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4th Global Peace Summit



12 LEAD students proudly represented TP and Singapore at the 4th Global Peace Summit in Bangkok. They engaged in insightful discussions, networked with like-minded peers, and explored innovative peacebuilding strategies.

This transformative experience empowered them to take bold action as advocates for global harmony and inspired them to lead impactful change in their communities.



✨TPLA x LawInc presents *Yours Truly* 💘– Our first Valentine's Day fundraiser!✨

Yours Truly is an effort to raising funds for Make-A-Wish to bring joy and hope to children with critical illnesses 🫶

📍: TP Horseshoe Plaza
🗓️: 12 February 2025

Leadership Forum 2025

The LEADdership Forum 2025, organized by LEAD Ambassadors, inspired 54 LEAD students by showcasing real-life entrepreneurial journeys and emphasizing resilience, leadership, and innovation. The event featured an engaging fireside chat with three distinguished speakers: Mr. Johnathan Chua (CEO of GRVTY Media, TP Alumnus), Mr. Ryan Tan (Founder of Overkill Singapore), and Ms. Jasmine Tuan (Co-Founder of Cloop).



Key topics included overcoming challenges, building effective teams, and practical advice for aspiring entrepreneurs. The session featured moderated discussions and an interactive Q&A segment, allowing students to connect directly with the speakers. This impactful event encouraged participants to explore their entrepreneurial potential while fostering collaboration and a growth mindset.



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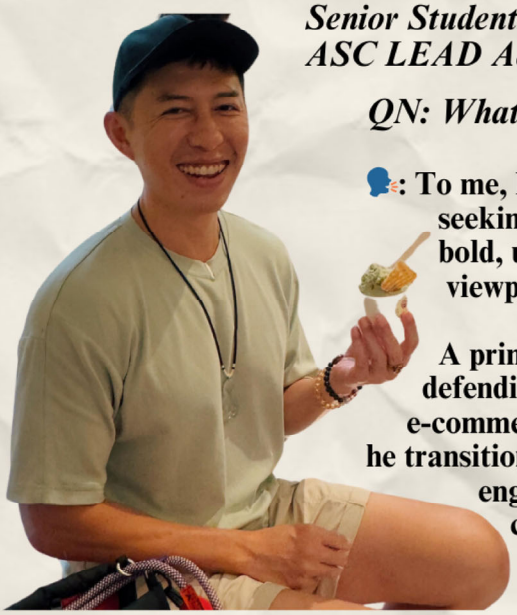
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GET TO KNOW YOUR ADVISORS:
Leadership Philosophy & Style

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QN: What does leadership mean to you?

🗣️: To me, leadership is about challenging conventions, embracing risks, and actively seeking fresh perspectives. Great leaders dare to question the status quo and make bold, unconventional decisions—even in the face of criticism. They welcome diverse viewpoints, adapt to change, and remain open to groundbreaking ideas.

A prime example is TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew, who has played a crucial role in defending TikTok against global scrutiny and expanding its innovation through e-commerce and content monetization. Breaking away from traditional career paths, he transitioned from finance and investment banking into the tech industry— without an engineering or IT background—proving that visionary leadership transcends conventional boundaries.

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QN: What is the most essential trait of a great leader?

🗣️*:* Leadership is a blend of many essential traits, including curiosity, analytical prowess, creativity, open-mindedness, resilience, and empathy. However, among them, authenticity stands out as the foundation of effective leadership. Authenticity - the quality of being real, transparent, and true to oneself—builds trust and fosters strong relationships. As leadership expert Marcus Buckingham puts it, "*Authenticity is your most precious commodity as a leader.*"

A leader exists within various contexts—whether guiding a team, navigating a journey, or working toward a shared goal. In all these scenarios, leadership is about uniting people toward a vision, and no leader can succeed alone. Their ability to inspire and mobilize others is crucial, and authenticity plays a key role in this process. People naturally gravitate toward leaders they perceive as genuine and trustworthy. As John Ryan, former CEO of the Center for Creative Leadership, states, "*Unless you're authentic, you're not really leading anyone.*"

Without authenticity, a leader risks losing credibility. Trust erodes, and team dynamics break down when followers sense inconsistency or insincerity. On the other hand, an authentic leader fosters loyalty, open communication, and a culture of mutual respect. They don't just command authority—they earn it by being honest about their strengths, weaknesses, and values. This self-awareness enables them to create an environment where others feel safe to contribute, take risks, and grow.



Moreover, authenticity is not just about being true to oneself; it also involves a willingness to learn and adapt. Great leaders are curious about the people they lead, empathetic to their needs, and open to feedback. By actively listening and staying engaged, an authentic leader ensures that decisions benefit both individuals and the collective goal.

Ultimately, authenticity is the glue that binds leadership together. It enhances relationships, strengthens team cohesion, and empowers leaders to navigate challenges with integrity. Without it, all other leadership qualities lose their impact.