

Discovery To Renew Singapore's Dream

2017 Pre-University Seminar



For four days, five International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme student-athletes immersed themselves in discussions and activities on the betterment of Singapore. The 550 attendees at the 2017 Pre-University Seminar had the privilege to communicate with and learn from distinguished speakers such as Dr Janil Puthuchery (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education) and Ms Chan Lai Fung (Permanent Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education) from 29 May to 1 June 2017 at the National University of Singapore campus.

Before the seminar began, IBDP Year 5 student-athletes Ismi Zakiah Kashful Anwar, Lenice Tan Yue Tong, Ng Jian Yan, Terrence Ng Shu Hao and Tia Louise Rozario were given an assignment to trigger their thoughts on Singapore's diplomatic relationships with other countries, leading up to the next four days' discussions on "Renewing Our Singapore Dream" and a discovery to the nation's place in the world.

The five had opportunities to interact with their peers from mainstream schools and partake in mutual learning, exposing themselves to the diverse views posed by the pre-tertiary students and subject experts in real-life concerns, as well as engaging the public in a quick survey of what a trait they desired for Singapore.

The Pre-University Seminar was jointly organised by Ministry of Education's Curriculum Planning and Development Department and Catholic Junior College.

“Through the discussions contributed by a panel of guests, I learnt why other countries look up to Singapore and how much our small nation contributes to the world. However, there’s a flipside to everything and tradeoffs are unavoidable. These discussions paved the way for the main activity of the Pre-University Seminar – the social engagement activity where we went out to survey the public on their desired trait in a country. I walked away from the event not only gaining the knowledge and understanding Singapore’s place in the world, but also gaining valuable friendships with many people.”
– Ng Jian Yan, Swimming Academy

"The various ideas three experts from different domains shared during the seminar gave us multiple perspectives of Singapore's place in the world. With these ideas, my classmates and I refined them further to apply it in our social engagement experiment conducted on Day 3. The experiment aimed to investigate the Singaporeans' dream for Singapore in the coming years."
– Terrence Ng Shu Hao, Shooting Academy