

**Speech of Hon. Yatin Varma, Attorney General at the Opening Ceremony of  
Mini Model United Nations Conference**

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The teaching and non teaching staff and my dear students,

Good Morning,

I am delighted to see all of you, young students, so enthusiastic and passionate about the mini model United Nations conference. The MGI is indeed unique as it has always been in the forefront, inculcating generations of young people, with leadership qualities.

Coming here, this morning has brought up loads of memories. I was once a student of the M.G.I and I left the Royal College Curepipe to join this college as it was the only institution offering three science subjects at A Level as my parents wanted me to be a doctor but I left this college with the ambition to become a Barrister and a politician. I have fond memories of this college and remember the good days spent here.

I was the President of the Student Council from 1992 to 1994 and was also the representative of students on the M.G.I Council but unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to participate in the Model United Nation project. This would have helped me to understand our global history at a much earlier age.

And it is great to see middle level students involved in such endeavours which prepare them with lifelong skills. This new century demands the best from everyone and your experience here will undoubtedly help you to understand the significance of good governance, best practices, transparency, accountability and team spirit - key areas in this information era.

This mini conference will allow you to discuss and find solutions to issues like nuclear terrorism, global warming, refugee exodus and child soldiers. And it will allow you to understand the significance of the United Nations. Very often we criticise the UN and yet if we did not have one, we would have had to invent one. It is indeed a necessary venue to discuss differences and to find resolutions.

In addition I am firmly convinced that the mini-Model United Nations will empower you with the necessary skills to become young diplomats; dedicated and committed to world peace and making our planet earth a paradise. And dear students you will also learn about lobbying, debating and collaboration and not only competition.

With this I thank you for your attention and I thank the head of the school, Mr Mauree, for having invited me to be your chief guest and my special thought goes to late Mr Ranjeet Putty, the former director of the M.G.I.

I now declare the ceremony open.