Forum: DPM Heng shines at IPS conference

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Big kudos to the Institute of Policy Studies for putting together Singapore Perspectives 2020, which saw Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat, among other distinguished panellists, in a candid exchange with the people.

Mr Heng proved to the audience that he was cool enough for the hot seat.

Facing tough questions ranging from the goods and services tax to inequality, Mr Heng revealed his deep understanding of how numbers work and the plethora of factors that must be considered in policymaking.

Our country is in need of more leaders who can demonstrate to our public stewards that Singapore Together means taking suggestions and criticisms in good stride, expending time to listen to the people and understand their needs - all while staying close to the ground.