

KSH at MilanMUN

In a world where power is now being exercised by single states rather than concentrated in blocs, the phrase “multipolar world” is an everyday reality. From trade wars to climate crises and public health emergencies, today’s global challenges demand the kind of negotiation, compromise and strategic thinking that Model United Nations conferences aim to simulate. At MilanMUN 2026, which ten delegates from KSH attended from 19.03-22.03, this global complexity was not just discussed—it was lived.

The conference brought together students from across Europe to deal with interconnected crises and the urgent need for cooperative solutions. The Hottingen delegates, who represented the Netherlands and Viet Nam across six major committees - WHO, WTO, SOCHUM, ILO, UNEP and UN Women – debated some of the most pressing issues of our time, including gender-based violence, the regulation of biotechnology, the rights of displaced refugees, and last but certainly not least, the working rights of teachers.

Across all committees, one theme kept resurfacing: cooperation is harder than ever—but also more necessary than ever. In true MUN fashion, alliances were formed, broken, and reformed, and numerous resolutions passed to loud applause. In the WHO organisation, Viet Nam delegate Matthew Long (G4b) showed a virtuoso command of the Rules of Procedure and was rewarded with Best Delegate award.

Of course, diplomacy was not confined to committee rooms. Between lobbying sessions and resolution writing, the Hottingen delegation sampled another important aspect: Milan itself. A walking tour familiarised us with the modern Porta Nuova and nearby Chinatown, and the delegates took advantage of opportunities for “field research” on trade issues in Milan’s famous shopping districts.

In short: if the future of diplomacy lies in navigating a divided, multipolar world, Kantonsschule Hottingen’s delegates have already taken their first steps.

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