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### **Business Indonesia-Singapore Association Held a Community Development Program to Help Singapore in Achieving Unity in Diversity!**

Singapore July 14, 2021 - Business Indonesia-Singapore Association (BISA) had wrapped up its community development program, Ignite. Integrate. Shape., a three-week online program that started on June 19th and ended on July 10th, 2021.

An esteemed panel of speakers from diverse industries and backgrounds, Dr Vivian Passion Koh (Mrs Singapore Asia-Pacific 2019), Rendy Tan Ravi (Founder of SyncFlow), Stephanus Widjaja (Founder of BISA), and Dr Augus Lee (Chairman of INCARE ASIA) lead the way by inspiring people to try doing small things to spark a change in our society, showing us how a diverse society like Singapore can solve problems and achieve goals that are impossible to accomplish individually through collective intelligence.

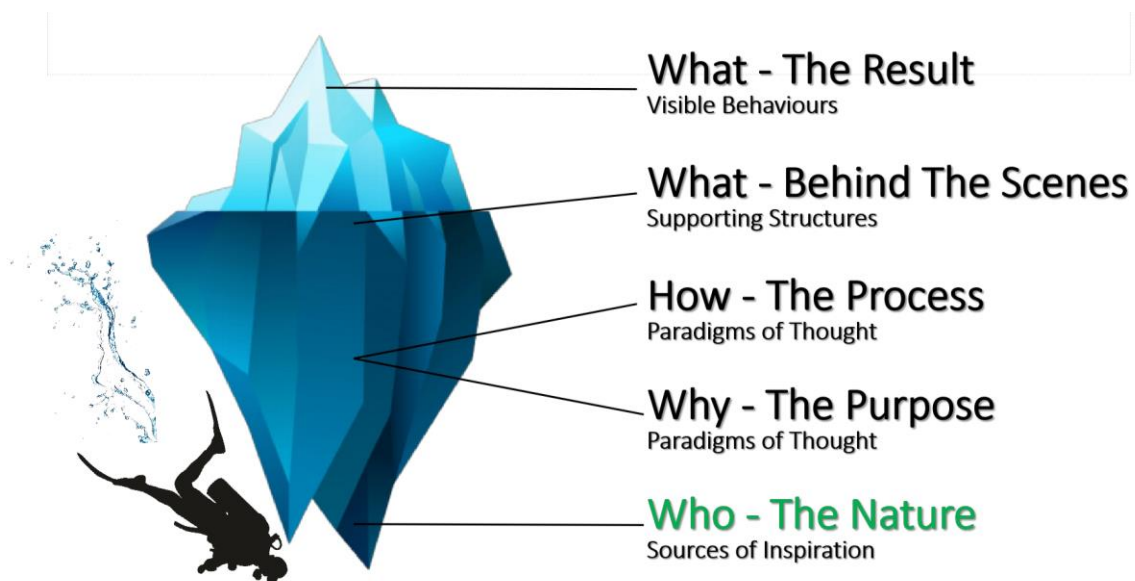
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The program was divided into four sessions: Event opening, Dialogue part 1 and 2, Jerusalema Dance Project, and Event closing, emphasising on bringing **unity in diversity** for community development. Over 100 participants and volunteers from all walks of life joined to interact with people from diverse backgrounds through stories, games, and dance projects. “Ignite. Integrate. Shape. Allowed us to speak up and be listened without any judgement. Turned out I found a few good friends there” said Tommy Hartono, an Indonesian business developed manager that has lived in Singapore for five years. “Throughout the event, I got to meet so many people with various backgrounds. I also learned about the importance of integration in Singapore” said Titansqa Tan, a university student.

The community development program penetrated deep beyond the obvious, helping people from all cultures and nations to understand the process, purpose, and sources of

inspiration for enjoying a better life in Singapore. A movement leading the charge in building a truly organic, authentic and mature modern society.

We attribute the success to the immense energy put into the preparation. From operations, IT, marketing, design and especially the facilitating team from SyncFlow LLP in getting the volunteers ready to create a safe and supported environment for Trust to be established. Through applying the Art of Dialogue, we managed any tensions and uncertainties that might emerge, uncover our individual and society blindspots allows us to go deep into the root of the obstacles that keep us from uniting in diversity.



These are what we have uncovered in our dialogues.

1. The sense of kinship between diverse individuals is the foundation of Singapore's independence.
2. While we adapt and eventually appreciate diverse cultures, it takes an open mind, open heart and open will to make it happen. Be the one to take the first step.
3. Though cultures can be different, food, music, dance and stories, are some of the things that help us connect, experience and appreciate diversity.
4. Unity and diversity start from home. Unlearn the division and learn the beauty of being unique beyond the majority or minority, who follows who.



5. For unity and diversity to happen, we require both top-down and bottom-up approaches to move towards to middle for long-term harmony and cohesive Singapore.
6. With the right heart and intention, we can achieve greatness and much more together! With Love, Purpose and Gratitude!

BISA has been showing the way for bridging differences and uplifting communities for long for building up a **cohesive society**. They are also conducting the Indonesia Start-Up Insight program in November this year, an annual competition for start-ups based in Indonesia and established by an Indonesian diaspora.

Visit <https://integrationcommunity.sg/> for more information.

## Keynote Speakers for IIS 2021



Rendy Tan (Ravi)

*Trainer*

Courage – Trust – Collaboration

### **I AM SYNCFLOW**

Rendy Tan Ravi with the support of Dr Vivian Passion Koh to bring Heartware Innovation to organisations and communities within Singapore and the Asia Pacific Region.

SyncFlow was established to help businesses, society and self to build Trust across cultures, sectors and unique differences globally with newfound courage, emerging possibilities and potentials for cooperation and collaboration.

SyncFlow tackles the challenges at the root, uncovers the blind spots in your leadership culture. Unlock the true potential been stifled.

SyncFlow understands the tension and uncertainty that comes with change. We create safe and supported environments that stretch individuals out of their comfort zone.



Dr. Vivian Passion Koh

*Guest Speaker*

She is Mrs Singapore Asia Pacific 2019 and was awarded the TKS Crown for Compassion 2020 and Ms Elegance 2019. She is a serial entrepreneur of various businesses.

She is now on a global mission to educate, inspire, and change the world through her Pay Kindness Forward movement, which will be a catalyst to achieve the United Nations 17th Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Her life mission is to connect, inspire, and empower like-minded people to pursue their passion in life with passion, love, and gratitude.

Her satisfaction and fulfilment come from igniting each unique individual to discover their hidden talents through self-awareness and to unlock and develop their full potential so that they can pursue their passion in life with passion, love, and gratitude.



Dr. August TK Lee

*Guest Speaker*

Chairman of INCARE ASIA

Concept and Strategy, Partnership - Baader Asia (German group of companies, currently CEO, Regional President Asia), KSB Asia Pacific (German group of companies, public listed, Regional President Asia Pacific, 16 years), Founder of KSB CARE, Executive Director of United Tractors (Astra Group, public listed, 8 years), member of YDBA Astra, Founder of Indonesian Professional Association Singapore, Honorary Business Advisor of SBF.



Stephanus Titus Widjaja

*Organizer*

Stephanus Titus Widjaja is the Founder and Director of BISA [www.bisakita.com](http://www.bisakita.com). He serves as a representative for several companies in Singapore and Indonesia.

He is active in several networking communities in Singapore and Indonesia. His passion for business networking with other diaspora communities contributes to Indonesia's integration within world markets through Singapore as one of the leading business hubs in Asia.

As an entrepreneur, he believes that every challenge creates an opportunity, which he welcomes every day with a big heart and a big smile. Besides the Integration Community initiative, one of his signature annual events for startups is <https://id.startupinsight.asia/>



Henry Tan

Co-Facilitator

I am presently working in the education sector organising academic competitions and assessments as well as training. I provide support in Human resources, global support operations and training.

I believe in giving back to society, to the best of my capabilities.

Prior to this, I was in treasury operations in the banking industry for 18 years dealing and managing trading activities. The entrepreneurial calling brought me 10 years of experience in managing a manufacturing concern in Johore, plus 7 years of operations and managing a college and start-up International school overseas.



Suryakenchana

*Guest Speaker*

Suryakenchana is among the first-generation born in Singapore. His parents were from Central Java. He is the co-founder of the Javanese Singaporeans Facebook group and country coordinator for the Javanese Diaspora Network. He has been active in the community and social services as a volunteer since he was 16 Yr old. Now he spends more time sharing Javanese traditional knowledge and cultural heritage.

**Sriven Naidu**

*Guest Speaker*

He has more than 20 years of experience in education, personal development and training across 3 continents. He is currently Executive-in-Residence at IMD, the Swiss Business school ranked #1 for Executive Education by the Financial Times for 2018-2020.

He was most recently an executive development consultant to CapitaLand, and Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts where he: designed Talent and Leadership Development programs that emphasize Learning Agility and Organizational Resilience.

Sriven is also a founding member of the SE Asia chapter of the Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR) and Global Ambassador for the Royal Society for the Arts (UK). He is an experienced certified executive coach currently engaged to help coach 24 of the top executives in an Indonesian state-owned company desiring transformation.





Dra. Enda Wulandari, M.Sc

*Guest Speaker*

In 1993, Dra. Enda Wulandari, M.Sc started her service at Bureau for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Culture. Her first five-year work was related to Multilateral and Regional Affairs on Education. Funded by The British Council, she pursued Master Degree in Project Planning and Management at the University of Bradford, in 1999. Coming back from the study, she continued contributing or even participating in several workshops and events such as ASEAN Student Exchange, Indonesia-Japan Friendship Program for the 21st Century, Workshop on Free Trade, etc. In 2006, she left for United States to get responsibility as assistant for Attaché of Education in the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C. She spent almost four years in the US to work in the embassy and met many relevant persons from US institutions to develop Indonesian-US cooperation on education. She came back to Indonesia in 2011 to manage the Regional and Multilateral desk before having responsible In 2012 to 2018 as the Head Division of International Cooperation – Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia. As the head of the division, she worked together with various international/ multilateral/ regional/ bilateral agencies and foreign governments in implementing international cooperation and engagement on education and culture. Since 2018 she has been assigned as Education and Culture Attaché at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore



Eka Mardiarti

*Business Development/Chief Operation Officer for Asia Region and Singapore*

Business Development/ Chief Operation Manager for Asia Region; Singapore, Philippines, East Timor and Indonesia for Telcos, Manufacturing, Health, Retailers, Stock trading, Recruitment, Loyalty program, Consultancy and Education.

Sales & Marketing for Stag Match Pte Ltd

Charity works- Verdeka Recycle Lda for recycle collection and recycle house building for impoverished families in Timor Leste (East Timor).



Alan Wong

*Co-Facilitator*

“Empathy at Heart | Kindness in Actions” is a motto that Alan lives by. He constantly practises his motto by applying a “People-Centric” approach in the areas of training development, business collaborations, community services and parenthood.

With a strong passion to encourage youths to develop their “empathy muscles”, he started a voluntary initiative named “CloverHearts (Singapore)” with his ex-students to develop empathy through acts of kindness through various projects.

Don’t be surprised if he asks his favourite question “How do you practise empathy today?” when he meets you. It will be his honour to connect.



Aung Pye Tun

*Guest Speaker*

Aung Pye Tun is a Knowledge Curator. He seeks, curates and delivers knowledge. He uses his extensive knowledge of Philosophy, Psychology and Leadership to transform mindsets, habits and processes in people and organisations. He is an expert in Social-Emotional Leadership (SEL) which is the form of Leadership based on developing the right character and competence.

He has worked with many international and local organizations in developing Strategies, Organisational Cultures and Leadership. He is also the CEO and Founder of FranklinCovey Myanmar.

FranklinCovey is the top 20 company in leadership development in the world. Before he became the CEO, he has worked for some of the biggest companies in Oil & Gas, Construction and Defence industries in Africa, the Middle-East, Europe and Asia.

Andrew Glass

*Guest Speaker*

Avatar Commodities – Founder & CEO

Viridios Capital – Head Sales & Partnerships



Andrew has had a diverse career in international commodities for over 25 years, posted in four continents, in a variety of disciplines with a range of physical trading & financial organisations. Each role

has had him successfully leading & developing businesses, creating sustainable value in varied products & services across agriculture, energy, mined resources & carbon markets.

Recently he has added carbon emissions & ESG to his expertise in joining Viridios Capital that utilises unique AI technology to value the taxonomy of attributes in the voluntary carbon markets, including sustainability co-benefits



Nomita Dhar

*Guest Speaker*

Managing Director of Sun Media Pte Ltd, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of IndoConnect Magazine and IN Diplomacy Magazine as well as Founder of ON MOTI BASECAMP Six Steps to Success

Ms Nomita has helmed Sun Media for more than 20 years and the company is focused on providing communication services to Singapore's and the international diplomatic community. These include print, online, broadcast and social media channels as well as organising events (most recently online conferences/webinars).

Ms Nomita cut her teeth as a journalist covering the crime beat in an Indian daily Times of India newspaper before moving to Singapore in 1995. In the following year, she established Sun Media Pte Ltd with several titles covering Diplomacy, Foreign Policy, Trade and Investment news for foreign embassies in Singapore. She has a Masters in Journalism and Communication from the University of

Pune and a Bachelors in English Literature. She has two children: Son, Arjun Dhar, a Jardine Scholar who studied law at Cambridge UK and daughter Nikita is studying in Georgetown University, Washington DC.



KAWASAKI Zen-Ichiro

*Guest Speaker*

KAWASAKI Zen-Ichiro, has been developing a wide variety of remote sensing systems such as lightning mappers and precipitation radars and studying the mechanism of lightning discharges and their related phenomena with their own developed observation equipments.

One of the outstanding researches in his career is to develop VHF broadband digital interferometers and an observations with the VHF broadband interferometers. He conducted observation campaign in Darwin, Australia, for more than a decade and revealed important new information about the leader developments.



Sebastian Sim

*Guest Speaker*

Sebastian Sim is the Cybersecurity Business Leader for Honeywell Building Technologies (ASEAN) and specializes in securing Operational Technology (OT) and Industrial Control Systems (ICS). Having more than 15 years of professional experience in the domain of cybersecurity and digital transformation, he has a unique understanding of the mega-trends driving constant change in the

landscape. He is also passionate about how disruptive technology in the market has made our approach towards Cybersecurity differently.

Prior to joining Honeywell, Sebastian worked for several major organizations and government agencies, managing several high-profile projects, G2G ICT policy development and business development in Critical Infrastructure.

Sebastian has contributed thought leadership speaking in various industry conferences and has been privileged to serve as a member of the Technical committee in a Higher Learning Institute to provide advisory on the design of cybersecurity course curriculum.



Tatiana Gromenko

*Guest Speaker*

A digital marketer and an entrepreneur, in the past 3 years Tatiana has grown a #1 digital platform about SG in the Indonesian language (SGB) and has built an Indonesian community in SG, helping Singapore brands to reach out to these audiences.



C. Correa

*Guest Speaker*

Heart and Mind Transformation Strategist // Best-selling Author. Born in the south of France, Cécile Correa is originally from Guinéa-Bissau. She has been an expatriate since 2002 and she now lives in Singapore.

Cécile has had humble beginnings as she started as a housekeeper and worked her way up in less than 4 years by becoming a Managing Director of her own company. She believes in the power of love and strength and as Heart and Mind Transformation Strategist, she is successfully helping ladies in their 40th to move forward towards their goals and achieve them. She is also the Best-selling author of the book titled “A Truth About...”



Michael Goutama

*Guest Speaker*

Chairman of Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s (Kadin) Singapore Committee



Paulo Roxas Lalaguna

*Guest Speaker*

Licensed Professional Electronics Engineer (Philippines) and Registered ASEAN Engineer, with 19 years’ experience and training in the field of Systems Integration and Project Engineering for various Electronic Security & Communications Systems.

He is living in Singapore since 2007 and had provided his technical expertise for several prominent events such as the Singapore Youth Olympic Games in 2010 as well as the General and Presidential Elections in 2011. He is currently employed as a Senior System Engineer in NEC Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., delivering communications system solutions in the local and regional Railway Industry.

He had served as Governor for the ROS-registered, Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines – Singapore Chapter. Through this organization, the Filipino Electronics Engineers in Singapore have had opportunities to contribute voluntary works to organizations like the Willing Hearts and the Singapore Red Cross Society.



Diana David

*Guest Speaker*

Diana David is an adroit professional in Admissions and Marketing in Higher Education. She has a wide set of knowledge in Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Executive MBA Programs that has brought her success in the Education Industry. Currently, she leads student recruitment for the Executive MBA Program for On-Campus, Blended Learning in Singapore, and Executive MBA – (Engaged Learning Online). She is responsible for the markets across South East Asia, at S P Jain School of Global Management in Singapore. Showing a strong passion for leadership, a flare for mentorship, coaching and development, Diana believes that greatness does not come with power but through the ability to empower others.

Prior to the Higher Education Industry, Diana perfected essential Team & People, and Quality Managerial skills, as well as becoming a multiskilled project manager after being 11 years in the Contact Centre Operations Industry. Part of her professional formation in Singapore involves in-house training for Team Leaders and Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt.



For 5 years Diana has been managing call centers and has held leadership positions in customer service. Her flexibility, adaptability, and initiative allowed her to get involved in a diverse portfolio of projects. For instance, her experience ranges from developing Government projects to meeting projects KPI. Moreover, she has been involved in Corporate Training, Customer Service for the telecommunications giant in Singapore, by managing the team's daily operational growth and productivity.