Singapore Model Cabinet(SMC) 2026

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INTRODUCTION TO SMC

- A 'MUN style' Conference
- Involves role-playing as ministries and statutory boards to address the pertinent issues impacting Singapore

EXPECTATIONS OF DEBATE

1. Rigorous debate on the prevalent issues

2. Precise reanactment of the Ministries/Boards

3. Adherance to the Rules of Procedure (ROP)

Principles of a Good Speaker in SMC

1. Good oratorical

2. Uses the ROP to their advantage

3. Forms blocs early

Forming Blocs

With who?

- Representatives who have similar stances
- Representatives who are particularly quiet/loud in council

How?

- Listening out for representatives who have similar stances and ideas during speeches
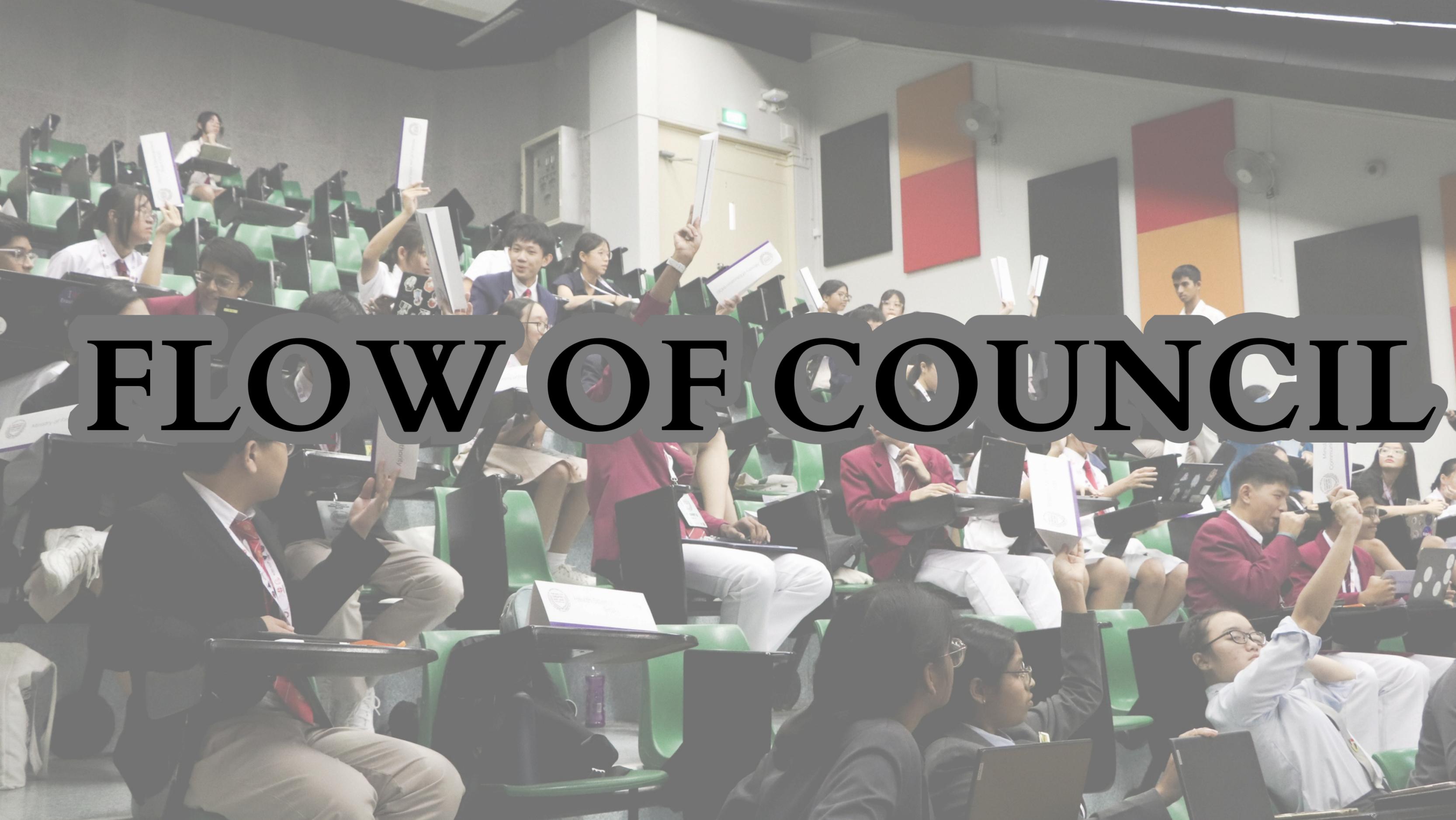- Taking the lead in councils

DECORUM

1. Politeness to staff and representatives

2. Keeping your place clean

3. No crosstalking during council

FLOW OF COUNCIL

Terminology

1. DCM: Draft Cabinet Memorandum
2. WP: Working Paper
3. Representation: The ministries/boards you are representing
4. Stance: Attitude of a person or organization towards the topic (further elaborated in position paper briefing)

1 ROLL CALL VOTE

"Present/Present and voting"

2 OPENING SPEECHES

1 minute speech

3 GSL

1.5 min voluntary speeches

4 MOTIONS

Moderated, unmoderated and DCM related motions (To be covered later)
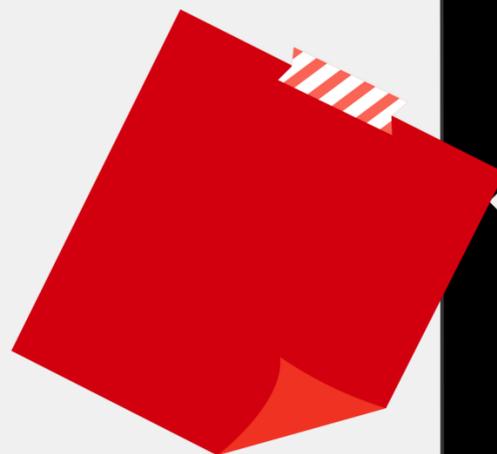
Adjournment

COUNCIL

1.Roll call ✋

When respresentations are called by the Chairs, Statutory boards will indicate that they are only "Present"
Ministries will indicate that they are "Present and voting" –

2. Opening statements

In the same order, one by one, representations are called out to give a 1 min summary of their stance, the issue and their solution to convince others to collaborate with them. This will kick start the formation of blocs.

3. General speakers' List (GSL)

- 1.5 min presentations on voluntary basis
- Working papers (after vetting)
- Passing notes to other representations/chairs starts
- Compulsory yielding at the end of speeches to:

CHAIRS   POINTS OF INFORMATION*   OTHERS*

How to yeild?

1. Back to dias
   - Only option when the speaking time has elapsed
   - Ends representative's speech

2. Points of information
   - Only entertained if the representatives have 15 or more seconds left
   - Dias will recognise another representative who will pose question for the representative to answer

3. Another Representative
   - Only entertained if the representatives have 15 or more seconds left
   - If the named representative accepts the yield, they will speak on the remaining time

NO YIELDING in the moderated caucus!!

How can I effectively convey my message?

Working papers (WPs)

Motion to introduce working paper

- WPs can be presented in the following formats: Powerpoint Presentations, Word Docs, Diagrams, articles WPs are used to illustrate abstract concepts, evidence, arguments and any new ideas
- The chairs will have to vet WPs before they are permitted to be introduced in council by representatives. This can be done by sending it to
- them via the cabinet email. (format: WP_representation name eg. WP_MFA_XX)

POINTS

Personal Privilege (POPP)	Point of Order	Right to Reply	Parliamentary Inquiry (POPI)	Information (POI)
• Using the washroom • Unable to hear a representative • Can be done via note passing instead as well	Breach of ROP	When personal attacks are made at a representative	Asking questions relating to Rules of Procedure directly to chairs	Asking questions to representatives during GSL

VOTING ✋

Procedural voting

- Requires simplemajority (>50%)
- Applies for everyone during procedures such as votes on motions after GSL
- Absentions are not in order

Substantive voting

- Requires 2/3 majority
- Applies for votes on DCMs and unfriendly ammendments Only involves ministries
- Absentions are in order

Common Motions

Motion	Details
Unmoderated caucus	Representatives can talk freely to anyone without the need to follow specific strcuture in debate. Raised by saying "Motion for a (duration) unmoderated caucus"
moderated caucus	Used for formally focusing discussion on a particular aspect of the issue. raised by saying "Motion for a Moderated Caucus of (duration), (length of speaking time, on (what topic)" No yielding.
suspend debate	Used to end council before break

What to do?

Motion for 15min moderated caucus, 3mins/speaker on Topic

Motion for 15min unmoderated caucus

Order of Recognition of Motions

By chair's discretion

1. Point of Personal Privilege
2. Point of Order
3. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry
4. Right to Reply
5. Motion to Adjourn Debate
6. Motion to Suspend Debate
7. Motion to Amend Speaking Time
8. Motion to Enter an Unmoderated Caucus
9. Motion to Enter a Moderated Caucus
10. Motion to Extend the Caucus
11. Motion to Introduce a Working Paper
12. Motion to Introduce a Draft Cabinet Memorandum
13. Motion to Introduce an Unfriendly Amendment
14. Motion to Move into Direct Voting Procedure
15. Motion to Reorder Draft Cabinet Memorandums
16. Motion for a Roll-Call Vote
17. Motion to Divide the House
18. Motion to Divide the Question

DCMs

- A document that resolves the issues debated during council
- Consists of signatories (20% of council) and sponsors (up to 5)
- It will be voted on after closed debate, GSL and motions
- Format can be found in ROP document

Rules for DCM

These are grounds for disqualification/ rejection

- Strictly no pre-writing
- Strictly no plagiarism/use of AI tools
- No reference to the DCM in council sessions (DCMs may only be referenced explicitly if it has been introduced in council through the passing of the motion to introduce a DCM)
- After the DCM has been introduced, no further edits to the DCM can only be made by any of the sponsors. Edits from others can only be made in the form of friendly/unfriendly amendments.
- Precision in formatting and language use is necessary

Motions Relating to DCM

Motions	Details
Introduce DCM	Used to show council a draft resolution that can be debated on
Table DCM	Used to stop debate on a DCM
Divide the question	Used to vote on specific articles or clauses of the resolution.
Divide the house	Used to prevent abstentions

After introducing unfriendly amendments/ DCM, there will be...

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1.Reading time and Q&A	Council will read and ask questions up to 5 minutes
2. Closed debate	2 speakers for or against the DCM/unfriendly amendments
3. Direct Voting Procedure (if on unfriendly amendment)	If unfriendly amendment, council will move to DVP. 2/3 majority for the motion to pass
4. DVP (If on DCM)	GSL and other motions may continue first

SAMPLE DCM

10MIN BREAK

Resume at 11.00am

Position Papers

- A short essay containing a brief overview of the issue, the stance of the representations, and possible solutions These are to be submitted to Chairs via
- cabinet email by 8 March 2026, 2359
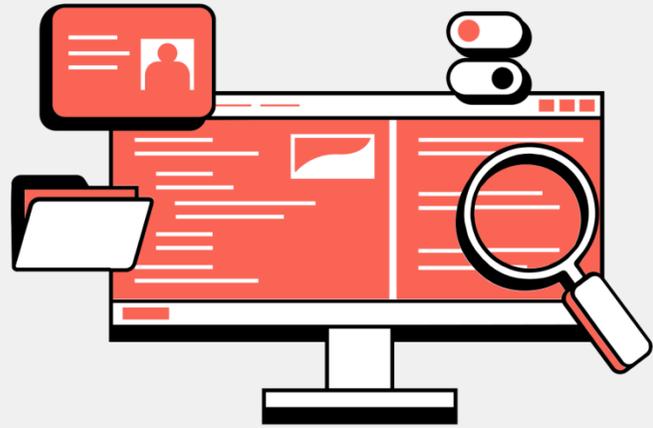
Format: 750 Words

Specifications:

1. In full prose and in English.
2. Font to be used is Times New Roman, font size 12
3. Justified text (Ctrl J)
4. 1.5 line spacing

ISSUE → STANCE → SOLUTION
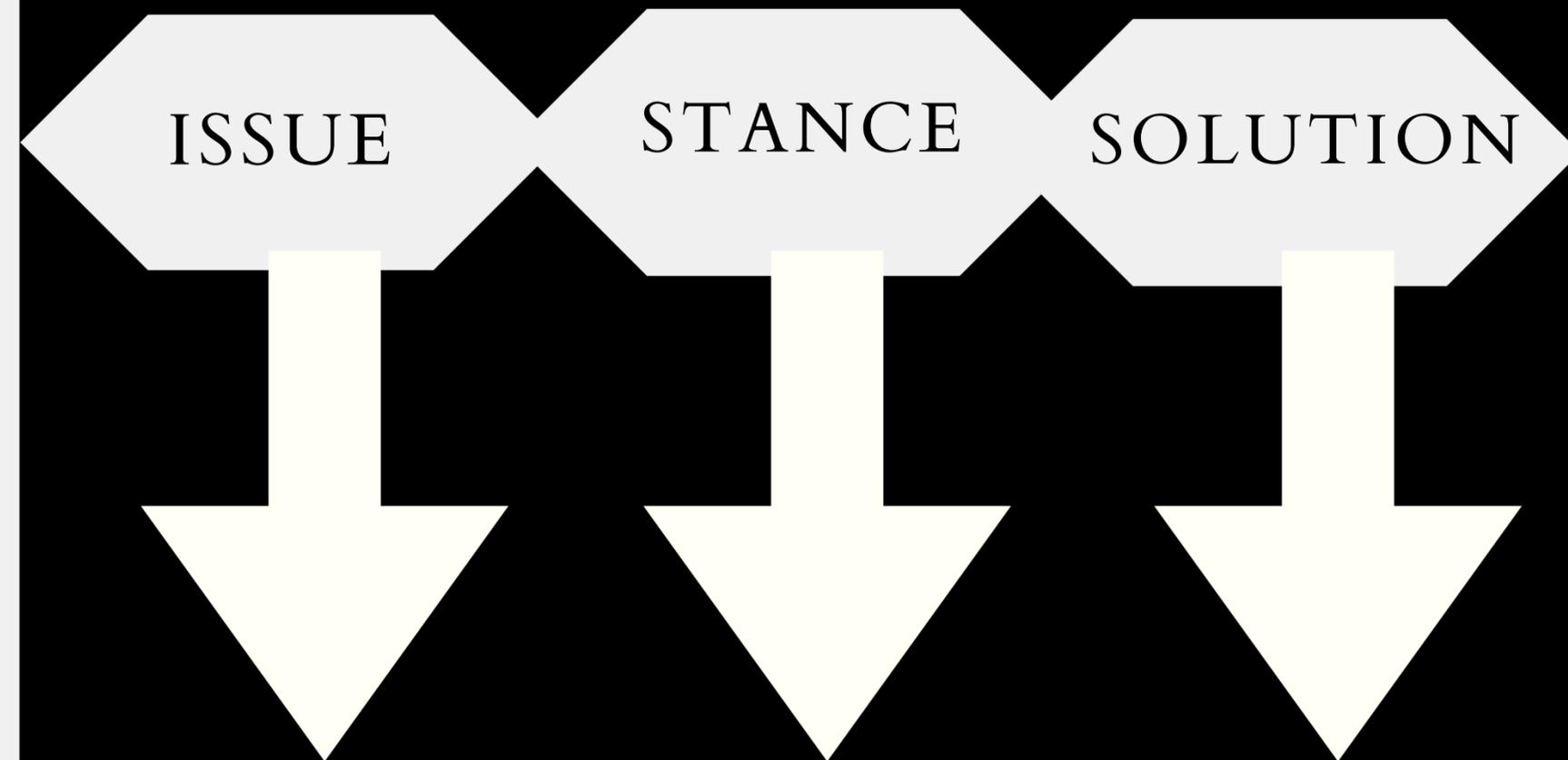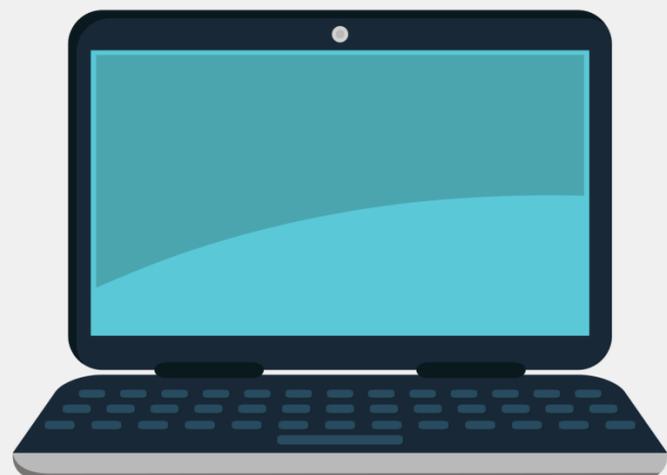
- **Representation's** interests in issue
- Impact of solutions on representation's interest
- Previous actions/historial background of issue

Researching
YOUR STANCES

- Reference to study guides on SMC website
- The Straits Times
- Ministry/Statutory Board websites

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STANCE

- Personal interests and objectives of ministries
- Past relevant decisions
- Demographic of Singapore

✔️ DOs

1. Research on the issue provided in the study guide and your representations' stance on your own
2. Explain feasible solutions throughly
3. Provide evidence to support your claims and solutions
4. Have a brief conclusion and introduction

❌ Dont's

1. Rephrase the study guides
2. Use AI to write position papers
3. Break stance
4. Have poor language use
5. Provide vague unsupported arguements and solutions
6. Plagarise

SAMPLE POSITION PAPER

Conclusion

- 4Cs: confident, concise, collaborative and coherent
- Prepare your research in advance
- Good speeches and good use of the ROP can set yourself as a leader and garner support
- Develop your negotiation style
- Have fun and make new friends!

Don't FORGET!

FAQs

- Where do I find my study guide?
- What if I can't make it for all the council sessions?
- Who do I contact for admin related issues?

Find all documents and details at our website:

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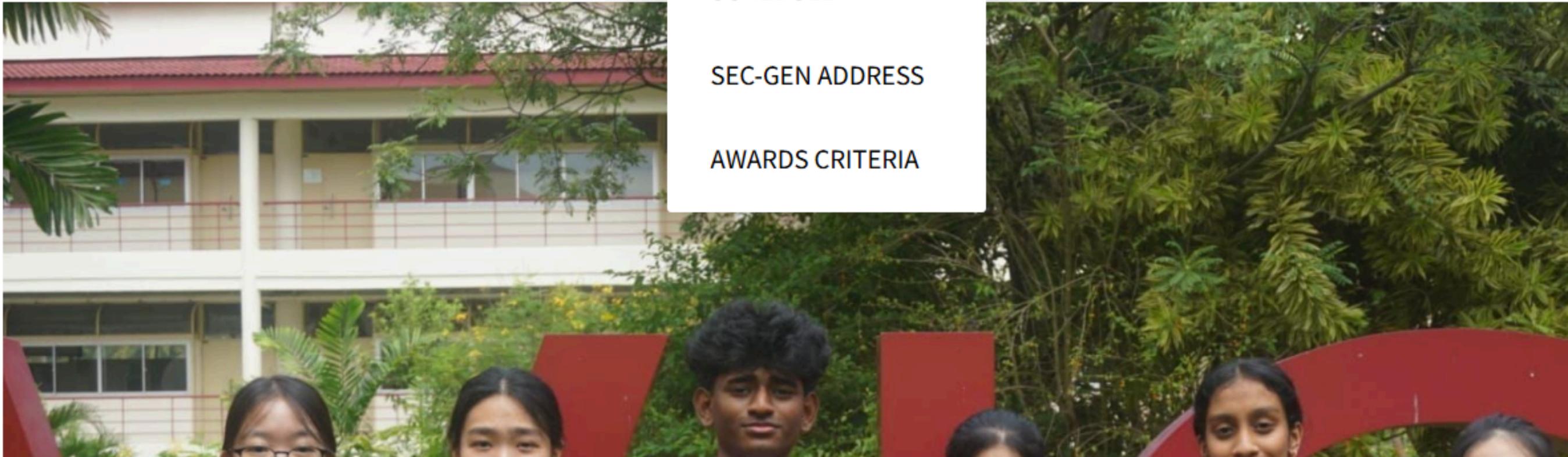
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PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLES