Education in Malaysia: Integration of 21st Century Skills
National Education Philosophy (NEP):

“Education in Malaysia is an ongoing effort towards further developing the potential of individuals in a holistic and integrated manner, in order to produce individuals who are intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically balanced and harmonious…”
The Ministry of Education Malaysia (MoE) places emphasis on the development of both cognitive and non-cognitive skills.

Globalisation – need to further develop non-cognitive skills by including new sets of skills & competencies geared towards the 21st century and beyond in the national curriculum.

These 21st century skills will give Malaysian students an internationally competitive edge.
21st century skills as defined by the MoE:

- Skills that will help to create Malaysian students who are balanced, resilient, inquisitive, principled, informed, caring, patriotic, as well as effective thinkers, communicators, and team players

- Reflected in the new Integrated Curriculum for Primary Schools & forthcoming Integrated Curriculum for Secondary Schools
These outcomes are synthesised in the following six student aspirations stated in the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013 – 2025:

- Knowledge
- Thinking skills
- Leadership skills
- Bilingual proficiency
- Ethics and spirituality
- National identity
Knowledge

- Fully literate & numerate
- Equipped with basic life knowledge
- Master core subjects – Malay Language, English Language, Mathematics, Science & History
Thinking skills

- Spirit of inquiry

- Lifelong learning skills

- Mastery of important skills i.e.:
  - Creative thinking & innovation
  - Problem solving & reasoning
  - Learning capacity
Leadership Skills Within the Context of Education:

- Entrepreneurship
- Resilience
- Emotional intelligence
- Strong communication skills
Bilingual Proficiency

- Proficient in national language & English as a second language

- Over time encouraged to learn at least three languages given Malaysia’s unique diversity & multicultural heritage
Ethics and Spirituality

Prepare students to rise to challenges in adult life & resolve conflicts peacefully based on the following shared values:

- Spirituality
- Integrity
- Civic responsibility
National Identity

- Unshakeable sense of national identity
- Understand history
- Develop shared experiences
- Build aspirations for Malaysia’s future
Thank you