

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Ramallah Friends School

Ramallah Friends School has provided excellent opportunities for its students to take part in public diplomacy by facilitating participation in Palestine's Model UN Conference. Ramallah's MUN journey began in 2006 and was later developed by our students to be-



come the first and only MUN Conference held every year in Palestine. Growing rapidly, from 350 participants at the 1st PalMUN conference held in 2011, the number of par-

ticipants in 2017 has doubled. The support of USAID/ASHA made it possible for Ramallah to host this one and only PalMUN Conference, giving Palestinian students—at Ramallah Friends School (RFS) and beyond—the chance to become diplomats for three days, experience representing international states and issues, and eventually pass UN resolutions.

In the Model UN Conference, students are assigned to represent each member state of the United Nations. This year, a Palestinian student represented Israel at the Model UN. Adam Khaldi, a RFS senior said, “Representing Israel in the PalMUN Conference 2017 was the most challenging, yet the most beneficial experience for me as a Model UN conference participant.” The Model UN Conference gives students an opportunity to enhance conflict resolution skills and contribute to society both locally and globally.