapore Conference 2008, I would like to reassure you all that the conference will be going ahead as usual. The conference venue will once again be at the SALT Centre on the Hwa Chong campus. The management of the Hwa Chong Institute generously agreed to allow us to use their facilities and to have the help of their very efficient administrative staff. The dates are as follows : registration will be on Tuesday 18th November and the conference and late registration will begin on Wednesday 19th November and continue until Saturday 22nd November. We looked at several alternative locations for the closing dance and dinner with the idea of holding it after the closing ceremonies. We have yet to decide which location will be most convenient for our purposes. Tour East will again be managing the transportation, airport pick-up and accommodation. We were taken to most of the lower budget hotels where Tour East have already blocked rooms for the conference week and were most impressed with the facilities available.

With regard to the content of the conference, we have chosen the theme of Climate Change and will be putting together the issues on the agenda in the next weeks. The APQ topic will be Nepal. Myanmar would have been our first choice but the Beijing conference pipped us to the post on that!

We would like to offer a 2/3 day workshop for MUN directors in either May or August. To fix a definite date we need to know what would be the best for you or any other new teachers. Please let the the Hague office know as soon as possible. The workshop will be run by members of the Board in conjunction with David Taylor and a certificate of attendance will be issued at the end.

On Tuesday 18th November there will be an all day mandatory workshop for all Student Officers and possibly a workshop for MUN Directors unable to attend the 3 day one. Munity, ICJ and APQ delegates will also have pre-conference briefings on Tuesday.

The only difference in this year's conference will be that the data base and finance will be managed from the THIMUN office in The Hague, so the fax number will be different (see letterhead) and any enquiries should be addressed to singapore@thimun.org.

We look forward to seeing you all in November. Don't hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,



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