

Highlights of Pre-University Seminar 2024

- *Pre-Seminar Workshop and Dialogues with Experts (March – May)*

All student participants attended a full-day in-person workshop in March at Dunman High School, where they met their group members, explored the seminar's theme and areas of focus, and decided on their groups' chosen sub-theme and areas of focus.

To better understand how partnerships between the Government and the people may be broadened and deepened, participants engaged in a dialogue with the Coordinating Director of the newly-launched Singapore Government Partnerships Office, Ms Dawn Yip. The dialogue explored how we can forge our way forward together and build a better Singapore. In the months that followed, the groups reached a mutual decision on their project focus, and had the opportunity to speak to identified experts, such as academics and representatives from the public, private, and people sectors, to deepen their understanding of their chosen project focus.

- *Opening Ceremony (27 May)*

Minister for National Development and Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration Mr Desmond Lee was the Guest-of-Honour for the Opening Ceremony. Following his opening address, students interacted with him through a dialogue session.

- *Sub-theme and Cross Sub-theme Discussions (27-28 May)*

All student groups within each sub-theme will gather on Day 1 of the seminar to reflect and exchange perspectives on each other's proposed solutions to deepen their learning within the sub-theme. To broaden students' learning across the three sub-themes, discussions will converge across all groups and sub-themes during the later part of Day 1 and Day 2. This facilitates the exchange of perspectives across the different groups which could help students better understand what it means to *ready* our people, anchored by *steady* fundamentals, to help Singapore *go far*, as they forge their way forward towards SG75.

- *Panel Discussions (28-29 May)*

Panel discussions on the three sub-themes, helmed by panellists with different areas of expertise, will allow students to tap on their knowledge and experience, as well as build and exchange ideas.

- *Learning Journeys (28-29 May)*

Students will embark on learning journeys to engage in place-based learning to visualise the possibilities in which the three sub-themes can be actualised. The learning journeys will afford students the opportunity to contextualise their learning during the seminar in real-world settings. Examples of learning journey destinations include the Cybersecurity Agency of Singapore, SportSG, 42 Singapore, and St Hilda's Community Services. The visits will deepen students' understanding of the broader national landscape, and support them in imagining their vision for SG75.

- *Exhibition and Closing Ceremony (30 May)*

Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing, will be the Guest-of-Honour at the Closing Ceremony on 30 May, where he will deliver closing remarks. He will also tour the Closing Ceremony Exhibition and engage student groups in dialogue as the students showcase what they have collectively learnt and share their action plan to realise their shared vision for SG75.