



21ST HWA CHONG MODEL ASEAN
SUMMIT

POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

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What is a Position Paper?

A Position Paper reflects the **national interests** of your delegation with regard to the Topic(s) debated in the community. It can help consolidate and organise your research, and it can be a basis for the direction of your speeches and manoeuvres in the community. The Position Paper should be relevant to the Topic(s) at hand and summarise **concisely** your country's foreign policy posture towards the Topic(s).

Requirements

Delegates are required to write **one Position Paper per Topic**. Academic Integrity must be strictly adhered to, and any forms of plagiarism shall be penalised. Citations are required where applicable.

Delegates are expected to submit their Position Papers punctually by **1 March 2024, 11:59 pm GMT+8.00**. Any requests for deadline extensions will be done by emailing your Dais, with a **valid reason 2 days before** the deadline. Approval of extensions is subject to the Dais' discretion.

Delegates must submit their Position Papers in **PDF format** to their respective Community emails. The subject of the email and the name of the document should be as follows:

Community's Full Name_Country_PositionPaper (e.g. ASEAN Political-Security Community_Singapore_PositionPaper)

Format of Position Papers

Delegates should indicate their community, country and topic at the start of the Position Paper. For example:

Community: ASEAN Political-Security Community

Country: Republic of Singapore

Topic: Question of terrorism in ASEAN

Position Papers should be written in **Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5 and Justified**. All delegates should cite sources in the [Chicago Manual of Style 17th Edition, in the full note style](#). For each Position Paper, there is a **word limit of 350 words (excluding citations)**. All delegates are to abide strictly by the word limit.

For assistance in completing their Position Paper, delegates may refer to the following structure on the next page. Delegates should use this guideline as a reference and not as a definitive structure; instead, delegates should adopt the structure that they find most effective and intuitive for conveying their position.

This is the **recommended** structure which you may use to organise your Position Paper:

1. Introduction to the Topic/Background Information (150 words)
 - a. This is a short summary of the Topic that offers an overview of it
 - b. These are the following questions that you may consider when crafting your Introduction:
 - i. What are some problems/areas of contention highlighted by the Topic?
 - ii. What are the challenges that prevent the Question from being addressed?
 - iii. What makes it necessary to address the issue?

2. Stance (200 words)
 - a. This is your delegation's national interest in relation to the Topic
 - b. Relevant precedence/past actions should be used to substantiate your point
 - c. These are the following questions that you may consider when articulating your country's national interests:
 - i. How is my country involved in the issue?
 - ii. What does my country support with regards to the issue and why?
 - iii. What are some existing policies/past actions that my country has implemented to address the issue?

Sample Position Paper*

*To be referenced for the content and the way a Position Paper is written. Not to be referenced for word count.

Community: ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)

Country: Kingdom of Cambodia

Topic: The Question of Promoting Integration of Migrant Workers in ASEAN

Playing a role as one of the region's top origin states, the Kingdom of Cambodia finds great importance in providing the needed support and assistance to migrant workers. As a country that is grounded by migration with an estimated 1 million Cambodians leaving the country for work, education, and marriage, and has a remittance worth \$1.5 billion, the country sees great value in the protection and upholding of the rights and necessities of migrant workers. Additionally, the country houses certain nationalities such as Vietnamese, Chinese, and Malaysian workers who contribute to the economic and social growth of the nation. With this, the Kingdom of Cambodia firmly advocates for the inclusion of migrant workers in the needed social protection and benefits in their respective destination countries.

Built upon the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, Cambodia has since then enacted the Policy on Labor Migration for Cambodia (2019-2023). Based on the previous Labor Policies of the country (2010-2014) and (2015-2018), the policy is focused on strengthening the government's framework, protection of migrant workers, and utilizing migration for further development. Furthermore, it aims to uphold all migrant workers regardless of individual differences, and eradicate financial and societal constraints on men, women, and other marginalized groups. Despite this, the Kingdom of Cambodia struggles in providing accessible help and aid due to financial considerations, vague parameters around policy-making, and a lack of social assistance.

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