It was just by chance that I looked at the Main Building Notice Board – the board which I don’t look at usually, or if I do, only to check the time table – and saw the details of the programme arranged by SciencesPo, and sent in my application to France as soon as possible, not knowing whether I would actually get a call and get to attend the summit, at the Sciences Politique Europe Asia Conference (SPEAC).

Now I realize how Dame Fortune works!

SPEAC was a five-day programme for students from a select few high schools in Europe and Asia, intended to engage students in rigorous workshops, and to involve them in the discussion of international issues and regional differences. We – Saadman Chowdhury, Ashvath Kunadi, Nilesh Agarwal and I – were to represent our School for the first time at the summit. And so, on April 11, we left the School, escorted by Mr. Piyush Malaviya. We reached Paris in the afternoon of the 12th. The weather was cold, the wind, cutting. And we were all wearing half-sleeved shirts and long shorts, along with chappals – an attire most inappropriate for the weather. Lina, a Korean student at SciencesPo, had come to the airport to receive us and escort us till Le Havre. The train journey from Paris was of about two hours that passed as if they were two minutes, and we didn’t realize when it was night and that we were already in Le Havre. We had a brief glimpse of the well-lit bridge of Normandy before we checked into our hotel and met the team of organisers. So went the first day.

We woke up next morning with the news that delegations from the host country; from Singapore, Germany, China, Malaysia, Korea, and a few other countries, had arrived. Our formal wear went a long way towards giving us an appropriately serious look, and we were all ready in time (this was only the first day, we were always late otherwise). We were served a typically French breakfast of coffee and croissants; since Nilesh didn’t get the kind of vegetarian diet he wanted, he thought it better to start socialising, using his Ipod to make everyone listen to A R Rahman hits. Saadman towered above a group of short Indian girls from Ahmedabad, while Ashvath, PMV and I sat quietly and savoured our meal.

The opening ceremony of this year's SPEAC was held in the university's main building. Shwarz Thierry, the Dean of SciencesPo, interacted with us and invited everyone to a photo-shoot. The first conference started in the afternoon. Dr. Errol D’Souza, a consultant to industry, the banking sector, UNDP, ILO, and government, talked about the trade and financial matters of Europe and Asia. The conference was interesting as it involved some really important issues like the delocalisation of production processes due to transnationalization and the emergence of India and China as significant economies. We appreciated the lecture all the more for having prepared ourselves earlier in School.

The workshop was interesting and it came as a surprise that none of us from School were in one team. We were divided among groups of eight students and were given topics entirely different from the ones we had been told about. This was challenging. Ashvath and I participated actively. In our first workshop, we were to prepare a commentary on an subject that we had been given. For the second, we were to speak without research. For our workshops, we were given an hour to prepare and present our debates or analyses.

Each new day saw us attend yet another thought-provoking workshop. Dr Morgane Cheve, a professor of economics at the University of Le Havre, discussed the problems of globalization and environment. It is true that while thinking of increasing economic growth, the environment has been affected adversely and intensive industrial and economic activities have caused uncontrollable urbanization. Dr. Cheve's speech acknowledged this, and was brilliantly structured and prepared.

After the workshops and conferences, we all watched Seven Years in Tibet, starring Brad Pitt. The movie – they said – was banned in China as it was offensive (that was visible even on the faces of the Chinese delegates) and showed a brutal China taking over a small, powerless Tibet. After watching the movie – while it was raining – we went back to the hotel in taxis that cost us an arm and a leg.

The next day we attended a conference on the issues of drug trafficking, human organs market and sex tourism.
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‘Chop’ Sticks

The School hockey team played Welham Boys’ School’s B-team on April 28 and won 2-1. Nikhil Sinha and Piyush Gupta scored one goal each.

The Doon School Second XI played the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy and won 11-1. The Doon School Team had players from the Second XI and the Junior School Team. Goals were scored by Abhishek Gupta, Ashray Patel, Aditya Gupta, Ranjai Sodhi, Lakshit Joshi and Yuv Vir Khosla.

The School Hockey Team played against Welham Boys’ School in the semi-finals of the 5th Kandhari Memorial Tournament. At the close of play, the score was 2-2. The Doon team lost in the penalty shoot-out. Well done!

IH Chess

The following are the results of the Inter-House Senior Chess Competition 2009:

1st Kashmir
2nd Oberoi
3rd Tata
4th Hyderabad
5th Jaipur

Congratulation

Attention!

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The PT Gong was awarded to Jaipur House for the second year in a row. Congratulations!

Opinion Poll

Do you think that the heat justifies shifting Games’ time to a more appropriate hour?

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(347 members of the School community were polled)

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भारतीय प्रोफेसरी की संस्थान, जहाँ दिल्ली-16।

प्रगाम, तामाका हा।
आशा करता है कि आप स्वास्थ्य हो जिने। मुझे यह बताते हैं कि माँ एक आदमी के लिए भारतीय प्रोफेसरी की संस्थान, (आईएए) आईएए’ में अध्यायन वर्तमान में होता है। 

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The Inter-House PT competition took place on Monday, April 28. Two and a half months of zealously practised PT had to be displayed in a mere fifteen minutes. The PT leaders could be seen in front of the CDH, lining up with their squads and motivating them.

The Chief Guest, the IG of Police (Law and Order), Ram Kumar Meena, took his place with PBR and DKS in the pavilion, ready to witness the 73rd PT Competition.

The first House to come onto the field was Tata, whose senior squad put up an incredible performance. Under Jai Sharma’s leadership, it seemed to make no errors. The fall-in was more or less perfect and even the first exercise started remarkably. Besides a few miscounts, their coordination made the chances of their being victorious even more evident, especially after witnessing the sitting exercises. The junior squad, on the other hand, did commit some mistakes that were noticeable in their table, which eventually led to the deduction of their points. The next House was Hyderabad. The senior squad’s fall-in was not very impressive and it was clear that this formed an impression on the minds of the judges. Though the exercises were well executed, they lacked Tata House’s precision. Similarly, the junior squad wasn’t quite getting their movements in time and even their fall-out cost them valuable points. Following the Nizams was Oberoi House. The House, known for its attention to detail, was expected to be the most impressive. However, their table was not executed with the required clinical exactness. There were instances where the squad was not following the marker and was turning in the wrong direction in certain exercises. Kashmir House came on next. The senior squad began impressively but once again, several miscounts and disorders hindered their efforts. The junior squad, on the other hand, performed brilliantly. Their timing was up to the mark and their fall-out was notable. The spectators also pointed out that both the PT leaders commanded their squads admirably.

People had already begun predicting the results until Jaipur House appeared on the field. The senior squad lacked coordination in the beginning but their performance in the latter half was laudable. The juniors were appreciated for their timing and firm movements and it was then that many boys started changing their predictions about who would take home the PT Gong.

The event ended with Sumer Boparai, the School PT Leader, addressing the gathering. He acknowledged the mass participation of many Sc formers in this year’s event. The Chief Guest, in his speech, reminded everyone that discipline and order is important not only in PT but in all spheres of life as well. Finally, the results were announced. As expected, Tata House emerged victorious in the seniors’ section and Jaipur House bagged the Junior Cup. Jaipur House won the Gong for the second year running. Once again, we can say that this year’s Inter-House PT Competition maintained the standard of the event.

The Commandant of the Indian Military Academy presented a bell to The Doon School at Assembly on Friday, May 21, 1937. He expressed the hope that the sound of the bell would be a symbol of the spirit of harmony and goodwill existing between the School and the IMA. The Headmaster, Mr. A E Foot, thanked the Commandant and announced that the bell would be presented as a trophy to the winners of the Inter-House PT Competition every year.

STRIKING THE GONG

Kanishka Malik and Arifeen Chowdhury report on the recently-concluded PT Competition.