

Singapore Futures Youth Competition 2025

A Thriving Digital Future for All

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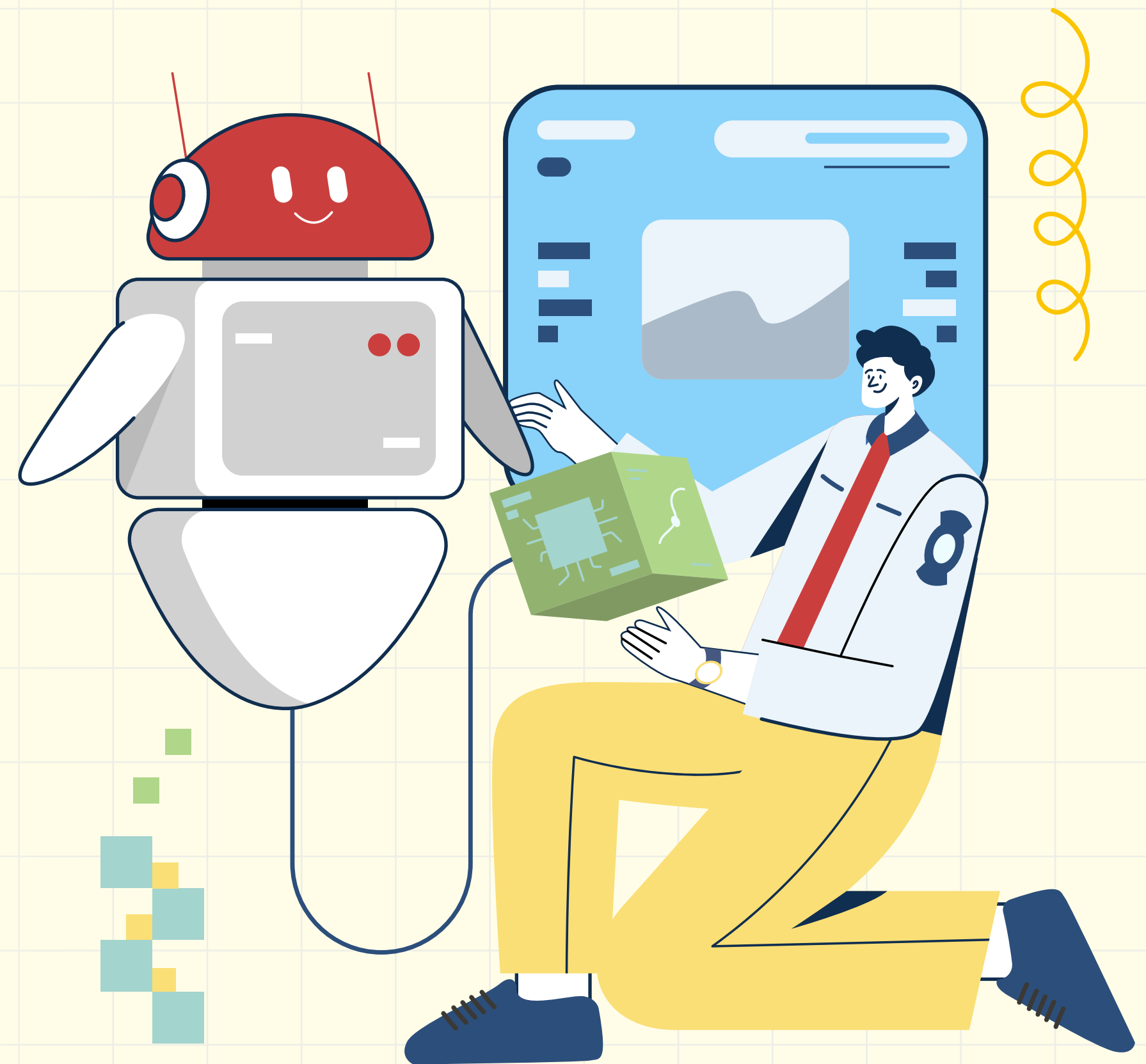


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About the Singapore Futures Youth Competition

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) and its Institute for Governance and Leadership (IGL) are delighted to organise the Singapore Futures Youth Competition from the 17th to the 20th of June 2025. This year's competition revolves around the theme of "A Thriving Digital Future for All". Participants learn and apply futures thinking and foresight tools to develop scenarios and ideas on how digital technology can empower individuals, strengthen communities and transform industries.

In this fifth run of the competition, the school is delighted to welcome a diverse group of about 100 students from our Junior Colleges, Polytechnics, Institutes of Technical Education, and more to participate.

This competition offers participants a firsthand look into public policy challenges and the complexities of the policymaking process. More importantly, we hope the insights and experiences gained will serve as meaningful guidance as they chart their own future and role in Singapore.



Workshop

The Singapore Futures Youth Competition 2025 kicks off with a dynamic three-day futures thinking workshop conducted by faculty from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP). During the workshop, students will be introduced to essential foresight tools and scenario planning frameworks that enable them to critically explore emerging trends and uncertainties.

Participants will work in teams to develop imaginative yet plausible scenarios around the guiding theme: What would a thriving digital future look like? Each team will focus on a specific area of interest such as Environment & Sustainability or Lifelong Learning—and examine the policy implications of their envisioned futures.

Taking on the role of representatives from a youth organisation, students will be challenged to articulate their preferred futures and formulate strategies to navigate potential risks and opportunities. The programme culminates on 20 June 2025, when teams will present their scenarios to a distinguished panel comprising thought leaders and experts from the public, private, and people sectors.

Beyond learning about complex policy challenges and the intricacies of the policymaking process, participants will gain valuable experience in strategic thinking, public speaking, and teamwork. They will also have rich opportunities to network with peers from diverse educational institutions and engage directly with policymakers and practitioners shaping Singapore's future.

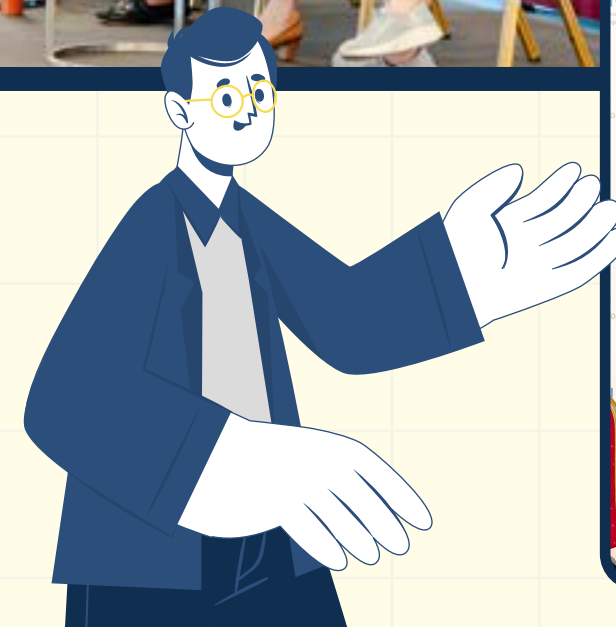


Re-imagining Our Digital Future:

Opportunities and Challenges in Trust, Growth and Community

One of the standout moments of the Singapore Futures Youth Competition 2025 was the thought-provoking panel session titled “Re-imagining Our Digital Future: Opportunities and Challenges in Trust, Growth, and Community.” This dynamic session brought together a diverse group of esteemed panellists representing the public, private, and people sectors—including speakers from DBS, better.sg, the Singapore-ETH Centre, and the Ministry of Digital Development and Information.

The discussion explored the rapidly evolving digital landscape in Singapore, addressing critical themes such as digital trust, cybersecurity, equitable access, and the role of digital tools in strengthening social cohesion. Panellists also shared their perspectives on the ethical, social, and economic implications of emerging technologies and the importance of inclusive innovation. The session underscored the strategic goals of the Smart Nation 2.0 initiative, which seeks to build a resilient, trusted, and digitally empowered society.



For participants, the session offered rich learning opportunities beyond the classroom. They gained a deeper understanding of real-world policy challenges and how decisions are shaped at the intersection of technology, governance, and society. The insights shared by industry and government leaders allowed participants to critically reflect on the role they could play as future changemakers in a digital-first world. Many left the session inspired and better equipped to navigate the complexities of digital policy, with renewed confidence in contributing meaningfully to Singapore’s digital future.

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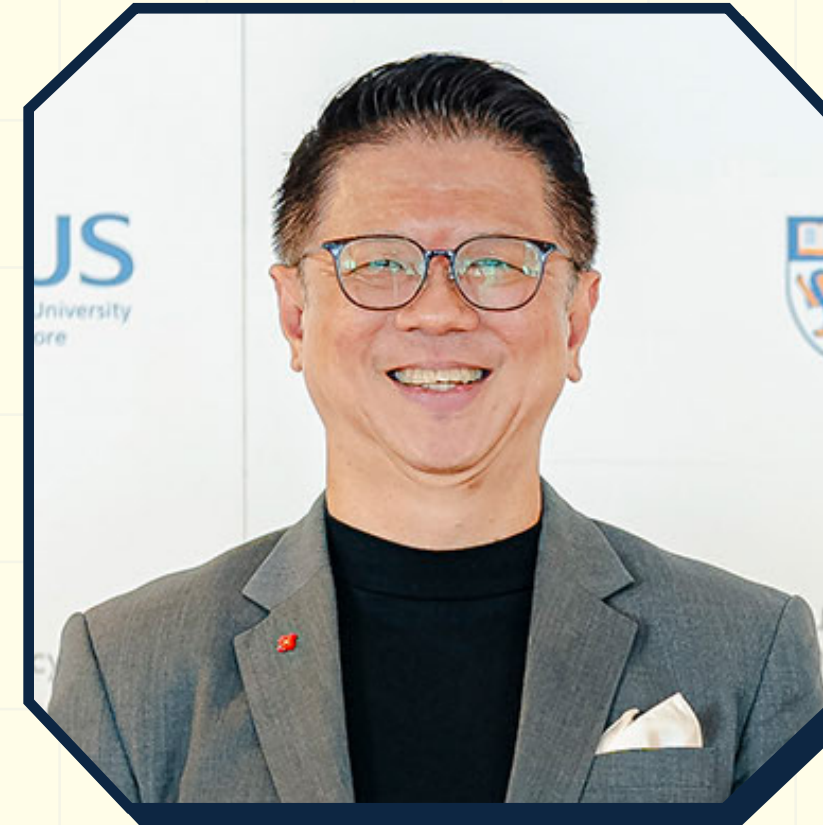
About Panelists



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Associate Director Partnerships and
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Mr Lim Him Chuan
Country Head of DBS Singapore



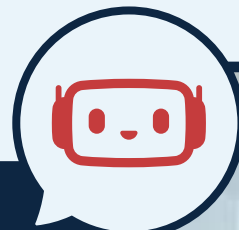
Ms Sarah Yip
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Strategy Office (Ministry of Digital
Development and Information)

Team 1

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FOCAL CONCERN

Future of digital identity of the elderly (current Gen-Zs in 2025)
in Singapore in 2065



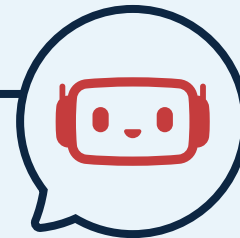
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Team 2

Team Almazing

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Futures of Digital tool for urban planning to improve Singapore's food security In 2065.



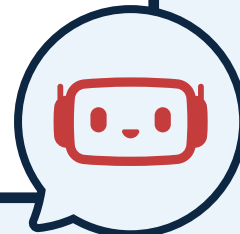
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Team 3

Youthquake

FOCAL CONCERN

Future of digital safety for victims of cybercrime offenders in Singapore in 2065



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Team 4

4get Me Not

FOCAL CONCERN

Future of enhancing digital safety through the protection of digital identity for 25–40-year-old working adults (Generation Beta) in Singapore in 2065



Team 5

Hello Balancing Bigbacks & Hello Poco

FOCAL CONCERN

Future of Coexisting with Digital Tools for Working Adults in Singapore in 2065



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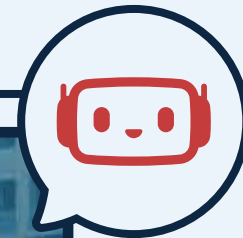


Team 6

Purr-ject Byte

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Future of Digital Caregiving for the Caregivers of the Elderly in SG 2065



Team 7

Byte Beasts

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Personalised and holistic learning for local pre-university students



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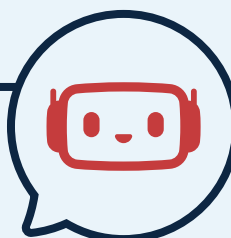


Team 8

Innov8

FOCAL CONCERN

Future of digital cultural identity for youths in Singapore in 2065



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Team 9

Nyro

FOCAL CONCERN

The future of AI digital tools in healthcare services for the elderly in 2065



Pandamonium

FOCAL CONCERN

How will future developments in digital tech and infrastructure affect employment opportunities in 2065



Judging Criteria

Both preliminary and final rounds required participants to give a 10-minute presentation, followed by a 5-minute Q&A session by the judges.

The group presentations were assessed based on the following criteria

Believability and Creativity



Adherence to the theme/ Guidelines



Presentation Delivery



Team Coordination and Cohesion



Judging Panel

We invited experts and leaders from the public and private sectors as members of judging panels. For the preliminary rounds, we had the following as our judges



Ms Ong Toon Hui
Vice Dean and Executive
Director, Institute for
Governance and Leadership,
LKYSPP



Mr Hao Guang Tse
Assistant Director at the
Smart Nation Strategy Office



Ms Yvonne Kong, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor Centre for
Professional Communication,
Singapore Institute
of Technology



Dialogue with Ms Rahayu Mahzam

On the final day, we had an insightful dialogue with Guest of Honour Ms Rahayu Mahzam, Minister of State for Digital Development and Information & Ministry of Health, focused on Singapore's digital transformation journey and future readiness. Ms Rahayu discussed the pillars of Smart Nation 2.0—Trust, Growth, and Community, emphasising the need for digital safety, upskilling, and collaborative regulation. She highlighted ongoing efforts to raise digital literacy through education reforms and frameworks like SkillsFuture, ensuring citizens are equipped for an AI-driven future. The session also addressed the importance of adapting mindsets, with the government providing guardrails while citizens actively participate in shaping the nation's digital landscape.

A significant portion of the dialogue centred on the challenges and opportunities presented by an ageing society and rapid technological advances. Ms Rahayu underscored the role of technology and AI in

caregiving, from remote monitoring to predictive healthcare, while stressing the continued need for human oversight. The discussion covered regulatory approaches to telemedicine, the integration of Traditional Chinese Medicine with Healthier SG, and strategies to support SMEs amid rising technology costs. Ms Rahayu advocated for a balanced approach to innovation and regulation and called for collective responsibility in maintaining Singapore's global competitiveness.

Participants engaged actively, raising questions about Singapore's neutrality in global infrastructure, the future of work, and inclusivity for special needs communities. The session concluded with a call to action for all Singaporeans to contribute through volunteering, sharing ideas, or taking initiative to build a resilient and inclusive digital future. The overall atmosphere was thoughtful and constructive, with participants recognising that national progress depends on both government leadership and proactive citizen involvement.

Prizes and Key Takeaways

By participating in this competition, we hoped that everyone had a meaningful and enjoyable experience, building new friendships, exchanging ideas, and connecting with experts and leaders. Most importantly, we intended for the insights and knowledge gained throughout the event to become valuable assets as participants chart their future paths and consider their contributions to Singapore in 2065.

The competition recognized outstanding teams by awarding cash prizes to the Top 3 groups, with amounts of \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 respectively. Beyond these financial rewards, all participants benefited from a range of additional incentives. Each received a certificate of participation, acknowledging their efforts and achievements, and gained the opportunity to join the IGL's mailing list, connecting them to future events, updates, and resources.

These supplementary benefits were thoughtfully designed to enhance the overall experience, offering participants continued support, access to a broader network, and further opportunities for personal and professional development as they move forward in their journeys.





Top 3 Groups



3rd Prize

Group 2

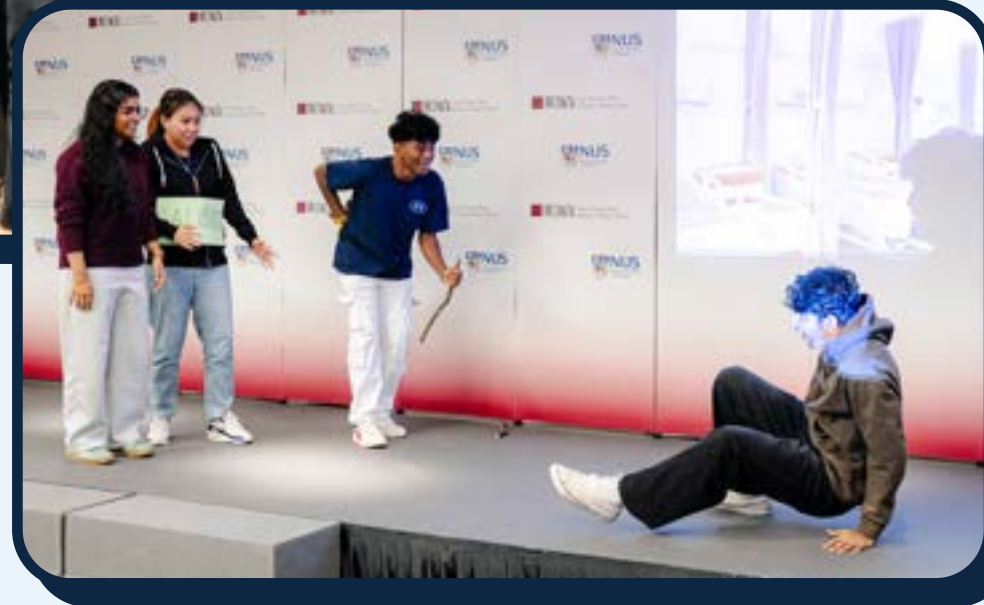
Almazing

Group 2 addressed the pressing issue of food scarcity in Singapore, framing it as a potential national crisis. Their project, Agrinova, explores how technological innovation, sustainable design, and digital empowerment can transform Singapore's agricultural landscape and achieve long-term food security.





Top 3 Groups



2nd Prize

Group 8

Innov8

Group 8 explored the evolving concept of digital cultural identity among Singaporean youths by 2065. Their vision centers on how digital technology can preserve, enhance, and adapt Singapore's multicultural heritage, fostering a shared sense of what it truly means to be Singaporean.





Top 3 Groups



1st Prize

Group 6

Purr-ject Byte

Group 6 addressed the growing demands of caregiving in Singapore's ageing society, projecting a future where digital technology plays a pivotal role in supporting caregivers. Their scenario outlines how predictive AI, flexible work models, and a strong digital infrastructure can transform caregiving by 2065, enhancing both the quality of care and the well-being of caregivers.



Thanks to our partners

We would like to extend our gratitude to teachers and staff from the following institutions for their support during our Singapore Futures Youth Competition 2025:

- Anderson Serangoon Junior College
- Anglo-Chinese Junior College
- Catholic Junior College
- Dunman High School
- Eunoia Junior College
- Hwa Chong Institution
- Hwa Chong International School
- Institute of Technical Education College Central
- Institute of Technical Education College East
- Institute of Technical Education College West
- Jurong Pioneer Junior College
- Millennia Institute
- Nanyang Polytechnic
- National Junior College
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Raffles Institution
- Republic Polytechnic
- School of the Arts
- Singapore Polytechnic
- St. Joseph's Institution
- Tampines Meridian Junior College
- Temasek Junior College
- Temasek Polytechnic
- Victoria Junior College
- Yishun Innova Junior College



The support from these institutions as well as other partners from private and public organisations were instrumental in shaping the successful outcomes of our competition. We look forward to the continued collaborations and support from our partner organisations in our future competitions and programmes.

About IGL

Institute for Governance and Leadership
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

The Institute for Governance and Leadership (IGL) was established in January 2024 as a department under the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. The Institute's mission is 'to improve governance in Asia by educating the next generation of Asian leaders in public service and beyond'. IGL focuses on:

Youth Education on Singapore Governance & Futures

Educate Singaporean youths (Tertiary students and young professionals) on Singapore governance and equip them with skills to think more deeply about trends and factors shaping Singapore's future.

Advanced Governance Programmes

Leadership milestone programmes for political leaders, senior public officials such as the Senior Fellowship in Public Service and Indonesian Mayors Programme.

Practitioner Network & Collaboration

Platform for practitioners to collaborate with and contribute to the School in teaching, executive education, share best practices, and produce practitioner-relevant content.

Case Insights and Practitioner Writing

Case writing for instruction, and practice- and policy-oriented practitioner writing.

Thank you!

