

Sarah

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

I was inspired to join this event when I heard of Transparency International's involvement. Being an NGO that monitors and publicly critiques on corporate and political corruption in Malaysia is surely not an easy job. In line with TI's goals to strength political will and increase public accountability, I believe such noble endeavours will surely make for a better Malaysia.

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

By debating such issues, we are creating greater awareness and showing these perpetrators of justice that we will not stay silent on such atrocities. Hopefully, this event can garner public awareness and provide support and courage to anti-corruption NGOs and whistleblowers alike.

3. What drives your passion for debating?

Debating forces an individual to be more open to discourse. It also equips an individual to be thorough in logical analysis and not merely fuelled with emotional aggression. Debating allows us to get to the bottom of issues.

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

Seeing that we are the next generation of leaders, it is of pivotal importance that anti-corruption education is assimilated to us. If youths are taught at a young age to scorn corruption and embezzlement, these lessons will not be far from them when they rise as future political leaders and CEOs of companies.

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

The money that is being laundered off could have been channeled to champion better education, healthcare and welfare programmes for youths and their households. But more than the material loss, is the loss of integrity, that Malaysians youths deem corruption as a norm and something that is even acceptable. That is atrocious.

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

I hope to see a progressive and ethical Malaysia that is willing to practice open tender in the corporate world, where companies are selected based on merit and not because of racial or religious bias. I also hope to witness a Malaysia that upholds integrity by actively clamming down on cases of corruption and embezzlement.

7. What is your stand on corruption?

I believe corruption is the stumbling block that hinders the prosperity and advancement of any nation. Choosing to do nothing about corruption is poor action in itself.

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

Youths need to understand that corruption is something that is unacceptable and a pest that needs eradication. This can be achieved by setting a culture of transparency, integrity and justice for youths to follow.