

YOUTHS today can find themselves at a juncture where their decision-making, attitudes and habits significantly shape their future.

During this critical stage, self-awareness is essential to develop their leadership qualities as well as help them exploit their strengths and cope with their weaknesses.

The Sunway Asia Leadership Youth Camp (Sunway ALY Camp), jointly organised by Sunway International School (SIS) and the Center for Asia Leadership since 2015, is designed to help participants explore their purposes, expand their potential and define their successes in this rapidly changing world.

Themed Building 21st Century Core Qualities, the five-day residential Sunway ALY Camp will take place in the SIS Bandar Sunway Campus from July 10 to 14 and is open to youth aged 15 to 19.

The Sunway ALY Camp will be led and facilitated by Teaching Fellows from Harvard University and other globally renowned universities.

Participants will be involved in workshops on change leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship and social-profit initiatives.

They will also experience career mentorship as well as be exposed to inspirational anecdotes on leadership and discussions on best practices.

The workshops are designed to increase youth's capacity to lead under pressure and communicate effectively in diverse settings.

The fellows will be using a mixture of case method of instruction, case-in-point teaching and structured exercises to deliver their concepts.

Other workshops build youth's capacity to approach problems and solve them with innovative thinking, using frameworks and tools that incorporate design thinking, rapid prototyping, value creation and trust building in collaborative environments.

The Center for Asia Leadership's president Samuel Kim says, "Career mentorship has proven to be effective for youths in our previous camps as the Teaching Fellows played the role of career counsellors and helped our youths

Creating young leaders



The Sunway ALY Camp encourages youths to engage in various activities to equip them with skills needed in the current economy.

gain insight into their possible career paths."

This year's fellow, Craig Brimhall from the United States, is excited to be in Malaysia to share his knowledge and experience with the participants. He has a master's degree in education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and is a doctorate student at the University of Utah.

"In Unlocking the Diversity Code, I will share different methods and ways of communicating with a diverse group of people to improve relationships and outcomes," he says.

"In Building 21st Century Skills, participants will learn to develop and investigate the skills needed to succeed in the new economy, such as collaboration, communication,

creativity and working in a team."

Previous camps have found the emerging young leaders to demonstrate a zeal for inquiry, discovery and mastery of new knowledge and skill sets.

The Center for Asia Leadership's goal is for all youths to recognise their purpose, potential and talent as well as be ready to assume the mantle as future leaders.

Participants will be exposed to some of the world-leading best practices and instructive tools in hopes that they become more capable and ethical individuals who will continue to lead, innovate and inspire others beyond the camp.

Mien Cheng, executive director of SIS, shares, "I have seen students



transform and become more confident and courageous in seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges after they attended the camp.

"SIS believes in the benefits of developing positive leadership attributes as the Canadian school curriculum offered at our school comprises character education and community service programmes as well."

SIS's purpose-built and fully Wi-Fi-enabled campus in Bandar Sunway has been the ideal "home away from home" venue for participants of the camp.

SIS is an institution fully owned and governed by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation. Together with the Centre for Asia Leadership, it is committed to providing youths

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with a head start to impact the world in positive ways.

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