OVERVIEW

Cyber-physical systems, the Internet of Things and the Internet of Systems are all central features of the 4th Industrial Revolution. They continue to drastically change how we work, how we live and how we do things.

We live in exponential times. Science and technology have indeed surpassed our institutions and our education framework. While we work hard to get a graduate degree, the world around us has changed so much and will change even further, that those paper qualifications might be worth nothing in the new marketplace.

While this revolution breeds exciting new possibilities, it is bound to create massive unemployment due to our archaic education system borne out of the post-world war. To adapt to the new normal, we must change what and how we learn. Parents, educators and governments must ask the question on how they can prepare present and future generations to thrive in this transforming digital world.

However despite its merits, technology has driven us apart instead of bringing us closer together. We are at the cusp of a technological revolution but falling behind in spiritual and communal growth. We need an urgent realignment of our education system to bring back the community to our citizens.

Disruptive Education Roundtable is a half-day event bringing together policymakers, enthusiasts and practitioners in the education industry to fuse and brainstorm ideas, towards the formulation of strategic points to be suggested to the National Education Council Committee, who will be tabling a report to the Minister of Education on 30 April 2019.

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PROGRAMME

8.00 am – 9.30am  Roundtable Registration / Welcome coffee & tea

9.30 am – 9.35 am  WELCOMING REMARKS
Mr. Cheah Chyuan Yong, Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)

9.35 am – 9.45 am  SPECIAL ADDRESS
“Revolutionising The Education Norm” by Ministry of Education, Malaysia (Invited)

9.45 am – 12.30 pm  Thriving in a Transforming World
In this closed-door discussion session, 5 panelists will brainstorm with 50 selected concerned citizens consisting of academicians, community leaders, government, media and private sector, to find what are the best solutions to our education system in the context of a rapidly changing world as a result of disruptive advanced technology. The points taken from this discussion will form the basis of a proposal to the National Education Council Committee, which they may use in the report to the Minister of Education due on 30 April. Here are some of the guiding agenda for discussion:

- Is our education ready for the 4th Industrial Revolution?
- What new studies should replace old ones in the context of this digital revolution?
- Will TVET be relevant when all existing industrial jobs are lost to AI machines and IoT in the near future?
- How can TVET be reformed to include these new realities?
- Should industrial internships or regional university exchange be compulsory during the sophomore year for greater connectivity?
- Can community centres, mosques, churches, temples etc be part of the education system by taking a chunk of the education syllabus?
- Can the government allocate ample time for children to spend in school, and community centers thereafter?
- What education can community centres take up that schools cannot?
- Can community centres bring back the sense of community in the next generation?

12.30 pm  Refreshments / End of programme
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