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Model United Nations of the Russian Far East

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**INFORMATION LETTER**  
**Far Eastern Model United Nations 2016**  
**May 5 – 8, 2016, Vladivostok, Russia**

The “**Model United Nations of the Russian Far East**” (MUNRFE), jointly with the **Far Eastern Federal University** would like to introduce the **Far Eastern Model UN 2016 (FEMUN 2016)**. This Conference is exclusively devoted to the discussion of the most topical international issues in the form of Model UN debates applying the UN4MUN approach and procedure, elaborated by the United Nations Department of Public Information. The UN4MUN approach provides uniquely accurate simulation of the United Nations and will be implemented for the first time in Russia. We invite the university students and representatives of other organizations and entities from Russia and abroad as participants (delegates). Official language of the Conference is English.

**PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE**

The following Committees will be simulated during the Conference:

1. UN General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial Committee);
2. UN General Assembly Third Committee (Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee);
3. UN Security Council.

The **Agenda list** is provided in the Annex A. The Conference program includes workshops and seminars on the issues related to the United Nations activities and UN4MUN Procedural Rules.

**MUNRFE has established a Grant Competition for participation in the Far Eastern MUN 2016.**

The information about the Grant Competition is available in the Annex B or on the official website of the Conference. During the days of the Conference participants will have an opportunity to take part in a cultural program. The Secretariat offers few accommodation options for the delegates (paid after the registration). The awarding ceremony (banquet) will be held on May 8. Attendance of the banquet is optional, banquet fee is paid individually.

The Conference is conducted in the form of Model UN, thus the delegates have to defend the position of the assigned country, rather than their personal one. The eventual aim of every committee is to build a consensus during the Conference. Committees are presided in compliance with the UN4MUN Rules of Procedure, which are available on the official website of the Conference.

Participation will be acknowledged with a Certificate of Participation in the Conference. Attendance of all Conference meetings is a requirement to get a Certificate.

**Universities and Organizations, having sent 4 or more delegates to the Conference, reserve a right to include its logo (1/6 page A4) in the section «Participating Institutions» of the Conference Handbook. The logo (emblem) should be submitted to the Secretariat by April, 10.**



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## PROCEDURE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

Participation in the Conference is open both to delegations (groups of delegates) and individual delegates. Detailed description of the registration process and a link to the online application form for participation is available at <http://www.munrfe.ru/femun-registration>. In case of any technical issues, the Secretariat is ready to provide you with support via e-mail: [secretary-general@munrfe.ru](mailto:secretary-general@munrfe.ru). The deadline for the registration process is April, 20, 2016.

After filling in and submitting the application form to the Secretariat, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail with instructions about the registration fee payment. Once the registration fee payment is done, an applicant should inform the Secretariat about it and wait for the confirmation. Consequently, the Secretariat will make a decision on the country distribution among the delegates and delegations and inform the applicants about their decision.

MUNRFE maintains a non-refundable fee policy. By submitting the application form, the delegates agree to comply with the rules of MUNRFE published on the official website of the Conference.

### **The regular registration fees for participation in the Far Eastern Model UN 2016:**

	<b>Russian citizens</b>	<b>Foreign citizens</b>
Individual registration (one delegate)	1600 rubles per person	30 USD per person
Delegation registration (two or more delegates representing one country)	1400 rubles per person	25 USD per person
Faculty adviser/guest (in case of actual attendance only)	1000 rubles per person	10 USD per person

The registration fee covers the organizational expenses, cost of a delegate's kit (for delegates only), and coffee breaks. The fee does not include costs for the meals during the Conference, payment for the banquet, transportation to the Conference venue, accommodation, as well as any other extra costs.

In accordance with the UN4MUN procedure, the President of General Assembly and Bureau members for each General Assembly Committee are elected by delegates from delegates. Any registered delegate may move his/her candidacy for the position of the President of the General Assembly, Chairperson or Rapporteur of the General Assembly Committee. On April, 10-20, the elections of the General Assembly officials will be conducted. Note: the President of the Security Council is not elected. For any questions feel free to contact the Secretariat.



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## ORGANIZERS OF THE CONFERENCE

“**Model United Nations of the Russian Far East**” (MUNRFE) – is one of the largest non-governmental non-commercial youth-led organizations of the Russian Far East which helps young talented people to influence the world and develop student leadership. MUNRFE unites more than 100 members of two branches in the Russian Far East cities – Khabarovsk and Vladivostok, and also more than 2000 alumni all over the world. Today, MUNRFE is not just an Organization, but an effective system which combines organizational and resource capabilities and allows the conduction of large-scale projects in the following spheres: leadership development, Model United Nations debates, and civil society building.

**The program of the Model UN debates, including the Far Eastern MUN 2016, is created** to encourage the personal development of young people through the simulation of the real United Nations bodies and discussion of the most crucial problems of humanity. With the support of the institution of debates, participants improve their public speaking skills, ability to find a consensus, diplomacy, leadership and of course their level of English, which is the official language of MUNRFE and its projects. The representatives of MUNRFE regularly take part in different Model UN Conferences around the world: in New York, Beijing, Rome, Seoul, Barcelona, Bangkok, Jakarta, Istanbul, and win prestigious awards, which proves the high level of Model UN movement in the Russian Far East.

**Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)** dates back to 1899, when the Institute of Oriental Studies was established. Over the years, it has proudly become the largest, most innovative and internationally recognized higher education institution in the Russian Far East. Today, it is striving to foster integration of the Russian Far East into the Pacific Rim through education, research, and high-tech development. Situated in picturesque Ajax Bay on Russkiy Island near Vladivostok, the new campus of Far Eastern Federal University is a unique project that has no equivalent in Russia. Far Eastern Federal University is the first university in Russia which boasts the unique infrastructure in a single, modern campus on Russkiy Island. The campus was opened during the APEC Summit in September 2012 and became a venue for cooperation and association of young researchers and experienced scientists from the APR states. The campus of FEFU consists of multi-media classrooms, laboratories, inter-active auditoriums, comfortable student dormitories, stadiums, gyms and swimming pools.

### Contact information:

Official Conference web-site: <http://www.munrfe.ru/femun>

Secretariat e-mail: [secretary-general@munrfe.ru](mailto:secretary-general@munrfe.ru)

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Official FEMUN 2016 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1708596389358485>

Official MUNRFE Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/munrfe>

Official FEMUN 2016 VKontakte page: <https://vk.com/femun2016>

Official MUNRFE VKontakte page: <https://vk.com/munrfe>

Official MUNRFE Instagram profile: [@munrfe](https://www.instagram.com/munrfe)



## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Far Eastern Model UN 2016**

#### **UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SECOND COMMITTEE**

International Trade and Development

#### **UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIRD COMMITTEE**

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

#### **UN SECURITY COUNCIL**

Situation in Syria



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Annex B

## GRANT COMPETITION

for participation in Far Eastern Model UN 2016

The **Model United Nations of the Russian Far East** is glad to announce **the Grant Competition for participation in the Far Eastern Model UN 2016**, which will be conducted on May, 05-08, 2016 in Vladivostok, Russia, on the premises of the Far Eastern Federal University.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

An applicant, willing to take part in the Competition, **has to officially register as a delegate** of the Conference and **submit an essay** on the agenda item of his/her committee, accompanied by a **motivation letter**. Both papers should be in English language.

**The abovementioned documents should be submitted** to the Secretariat via e-mail [secretary-general@munrfe.ru](mailto:secretary-general@munrfe.ru) with the note "Grant Competition". The candidate may participate in the Conference regardless of the Competition results.

**Participation in the Competition is available only for non-Vladivostok or international delegates, who have officially registered to participate in the Conference, made a registration fee payment, and received a confirmation letter with an assigned country from the Secretariat.**

**The winners of the Grant Competition** will get a 50-100% reimbursement of the travel costs (economy class) and/or free accommodation (Far Eastern Federal University Campus). All other costs are to be paid by the delegates. The number of grants is limited and decided by the Secretariat.

### REQUIREMENTS TO THE DOCUMENTS

**An essay on the committee agenda item** should describe the background of the issue, together with specific proposals and personal opinion of an applicant on how the issue could be solved in frames of the United Nations. The essay should be 3 pages maximum, with footnoted citations.

**A motivation letter** of 1 page should answer the question "why do I want to participate in FEMUN 2016?". Any special reasons for being a grant recipient may be included also.

Formatting includes .doc or .docx formats, standard margins, 14, Times New Roman, single-spaced. The documents submitted after the deadline or which contain plagiarism will be disregarded.

**Evaluation:** All documents submitted according to the format and deadline, will be considered by the Secretariat according to the following criteria: format, content and language.

### DEADLINES

**Deadline for documents submission: April, 01, 2016, 23:59 (UTC +11:00).**

The list of Grant Competition winners will be published on April, 05, 2016 at [www.munrfe.ru](http://www.munrfe.ru).

For any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact us: [secretary-general@munrfe.ru](mailto:secretary-general@munrfe.ru).