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### Guidelines for Asia Challenge Simulation Position Papers

Each delegation may submit a position paper that addresses one of the five topics on the agenda (see topics below). Teams or individuals who do not submit their position paper by **Monday, March 1** will not be eligible for consideration to receive an award. At the end of the event on Thursday, March 18, 2021, judges will recognize the top three position papers, one per room. Please submit position papers to **Mitchell Reynolds at mar401@pitt.edu**

Position papers should be written from the perspective of the member nation you represent. Papers in both paragraph form as well as detailed outlines will be accepted. The use of statistics, quotes or dates are strongly recommended as they help to bolster your position. You are not required to include a works cited page with your position papers; however, you may want to include citations to aid in your own research and preparation for the day of the simulation.

#### 2021 Position Paper Topics:

1. **Korean Peninsula Crisis: the disputed maritime border between North and South Korea in the Yellow Sea**
2. **North Korean Crisis: Nuclear De-Escalation**
3. **RCEP and Labor Issues**
4. **RCEP and Environmental Issues**
5. **RCEP and State-Owned Enterprises Issues**

#### Suggested Outline:

- I. Introduction:
  - A brief overview of the background or history of the topic
  - Importance/relevance of the topic to RCEP
- II. Proposal/Agenda for your selected Topic
  - Application:
    - Why is this topic important to your country? Or why not?
    - How is your country affected by this topic?
  - Resolution:
    - What elements of RCEP's proposal does your nation support?
    - What elements of RCEP's proposal does your nation not support?

- Optional: What concessions does your country need from other member nations to make a resolution? What concessions is your country willing to make in order to come to a resolution?

III. Conclusion/Closing Remarks

**Format:**

- Heading:
  - Your Name(s)
  - Your Country
  - Your School
- Please save your position paper with the following file naming convention: Country\_School.
  - In the event that your school has more than one of the same country, please use the following file name: Country#\_School
- The length of the paper should be two pages (single spaced, 11 or 12 pt. font)
- Please **DO NOT save the document as a PDF** as student names and school names are removed for judging. Please save and send the document as a Microsoft Word document.

**SAMPLES**

A sample position paper will be available by the first week of February and will be uploaded to the Asian Studies website under the Asia Challenge drop-down tab.