

# Model UN

Monday, October 17



# Discussion Topics:

- Who was recently confirmed as the next Secretary General of the United Nations? What was unique about this event?
- What happened in Thailand on Friday? What impact will this event have on Thai politics and society?



- **António Guterres was confirmed as the next Secretary General on Thursday, October 13.**
  - The Portuguese politician was the head of Socialist International, an international association of Socialist political parties, from 1995 to 2005, and served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002.
  - He served as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees from 2005 to 2015, where he was widely praised for lowering costs and increasing his department's effectiveness.
- **Guterres was nominated by the Security Council in a nonbinding straw poll, in which 13 nations voted "yes" and two abstained. All five**



- **King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) passed away on Friday, October 14, at the age of 88.**
  - He was the longest reigning monarch in the 21st century, having been in power since 1946.
  - He is revered in Thailand despite numerous transfers of political and military power.
  - **Lèse majesté** laws make it punishable by imprisonment for Thai citizens anywhere in the world to speak negatively of or criticize the king, a policy that has been subject to increased international criticism in recent years.
- **Adulyadej's heir is...less than beloved, causing concerns that a lack of public support may weaken or delegitimize the monarchy.**

# DUES! :D

- Dues are \$25
- This helps subsidize t-shirts and conference fees
- On the VHS Webstore:
  - <https://vhs.edpay.net/p-302-2016-2017-model-un-club-dues.aspx>

# CTMUN Topics

- Raise your hand if you are **FOR SURE** planning to attend. If you are, you most likely confirmed on the first meeting.
- I considered typing this all up, but the link is literally right here:  
<http://www.ctmun.org/committees>

# Wednesday Meetings?



- The PSAT is on Wednesday! This means that ~~PSAT Team members~~ we Juniors no longer have to sacrifice our PIT time three days a week, and we can actually get down to (hopefully) having a second meeting (almost) every week!

# Seymour Skinner Quote of the Week



“Do you kids want to be like the real UN, or do you just want to squabble and waste time?”