

Keynote 2

Preparing our students for the future- The Singapore Journey ***Mrs Chua-Lim-Yen Ching***



Abstract

With the rapid changes around us, how do we prepare our students to be strong in their character and be future-ready? Teachers need to be effective in designing learning experiences which can develop 21st century competencies in their students. Innovative pedagogies require teachers to be constantly adapting their teaching practices to prepare their students to be creative, adaptable, manage and analyse information, and work with knowledge. Innovative pedagogies must also provide authentic learning experiences for students.

We want to promote a culture for teachers to experiment, try out their ideas and opportunities to refine their knowledge and skills? To create these conditions, the Singapore education system has put in place two key goals:

- Building a Culture that Promotes Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare
- Building a Culture of Teacher Ownership and Teacher Leadership

Mrs Chua will be sharing on how to support our teachers to shift from being transmitters of knowledge to facilitators of learning and how to continue to help them hone their craft.

About the Speaker

Mrs Chua-Lim Yen Ching is the Executive Director, Academy of Singapore Teachers and Deputy Director-General of Education (Professional Development), Ministry of Education, Singapore. Mrs Chua has 35 years of experience as a teacher, school principal of 3 schools and policy maker. From 1998 to 2002, she reviewed and developed primary to pre-university curricula for mathematics, science, technical and physical education as Deputy Director of the Sciences Branch and took on the role as Director of Curriculum Planning and Development Division from 2011-2013. In 2006, she was the founding principal of NorthLight School, a school that offers an enhanced vocational education programme to students who are more suited for an application-based education. Mrs Chua was awarded the Public Administration Medal Bronze and Silver in 1999 and 2007 respectively in recognition of her service to education. In 2009, she also received the Outstanding Science Alumni award from the National University of Singapore.