

233th TCU-ARL Seminar

SUTD - Redefining Education for the New AI World

Date: 17:30 – 18:30, December 1st 2025

Venue: 71A, Setagaya Campus, TUC

Abstract: In an era defined by artificial intelligence, climate challenges, and rapid digital transformation, universities must rethink how they nurture talent and innovation. This lecture explores how education can evolve to prepare the next generation of leaders, thinkers, creators, and problem-solvers for a world where technology and design converge.

Prof. Phoon Kok Kwang, President of the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), will share insights from SUTD's journey as it transforms into the world's first Design and AI University. SUTD was the first university to combine design thinking and tech innovation into its entire curriculum more than 15 years ago. He will discuss how design-led and human-centred approaches are being integrated with emerging technologies such as AI, robotics, and data science to cultivate agility, ethics, and imagination in education and research. The talk will also highlight Singapore's broader innovation ecosystem and how collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and borders can help shape a future-relevant model of higher learning.



Speaker:

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Bio: PHOON Kok-Kwang is President, Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). Concurrently, he is serving as the Deputy Chair of AI Singapore and a member of the Committee of Government Scientific Advisors. He has also served as the Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor (DCSA) to the National Research Foundation, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore.



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