



UN welcomes Hong Kong students

The duo were invited to a global internet conference after winning a local competition, writes **Nicola Chan**

A Hong Kong student was recently chosen to speak at an international conference held in Switzerland. Rohan Daswani, an Island School student, had been invited to speak at December's United Nations Internet Governance Forum after winning a public speaking competition organised by the English Schools Foundation in November.

The Year 11 student made his speech, about internet security and the importance of freedom online, at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Rohan, 16, won his slot at the forum by writing a 25-page proposal focusing on internet literacy, openness, and security. Another student, 18-year-old Shannon Hui from South Island School, also attended the forum, which was held from December 16-21.

"I wanted to address the [different concerns] between privacy and security, and come up with solutions," Rohan said. "That's a really controversial issue, what with all that's happening with the United States, [US President Donald] Trump, and [ex-NSA employee and whistle-blower] Edward Snowden."

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Rohan said getting to attend the forum was amazing. Photo provided by: Rohan Daswani

Delegates at the forum covered public policy issues such as artificial intelligence, cybercrimes, gender and youth rights, and online harassment.

Rohan said the whole experience - getting to speak to people who make and implement policy - was amazing, but surreal. One stand-out moment was talking to Johann Schneider-Ammann, the Swiss President.

"He's inspired me to get more people [on board] with my cause - to make the internet and the world a safer place," he said.

"I feel that more people my age [are becoming] involved with internet governance," he said, reminding *Young Post* that planning the future of the internet is the same as planning the future of young people.

Bookseller accused of smuggling secret documents

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BEIJING - Swedish bookseller Gui Minhai was bringing secret documents to the Chinese capital when he was seized last month, a Communist Party-run newspaper has claimed. Meanwhile, Sweden has hit back at the decision to parade its citizen before the Beijing-friendly press.

Gui, who published gossip books about Chinese politics, was snatched on January 20 as he was travelling to Beijing with two Swedish



which faced criticism in 2016 for printing an apparently forced interview with a young Chinese activist, was also present.

"This [interview] changes nothing," said Swedish foreign ministry spokeswoman Katarina Byrenius Roslund. "We continue to demand that our citizen be given the opportunity to meet Swedish diplomatic staff and medical staff."

On Sunday, the *Global Times* published new details of the rumours against Gui, claiming he was suspected to be involved in "activities that jeopardise national security, including

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