

Felice

1. What inspired/motivated you to be a part of this debate event on corruption & integrity in Malaysia?

I'm motivated by the idea of learning about the opinions of other debaters as well as testing out my own opinions on this pressing issue. I feel that exposing the general public to these ideas would also be a great educational opportunity that I would love to be a part of.

2. In your opinion, how do you think debating a topic can help make a wider impact on this issue?

I have always believed that learning opportunities happen through increased exposure. When people are exposed to something, they are changed by it, no matter how imperceptible it may seem. The more we're exposed to different perspectives and ideas on this, the more we start to think about it and voice out. I believe that debating the topic can be a catalyst for changing the narratives and perceptions on that topic.

3. What drives your passion for debating?

Getting a better understanding of the world is what drives my passion for debating. I haven't encountered any better way to push myself to perceive the world in different dimensions.

4. What role do you feel the youth, such as yourself, can play in promoting integrity?

Youth like me have a responsibility to inform ourselves on the issues that are affecting us. Only with the truth can we make decisions with integrity and encourage others to do the same.

5. How do you think the youth are affected by corruption in Malaysia ?

Corruption is learned. When it prevails in the existing society, it is inevitable that the youth learn it. In the end, we widen the gap of inequality and reproduce a corrupt society that remains stagnant.

6. What change do you wish to see for a better Malaysia?

That people become less apathetic about what happens in society. People need to alter their negative mindsets on what they can do to make change and truly believe that every little step counts.

7. What is your stand on corruption?

I believe that corruption is a dangerous tool that further widens the inequality between the powerful and the powerless. When the more this happens, the further we entrench the powerless in poverty, discrimination, and abuse.

8. How should we prevent the youth from being influenced by corruption?

We need to prevent the youth from being influenced by corruption by embedding the values of integrity into education.

We have to expose them to models that stand up against integrity and show them the importance of that value.