

## Alleviating Poverty in the Asia and Pacific Region

*University students take up the challenge!*

In September 2000, 189 member nations came together at the United Nations Millennium Summit to make the elimination of poverty and the fulfillment of human rights their highest priorities. This unprecedented agreement produced the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)—eight objectives to accelerate human development and attain a more peaceful world by the target date of 2015.



*“Today, we live in a world where, despite all the advances in science, technology and the economic progress that many enjoy, more than 1.2 billion people on our planet continue to struggle to survive on less than \$1 dollar a day, without enough to eat and without the chance of a decent livelihood. The development challenge has never been greater and the need to engage young people in addressing the issues that can help tackle the global challenges we face, never more vital.*

*I am delighted that the WFUNA Model UN conference will be bringing together young people from across the Asia-Pacific region to debate and discuss how, together, we can help achieve the universally agreed Millennium Development Goals to halve poverty and hunger in our world and help build a better future for us all.*

*The Goals are ambitious, but they are also achievable if we all ~ young and old, rich and poor, women and men ~ put them at the centre of our national and global efforts.”*

~ **Mark Malloch Brown**  
Administrator, UNDP

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University students from countries in the Asia and Pacific region which have United Nations Associations are invited to participate in the “Global Challenge 2015” Conference.

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The event is being convened by the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) which is a non-governmental organization with Category One Consultative Status at the United Nations. It was founded in 1946, and today serves to inform, sustain and energize a global network of over 100 United Nations Associations (UNAs) around the world to support the principles and programs of the United Nations and to help shape its agenda.

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*The event is going to be hosted by UNA-China, one of the most active members of WFUNA. It also enjoys general consultative status with ECOSOC of UN.*

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*Issues and Prospects for  
Achieving the Millennium  
Development Goals in the  
Asia and Pacific Region*

**Beijing, China**  
**19-21 August 2004**

The World Federation of United Nations Associations together with its youth network, WFUNA-Youth, is convening a Model United Nations Conference for university students in the Asia-Pacific region, to be hosted by the United Nations Association of China.



*A People's Movement  
in Support of the  
United Nations*



*“WFUNA is working to make the United Nations more present, more relevant, more responsive and valuable in the lives of the people it exists to serve. Thank you for that enduring commitment and in particular for focusing such attention on attracting young people to this cause.”*

~ UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan

## A Simulation of ESCAP

The event will be a simulation of the 53 member *Commission of the Economic and Social Council for the Asia and Pacific (ESCAP)* together with its three committees on Poverty Reduction, Emerging Social Issues and Managing Globalization.

Students will enact the role of delegations, debating issues, drafting and negotiating the text of resolutions and learning how to apply UN rules of procedure to decision-making processes. By engaging participants in the highest caliber of debate and negotiation, Model UN events enhance the understanding of the intricacies behind global challenges and send an important message to youth about the potential for solutions through discussion and multilateral cooperation.

Many world leaders and corporate executives cite Model UN as a formative experience that affected their career choices and worldviews.



MR KIM HAK-SU  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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## A First for the New Millennium

*The United Nations Association of China is host to the first Asia/Pacific regional Model UN conference on the Millennium Development Goals*

What better place for such an historical event to be held than in Beijing, with a rich history that stretches back more than 1500 years. Beijing is a unique blend of antiquity and modernity, showing that people can develop their countries without losing tradition and culture. Holding the conference in Beijing allows students to witness firsthand the potential that can be achieved when people within a country strive toward achieving the MDGs.

Students will enjoy all the modern conveniences Beijing has to offer and the opportunity of seeing world renowned sites, like the Great Wall, Imperial Palace (also known as the Forbidden City) and the Monument to the People's Heroes.



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## How to get involved!

- Contact the United Nations Association in your country (see back of this brochure).
- Participate through the WFUNA website [www.wfuna.org](http://www.wfuna.org)
  - › Learn about WFUNA-Youth by visiting [www.wfuna-youth.org](http://www.wfuna-youth.org)
  - › Discuss UN issues in the online forum
  - › Get up-to-date information on UNA conferences and activities.
  - › Find out ways you and your UNA can assist your country in meeting the MDGs by 2015.
- Become a sponsor – contact the United Nations Association in your country. Within the United States, send a tax deductible contribution to the Friends of WFUNA, One UN Plaza, Room 1177, New York, NY 10017
- Join the MDG Campaign listserv - send an email to [mdgcam\\_paign-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:mdgcam_paign-subscribe@yahoo.com)
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## The Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality

Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases

Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

For more information see the following:

WFUNA website: [www.wfuna.org](http://www.wfuna.org)

UNDP website: [www.undp.org](http://www.undp.org)

ESCAP website: [www.escap.org](http://www.escap.org)

World Bank website: [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)

*“While Model UN creates links between participants, it cultivates their skills in research and analysis, negotiation and public speaking that are vital in today’s job market.”*

~ Jennifer Rentas, WFUNA volunteer  
and former coordinator of  
Harvard University Model UN Conferences.