

## **Syed Saddiq**

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

You do not need an expert to tell you that Corruption negatively impacts all of us. Since corruption impacts us all (including myself). We have an obligation to act as a collective.

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

Debate liberates people from the clutches of entrenched dogmas and ignorance. It invites its followers to intellectually deconstruct and reconstruct ideas in an adversarial fashion which breeds a neutral and informative platform for the public's viewing.

3. What drives your passion for debating?

For the never ending pursuit of intellectual enlightenment. As a nationalist, I'm also keen on uplifting Malaysia's image in the eyes of the global community. Beating the best debaters from Oxbridge and the Ivy League tattoos Malaysia's name globally.

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

The youth should be more vocal of their rights. Corruption is a devil which destroys our future. We have an obligation to expunge it from our country. The youth should also be more proactive in policing these acts when they enter the workforce. Corruption feeds off an environment which tolerates it. We shouldn't provide that breeding ground.

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

Corruption undercuts meritocracy, the Rule of Law, future growth etc. These are all values which are needed to create a progressive and just world for the youth to live in when the chains of power are bequeathed to them.

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

A corruption-free Malaysia.

7. What is your stand on corruption?

Unequivocally against All forms of corruption.

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

By creating an environment which is staunchly against Corruption.  
The best way to combat corruption is to collectivize against it. We  
shouldn't only crack down on the "recipient" but also on the party  
which offers the bribe/corruption.