

WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT, ACADEMY OF PRINCIPALS (SINGAPORE)

Welcome to Singapore!

Singapore is greatly honoured to be the host for the 9th World Convention of the International Confederation of Principals 2009.

We have chosen “Charting the New Education Landscape” as the theme for the Convention, conscious as we all are of the rapid changes overtaking the whole enterprise of learning and school management in this century where connectedness is the key word and yet where great disparities still remain between the developing and developed world, between rural and urban, between the have-nots and the haves.

This Convention will provide a unique opportunity for mutual sharing from perspectives both within and beyond education, from the practitioner and the systems-leaders, from those with a history of success and those waiting and working for breakthroughs. We hope to model what we truly believe – that learning is multi-faceted yet single in purpose – ***Capahan minda, temuan hati;***
万众一心 求同存异; பல சிந்தனைகள் ஒரே இதயத்துடிப்பு ;
Many minds, one heartbeat.

As you, in your capacity as a school leader, an educator, a researcher and a policy maker, travel this journey with us, I know we can look forward to significant contributions about those approaches and practices that make education meaningful for us and especially for our children, in your Conversations and papers.

We also strongly welcome you to visit our different educational institutions to see how our schools and post-secondary institutions have equipped themselves to provide opportunities for all because everyone matters.

In this week ahead, may you enjoy discovering the richness of the educational fraternity even as you take home memories that will be uniquely Singapore.

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