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ABOUT THE AI-POWERED LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In an age where intelligent machines are transforming industries and reshaping the future of work, leaders face unprecedented challenges—and opportunities. The critical question is no longer if organizations will adopt AI, but how leaders will guide this transformation with foresight, agility, and integrity.

Hosted by the Asia School of Business, this high-impact conference brings together global AI pioneers, visionary CEOs, and regional change-makers to explore how leadership must evolve in an increasingly intelligent world. From next-generation AI models and embodied robotics to enterprise-scale deployments, this event is designed to challenge your thinking, expand your foresight, and equip you with actionable strategies for leading boldly in a data-driven, AI-powered era.

More than just a conference, this is a strategic reset for leaders at the intersection of innovation, ethics, and competitive strategy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- **Spot trends in AI and emerging tech shaping industries and workforces**
- **Lead with AI to balance human empathy and intelligent systems**
- **Gain insights from global and regional leaders on responsible AI adoption**
- **Build resilience, trust, and digital fluency to navigate disruption**
- **Lead agile, innovative, and ethical teams for the future**

Who Should Attend

This conference is for leaders, professionals, and innovators who want to understand and apply AI, including:

- Business and public sector leaders exploring AI for strategy, governance, and competitiveness.
- Entrepreneurs and functional heads integrating AI into products, services, and workflows.
- Technology and data professionals seeking practical, cross-industry applications.
- Academics, educators, and nonprofit leaders using AI for research, teaching, and social impact.
- Anyone who is AI-curious and keen to explore the future of AI in business and society.

PROGRAM AGENDA

2 December 2025 | Tuesday

0800 **Registration & Breakfast**

0900 **Welcoming Remarks** | Joseph Cherian

0910 **Opening Remarks by Guest of Honor** | YB Gobind Singh Deo

0925 **Opening Keynote | Leadership in the Age of AI: Balancing Algorithms with Humanity** | Sanjay Sarma

0945 **Special Keynote | Raising AI: Leading the Next Generation of Intelligence** | De Kai

1045 **Demo | A Rapid AI Showcase - Part 1 (Faculty of Innovation & Technology, Taylor's University)**

1100 **Networking Tea Break**

1115 **Demo | A Rapid AI Showcase - Part 2 (DJI Enterprise)**

1130 **Panel Session | Leadership: Riding the GenAI Disruption**

1230 **Demo | A Rapid AI Showcase - Part 3 (Anygraph)**

1240 **Networking Lunch + Exhibition Visit + Book Signing with De Kai**

1400 **Ready, Set, Kahoot and Win!!** ***(Over RM50,000 worth of prizes to be won!)***

1410 **Guest Keynote | The Tao of Leadership in the Age of AI** | Brian A. Wong

1455 **Demo | A Rapid AI Showcase - Part 4 (LedgerBrains)**

1505 **Panel Session | The Importance of Cybersecurity in the Age of AI**

1605 **Networking Tea Break**

1620 **Ready, Set, Kahoot and Win!!** ***(Over RM50,000 worth of prizes to be won!)***

1630 **Closing Keynote | From Humans to Humanoids: The Future of Work and AI** | Hiroshi Ishiguro

1730 **End of Conference**

SPEAKERS

YB Gobind Singh Deo
Minister of Digital, Government of Malaysia

Prof. De Kai
AI pioneer, Inventor of online language translation | Professor at HKUST & Berkeley | Independent Director, The Future Society

Prof. Sanjay Sarma
Professor of Mechanical Engineering, MIT | Eminent Visiting Professor, ASB

Prof. Joseph Cherian
CEO, President, Dean and Distinguished Professor, Asia School of Business

Prof. Hiroshi Ishiguro
"Father of Humanoids" | CEO, Hiroshi Ishiguro Laboratories | Director, Intelligence Robotics Laboratory, Osaka University

Brian A. Wong
Entrepreneur and investor, ex-Alibaba Special Assistant to the Chairman

Prof. Ong Shien Jin
Professor of Practice, AI & Analytics, Asia School of Business

Prof. David Asirvatham
Professor of Practice AI & Technology, Asia School of Business

David Rajoo
ASEAN Senior Solutions Engineer, Microsoft Security, Microsoft

Dr Noor Afiza Razali
Director, Capacity Building and Project Management, National Cyber Security Agency (NACSA), Malaysia

Dragana Beara
APAC Head, Google Workspace at Google Cloud | AI, GenAI, Productivity & Innovation Leader | Advocate for Inclusive Innovation

Mistika Idris
Head of Public Policy, Malaysia, Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Dr. Dmitry Vedenyapin
CTO & Founder, Peakflo, Singapore

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DE KAI | SPECIAL KEYNOTE

Author of the acclaimed new book Raising AI (MIT Press, June 2025), **Professor De Kai**'s work building the web's first language translator and inventing groundbreaking language models spawned Microsoft, Yahoo, and Google translate. For his contributions in AI, natural language processing, and machine learning, De Kai was honored by the Association for Computational Linguistics as one of seventeen Founding Fellows.

De Kai holds joint appointments at HKUST's Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Berkeley's International Computer Science Institute. He is Independent Director of the AI ethics think tank The Future Society, and was one of eight inaugural members of Google's AI ethics council. His research, policy, and public awareness work on polarization, bias, misinformation, and bridging cultures spans artificial intelligence, cognition, language, music, creativity, ethics, society, and policy.

His book ***Raising AI*** has earned awards and accolades from across all sectors:

*"**A new framework for navigating AI's influence**, this book is a must-read" - JPMorgan SUMMER READING LIST 2025 | Fortune CNBC Quartz Yahoo Entrepreneur AOL Yahoo Finance*

*"**An accessible and authoritative guide to AI**—as well as a framework of empowerment" - The Next Big Idea Club JUNE 2025 MUST READS | Malcolm Gladwell, Adam Grant, Susan Cain, Daniel Pink, curators*

*"**A deeply human dive into the AIs transforming our world**... evokes Jorge Luis Borges' tale of a mapmaking process so exacting it grows as large as the world it represents" - Kirkus Reviews*

*"A bold vision... thought-provoking and **a timely wake-up call**" - Science*

"A big, change-your-behavior epiphany... beautiful, even profound... champions the pivotal role of personal responsibility for each of us... our AI offspring are evolving toward agency and sentience, interacting with us, with each other, with the world at large" - Forbes

"Compelling ... charts a path toward greater understanding between biological and artificial intelligences... We need AIs helping us rapidly evolve culturally to keep pace with AI hyperevolution instead of triggering us to regress unconsciously into tribalism and irrationality" - Foreword Reviews

*"**Cuts to the heart of how society views AI**... humans should reassess their relationship with AI and train it better, just as parents invest a great deal of care and effort in raising their children" - Tatler*

*"A powerful reframe: **AI bots are neither gods nor slaves**; they're imitative, neuroatypical, attention-seeking children... **how's your parenting**?" - Esther Perel*

*"**AI is more akin to climate change than a geopolitical challenge**, requiring a new way of thinking" - South China Morning Post*

*"**Eye-opening**... how partial truths are a threat to democracy" - TEDx EDITOR'S PICK*

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SANJAY SARMA | OPENING KEYNOTE

Sanjay Sarma, distinguished leader in academia and business, is professor of mechanical engineering at MIT. Until May 2025, he was CEO, President, and Dean of the Asia School of Business. He co-founded the Auto-ID Center at MIT, pioneering the technical concepts and standards of modern RFID. Today, the suite of standards developed by the Auto-ID Center, called EPC, has become a global standard utilized by over a thousand companies. Sarma also previously chaired the Auto-ID Research Council, establishing six labs worldwide. He co-founded OATSystems, later acquired by Checkpoint Systems, and serves on the boards of several companies including Aclara Resources (TSX:ARA) and Rekor Systems (NASDAQ:REKR).

Sarma received his PhD from the University of California at Berkeley, his Masters from Carnegie Mellon University and his Bachelors from the Indian Institute of Technology. His expertise includes RFID, sensors, manufacturing, autonomy, AI, sustainability and innovation. He has authored over 150 publications and played a key role in India's Aadhaar unique ID system. Sarma's contributions have been recognized with multiple awards, including the MIT MacVicar Fellowship and National Science Foundation CAREER Award. He has been honored by Business Week, Fast Company, and RFID Journal for his innovations.

In addition to his academic achievements, Sarma has been highly influential in education, helping establish Singapore University of Technology and Design, serving as the first Director of Digital Learning at MIT and as the Vice President for Open learning at MIT. His initiatives include MIT Open Learning, MicroMasters, the Jameel World Education Lab, the MIT Integrated Learning Initiative and MIT xPro. Sarma's multifaceted career is a testament to his commitment to innovation, education, and technological advancement.

HIROSHI ISHIGURO | CLOSING KEYNOTE

Hiroshi Ishiguro received a Ph. D. from Osaka University, Japan in 1991. He is currently Professor of Department of Systems Innovation at Osaka University, Visiting Director of Hiroshi Ishiguro Laboratories at the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute (ATR), Project Manager of MOONSHOT R&D Project, Thematic Project Producer of EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, and CEO of AVITA, Inc. His research interests are interactive robotics, avatar, and android science. Geminoid is an avatar android that is a copy of himself. In 2011, he won the Osaka Cultural Award. In 2015, he received the Prize for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. He was also awarded the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Award in Dubai in 2015. Tateisi Award in 2020, and honorary doctorate of Aarhus university in 2021.

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BRIAN A. WONG | GUEST KEYNOTE

Brian A. Wong is an entrepreneur, investor, and author. He was the first American and the fifty-second employee to join Alibaba Group, where he played a key role in the company's early globalization efforts and served as Jack Ma's special assistant for international affairs. He is the author of the award-winning management book ***The Tao of Alibaba*** (www.tao-of-alibaba.com), published by Hachette's PublicAffairs imprint.

Today, Brian serves as Managing Director of the Aspen China Fellows Program. He continues to teach entrepreneurship programs and invests in AI-powered technology ventures through his angel fund, Seacliff Partners Limited. He is also the founder of RADII (www.radii.co), a digital media platform dedicated to fostering East–West understanding.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, the Johns Hopkins–Nanjing University Center, and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Brian has been recognized as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, is a China Fellow at the Aspen Institute, and a member of the Thinkers50 Radar class. He serves on the Swarthmore College Board of Managers and its AI Task Force, and is also a board member of the Committee of 100.

Based in Hong Kong, Brian is regularly featured in international media such as Bloomberg, Reuters, and the Financial Times. His expertise bridges the digital economy, entrepreneurship, and inclusive development.

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