

Highlights of Pre-University Seminar 2026

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

All student participants attended a full-day workshop in March, where they met their fellow group members, explored the seminar's theme and areas of focus, and decided on their group's chosen project topic. In the months that followed, students had the opportunity to speak to identified experts, such as academics and representatives from the public, private, and people sectors, to deepen their knowledge of their chosen topic.

- *Discussion with Pre-University Seminar Mentors (8 May)*

The mentors, who are representatives from government agencies with experience in policymaking, provided students with input to elevate the overall quality of their proposals and enhance the rigour of their thinking.

- *Expert Interview x Learning Experiences (2 June)*

Students explored real-world examples of how the three sub-themes can be brought to life through learning experiences that included interviews with selected experts from relevant fields. These experiences gave students a richer appreciation of the complexities of the issues and the challenges faced by various stakeholders, enabling them to better contextualise their proposals. Among the organisations they engaged were Channel News Asia, National Library Board, Project Dignity, and Edible Garden City.

- *Panel Discussions (3 June)*

Students consulted experts and leaders of their respective fields at various panel discussions during the seminar. Panellists shared their expertise and engaged students in meaningful exchanges of ideas.

- *Sub-theme and Cross Sub-theme Discussions (2 – 4 June)*

Student groups within each sub-theme met on the first day of the seminar to share their reflections on the learning journeys. To enrich students' learning across the three sub-themes, all student groups had the opportunity to exchange ideas and insights from the panel discussions with one another on days 2 and 3.

- *Exhibition and Closing Ceremony (5 June)*

Minister for Education Mr Desmond Lee delivered the keynote address at the Closing Ceremony. He also engaged students through a dialogue session and toured the Closing Ceremony Exhibition, where students showcased their learning and shared their action plans to realise their vision for Singapore.

The Closing Ceremony featured a video highlighting the participants' collaborative effort in envisioning Singapore's future, centred on the theme '*WE: With Everyone*'. Throughout

the seminar, participants had collected various items through games and activities, and each group assembled their own terrarium that incorporated these items to represent a microcosm of a segment of Singapore society. Together, all 24 terrariums form a collective installation in the shape of an HDB flat, symbolising our envisioned “We First” society.