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

Corruption is one of Malaysia's most pressing issues. However, I feel we seldom have open discussions about Malaysia's biggest open secret. This event is an excellent way to make the exploration of the depth and magnitude of this problem, accessible to the public.

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

We Malaysian's complain about corruption over coffee all the time, but are often, guilty of its continued practice, whether directly, from being an active participant or indirectly, by keeping silent about it.

3. Perhaps the reason why we're lulled into grumpy indolence is because apathy is a normal response to a problem that seems so pervasive.

Debates help interrogate the issue, reveal solutions that were never once considered, and empower the public to deal with this problem.

4. What drives your passion for debating?

What drives me is a genuine thirst for knowledge and new perspectives. There is no other activity except debate that has forced me to interrogate my own views, consider the position of others and pursue areas of knowledge that I was previously unfamiliar with.

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

The youth play a vital role in eradicating corruption by being the most vocal and energized base of citizens to speak out against this disease.

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

It discourages meritocracy and normalizes a disrespect for the law. Corruption needs to be mercilessly combatted to restore the confidence of the youth in our institutions.

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

To see robust accountability measures in place, with active participation and engagement in maintaining the integrity of Malaysia's institutions by the general public.

8. What is your stand on corruption?

I am unapologetically and absolutely against all forms of corruption at every level of society.

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

By not allowing corruption to be another issue we tacitly swallow as part of the Malaysian story. The issue must be relentless pursued, and the youth be constantly reminded of its pernicious effects on society.