

## **GAIC MUN**

### **Principal's Welcome Speech**

**August 11, 2017**

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to extend to you all, very warm greetings on behalf of Gyeonggi Academy International Conference. It is also my pleasure to welcome you all. I would like to thank the students and staff from Katoh Gakuen Gyoshu High School and University of Tsukuba Senior High School at Sakado for visiting Gyeonggi Academy of Foreign Languages all the way from Japan to join us.

Also, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Chairman, Mr. Young-Joong Kang, Daekyo Culture Foundation and World Youth & Culture Foundation, those who have supported us to make this annual event possible. And, thank you, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sung-Hwan Kim, for joining us for the third time this year.

GAIC MUN started its journey with one hundred and forty four participants in 2014 and today, more than twice of the number, two hundred and ninety five students, have gathered for the 4<sup>th</sup> conference. From the secretariat's kick-off in May to the opening ceremony today, the most impressive part over the long journey for me was to find out that there are many students who are interested in global issues. The beginning of a small passion for matters leads to action, love for others and ultimately happiness for all.

The slogan for 2017 GAIC MUN is 'Action for Humanity'. We have chosen this slogan in order to reflect the basic purpose of the United Nations' establishment and to have time to consider the conflicts occurring in the world at the moment through a common purpose called 'humanity'. To do so, GAIC MUN has organized three committees for high school students and six for middle school students. The participants will be discussing over 18 different issues, including terrorism, poverty, refugees, preservation of cultural heritage and sustainable energy, in English, and will draw solutions for each agenda.

As the participants will spend three days on the GAFL campus and debate the designated agenda for each committee, they will get a chance to realize the importance of international relations, international security and world peace. I sincerely hope this event will help you take action as global citizens leading a fair and just society for the future of humanity.

Again, welcome everyone. Thank you.

**Principal Lee Byong-Ho Ph.D.**