

## **Diplomacy Training Program - Testimonial, 2016**

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During my 14 days of interning for the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP), I had the pleasure of learning and engaging with the topic of Human Rights firsthand, as the expertise DTP has in advocating Human Rights has allowed me to better appreciate the subject matter in its entirety. Whilst my work did contain a number of administrative duties such as data entry and archival work, the opportunities I had when having to research and write up background briefing papers on contemporary Human Rights issues in various contexts such as Myanmar, Bangladesh and the greater Asia-Pacific Region, all these tasks are incredibly valuable learning experiences that made me feel incredibly involved with the DTP's day-to-day operations.

As an Intern, being able to develop interpersonal skills, partaking in small workshops as a team, and constant communication with members of the DTP has provided me a greater understanding of my own personal expectations within this industry and has ultimately reaffirmed my goals of wanting to be a part of the greater human rights discourse in some capacity. Managing DTP's operations such as securing funding and contacts across the globe to moderating the DTP's social media platform highlighted an aspect that is important for contemporary organizations. The use of social media and utilizing the platform as a means of operating will prove to be beneficial as organizations of today increasingly rely on outlets such as this as a means of exposure and increased awareness.

On the whole, my time with the DTP is without a doubt a valuable asset for my own personal endeavors, as the experience I received has allowed me to greater focus on my expectation-reality of future professional pursuits. I believe organizations like the DTP is very rare, as the interpersonal nature of the workplace along with the passionate individuals that occupy the workforce, provides students such as myself valuable experiences that will undoubtedly be useful and very relevant for the foreseeable future.