

OFFICIATING SPEECH GAINS EDUCATION GROUP LAUNCHING

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

1. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of YB Dr. Maszlee Malik, Minister of Education for according me the honors to officially launch the GAINS Education Group Sdn. Bhd. It is indeed a pleasure to be in the presence of so many distinguished guests this morning and members of media to commemorate yet another milestone in the history of education industry.
2. The twenty-first century is the dawn of a new era, thus bringing in forth a host of new challenges. Students need to develop and strengthen their critical and creative thinking skills as well as interpersonal communication skills which are essential for twenty-first century living.
3. As our world grows increasingly complex at a rapid pace, the need to equip young minds with the right knowledge and skills to tackle challenging problems is a priority, especially through education. New jobs are emerging and evolving rapidly at the workforce market. To be at par with the global demand, especially preparing for the future workforce, the Ministry of Education is incessantly gearing the current curriculum towards the Industry Revolution 4.0 curriculum.
4. The Ministry of Education believes that the core of STEM Literacy and the values and approaches from STEM education are an integral aspect of students' life and career. For instance, the scientific method of generating and validating hypotheses is the foundation of the management consulting practice today. This goal is embedding STEM knowledge and skills in all students is best reflected in prominent global movement that Malaysia is part of.

5. GAINS Education Group Sdn. Bhd. has captured the essence of the Industrial Revolution 4.0 through Sekolah Tinta as one of their STEM initiatives in Malaysia which is ultimately tasked with providing a pool of students that will eventually fill in the one million new STEM careers which Malaysia will need by 2020. Stem careers are much diversified in nature and they include careers such as data scientists, programmers, statisticians, software developers, cartographers, actuary scientists to name a few.
6. The Education Minister, Dr Maszlee Malik announced at the opening of the BETT Asia 2019 Summit in Kuala Lumpur recently that the Ministry will be implementing three policy shifts in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education under the STEM For All (STEM4ALL) initiative. The demand is growing rapidly for STEM related roles. The ministry has embarked on creating a culture to deliver 21st century learning by paving the way to transform education in Malaysia by positioning technology at the forefront, and empowering students and educators through innovative programmes.
7. Education plays an important role for Malaysia in building a resilient nation, encouraging the creation of a just society, and maintaining sustainable economic growth. It is through education that a country can develop global competitiveness, build a K-economy, and maintain sustainable environmental development.

8. We are living in a world that is evolving and changing rapidly. These changes bring both challenges and opportunities. It is, therefore, only logical that Malaysia does not stick to the traditional methods of education and instead proactively seek to explore new approaches.

9. The Malaysia Education Blueprint (MEB) 2012 - 2025 includes the National Education Philosophy's vision of a balanced education as its foundation for individual student aspirations. The pre-school, primary, secondary, and higher education systems share a vision of what the outcome of a Malaysian education should look like, and what that means for individual students. The Ministry emphasizes the balance between both knowledge and skills as well as ethics and morality. The student aspirations in the MEB are built around six primary attributes: ethics and spirituality, leadership skills, national identity, language proficiency, thinking skills, and knowledge. These are the same six attributes for students that the higher education system is anchored on.

10. GAINS Education Group Sdn. Bhd. is implementing this 6 primary attributes with Islamic Values and I personally applaud them for this continuous effort and wish them the very best for Genius Aulad, Idrissi International School and Sekolah Tinta as a whole.

11. I believe GAINS Education Group Sdn. Bhd. has a future plan for a conventional school which is open to all regardless of religion, race or background. This embodies the true spirit of embracing diversity as true Malaysians.

12. Before I conclude, let me once again congratulate GAINS Education Group Sdn. Bhd. for the dedication and commitment portrayed in supporting STEM through Sekolah Tinta, a private school. The Ministry hopes that this initiative will be continued and expanded with time to support the aspirations of the National Education Blueprint.

13. On that note, it is with great pleasure that I officially launch GAINS Education Group Sdn Bhd.

Thank you.