



Sample Crisis Committee Position Paper

This is a position paper that was written by a member of the Middlebury Model United Nations Team for BUCS (Brown University Crisis Simulation) 2019. The committee topic was Handover of Hong Kong and the character was Vincent Lo, a powerful businessman and Communist. Delegates should use this position paper as a guideline, including the following information: character background, political positions of the character that will be relevant for the crisis, actions (public and private) that you want to take in committee, how you plan on utilizing your resources (power, money, etc.) to get ahead, and other information you wish to include.

Committee: The Handover of Hong Kong, Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office

Position: Vincent Lo

Delegate: Suria Vanrajah, Middlebury College

As a new light dawns on Hong Kong, I am honored to help shape the territory's future. I, Vincent Lo, represent a powerful breed of men: the businessman-politician hybrid. Thanks to a small loan from my father, I have begun to build a burgeoning cement and real estate empire aimed at ensuring both my own financial success, but also the success of my beloved communist ideology. In the past I have aided the Communist Party of China in my business deals and I look forward to once again aiding my dear nation in forging Hong Kong's path as a territory of the People's Republic of China.

My colleagues and I will soon have many issues to address, particularly the risks of pro-democracy movements and the unemployment crisis. I am especially troubled by pro-democracy movements and believe we must do all that we can (in the form of economic and social benefits to placate the people) to quash these sentiments to ensure the success of Hong Kong. I am equally troubled by the unemployment crisis, as an unemployed workforce's anger could threaten the success of our new government. We would be wise to create jobs by offering financial incentives to businessmen who can create projects that provide jobs to the skilled, low-wage workers who have been ignored during Hong Kong's economic evolution. Through these efforts we can provide for a more secure and successful Hong Kong.

While I look forward to working on behalf of China, I also hope to use the changing times in Hong Kong to further my own personal success. Having already built a reputation in the business community, I have the social and physical capital to begin construction on a hotel/casino hybrid that will operate as a front for a heroin network. I also plan on working to remove David Akers-Jones, the head of the Housing Authority, from his position to undermine public housing in Hong Kong. With the money the drug smuggling will afford me and the Director of the Housing Authority out of the way, I can begin to purchase property until I dominate the world of Hong Kong real estate.