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

I love my country and every opportunity I get to make it a marginally better place to live in is an opportunity I will take.

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

It creates a talking point. When 6 people engage in such a discussion, the same 6 people are more likely to engage in the same discussion again, but with others. If they truly support a particular side, the commitment to the issue increases.

3. What drives your passion for debating?

My passion for debating is driven by my love for orderly, intellectual discourse on issues that I find to be important. I can add that, my view of life and the world I live in is much better since I started debating; that must mean I should continue.

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

To promote integrity, I have to constantly remind the people around me and maybe even strangers online in a rational and polite manner as to when integrity is at risk.

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

Corruption affects everyone because everyone is a beneficiary of government spending, including the youth, especially when it comes to welfare and education. When financial or electoral systems are corrupted, the youth are affected with less resources like funding for educational facilities and have no method of

keeping a check and balance on those resources (with the help of their parents).

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

It would be nice to see less people (skilled labour and academia) leaving on the grounds that this country is not an accommodating place to live in. The government needs to be accommodating and that will have to include absolute equality.

7. What is your stand on corruption?

Corruption is terrible, but whats worse than that is when the check and balances within the system to corruption is also corrupted. We should seek to fix our institutions with the function of combating corruption.

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

Make the punishments for corruption heavier.