

The First Annual Model European Union launched by the EUAP

The first annual EUAP Model European Union 2013 just ended on 13 April 2013 after a day-long simulation of a meeting of the European Council and the month-long hard work of all participants. The main topic of their discussion in the simulation is the “**Europe 2020**” strategy of the Union, concerning ‘sustainable’ growth and energy policies in the EU until the year 2020.

A few of them have shown their outstanding skills and performance. HKMEU Coordinator, Dr. Krzysztof Sliwinski and Mr. Asad Beg (First Counsellor and Head of Press & Information Section, EU Office to Hong Kong and Macau) awarded prizes to the following student participants:

Ana Lejava (Portuguese Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho),

Jocelin Jeung (Slovenia's Prime Minister Alenka Bratusek) and

Jeffrey Wong (German Chancellor Angela Merkel).

The three outstanding students won participation in the EUAP summer programme at EU institutions in Brussels (June 2013).

In addition, Bridget Clancey and Ken Lai Sze Fat earned honorable recognitions for their roles as Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann and Latvia's Prime Minister Valdis Dombrovskis, respectively. Congratulations to all the awardees.



6 April – Visiting the Office of EU for HK & Macau

Since the beginning of March, the participants from 4 different universities, HKBU, HKU, CUHK and Lingnan U have undergone a series of five preceding training workshops by the HKMEU coordinator Dr. Sliwinski. They first have to understand the basics of EU and how the European Council functions. Then they have to prepare a position paper which requires them to study the topics of the debate and the states they are representing, which further polish their research skills. Impromptu speeches and mock games are good chances for them to put into practice the presentation and negotiation tactics they have learnt, and also familiarizing themselves with the settings.

Participant Ken said “It feels good playing the role the head of government. Not only does it give me an illusion of having the real power at my disposal, it also gives me a sense of responsibility to resolve the current crises in the EU.”



13 April – Simulation of the European Council taking place