

Mexican wins world debate contest and highest award



At precisely **2:00 a.m.**, **Benancio Aguirre** was ready to **debate** on the **international arms trafficking protocol** from a **Mexican political perspective** at [Asia World Model United Nations \(AWMUN\)](#).

After his analysis, which took place on **Singapore time**, i.e. 13 hours ahead of Mexico, the **PrepaTec Cumbres student** was given the “**Best of the delegates**” award.

*“In the committee I was on, we talked about a security issue, a topic that I love. I had the chance to choose which committee to select and also the country I represented, so I **chose Mexico**.”*

*“I represented Mexico on the issue of arms trafficking protocols at the international level in the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) committee**,” he shared.*



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About **30,000 people from more than 180 countries** applied, and almost **800 of them** were accepted at the **international event**; only **12 people** won **first place** within their committees.

“The 12 first-place winners debated among themselves to choose the overall winner. I got a question about whether we were experiencing a second Cold War between the United States and China. After my analysis, I was named overall winner of the whole event.”

*“I got to debate with people studying International Law or International Relations from **India, Indonesia, Germany, Africa...** from many different parts of the world,”* he said.

Benancio, who is in the **4th semester of the International Baccalaureate at PrepaTec**, learned **about different** international political and cultural perspectives during the competition.

The student from Monterrey, Nuevo León, **received a digital certificate** and will soon receive the **physical award, sent from Indonesia.**

A wonderful experience

Aguirre also participated, and won second place, in **DEBATEC**, a contest organized by the [Tec](#) from March 19 to 20, which focused on the **new oral trial system being used across Mexico.**

What’s more, the student **chaired a committee** at “The English School Model United Nations” event, in **Bogotá, Colombia**, from March 15 to 18.



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“It’s the most prestigious United Nations event in all of Latin America. They asked me to chair an introductory committee, which is made up of people who are just beginning. I was able to teach them, give them feedback, tips, and see the positive change that took place,” he said.

Between March 3 and 5, Benancio and his team also participated in, **and won**, the **2021 Valentina Rosendo and Inés Fernández [International Human Rights Law Contest](#)** for high school students.

Aguirre met **Sarah Nabil Wahbah**, a Saudi woman, during a Model United Nations event in 2020. In January this year, he invited her to speak to his **Literature II** class.

The former consultant of a Saudi Arabian government department was able to share her opinion on **the role of women in Islamic culture, from a literary perspective**, during the class.

Óscar Flores, director of PrepaTec Cumbres, explained that Benancio’s participation in this type of event **reinforced that [the Tec] has the best students in Mexico**.

*“Students like Benancio Aguirre **are at the heart of** our institution; they’re involved in a large number of events and their complete and **well-rounded profile** allows them to shine in national and international forums, such as their participation in the model UN and debate activities,”* said Flores.

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