



National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN)

CLOSING REMARKS

14th SENIOR EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SEDP) 2021: DEVELOPING AN INNOVATIVE AND RESILIENT NATION

BY

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**FRIDAY, 4 JUNE 2021
12.00 p.m – 12.30 p.m**

ZOOM:

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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good afternoon to all.

Mr Roger Tan

Assistant Chief Executive (International), CSC

Dr. Azmi Omar

Head of Corporate and International Unit, INTAN

Ladies and Gentlemen, participants of the 14th Senior Executive Development Programme.

1. It gives me great pleasure to be with all of you here, on the closing ceremony of the 14th Senior Executive Development Programme (SEDP) 2021.
2. First of all, congratulations to all participants who have been able to complete the programme successfully.

Secondly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Civil Service College, our co-organiser, to make this programme a success. This programme would have been impossible without the support of each and every one present here. As we all know, SEDP a yearly programme. It is supposed to be a 2 week programme, one week in Singapore and one week in Malaysia. But, due to the pandemic, the programme was put on hold last year, with us being optimistic that everything would be back to normal and we can have the programme

like before. However, things didn't get any better, so both CSC and INTAN decided to proceed and have this programme virtually.

Distinguished Participants, ladies and gentlemen,

3. SEDP was initiated based on the importance and needs of today's challenging working environment facing by the public service. As civil servants in this globalized era, expectations of stakeholders and nations, have increased by leaps and bounds. In order to cope in this disruptive age, we have to constantly enhance and upgrade, our knowledge and skills, and acquire the ability, to withstand challenging and pressing situations, by developing self-resilience and also team-resilience at workplace.
4. As senior government officials, all of you are being groomed to perform at higher standards, to shoulder greater responsibilities and accountabilities, to be effective leaders, and able to perform under pressure and in critical times.
5. Apart from upskilling, this programme does not only aim to provide insights, into the public service systems of both countries, but also to provide opportunities, to foster and forge closer relations, between civil servants from our countries. Therefore, the networking you develop here will immensely benefit you. One advantage of good networking and partnerships, is that they allow us to attain benefits way beyond what can be achieved as individuals.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. I strongly believe the theme, “Developing an Innovative and Resilient Nation”, serves as an opportune moment to improvise, discuss, emulate, and discover better solutions upon the problems, we similarly face now. I am compelled to the amazing line up of speakers and experts who spoke on this programme. The programme schedule, brushes upon a spectrum, of exciting and benefitting topics that discuss the aspects, of each Government’s coordinated responses in managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

And one of it was sharing of experience by one of INTAN’s Regional Campus Director when our INTAN Sabah Campus was turned into Covid-19 Quarantine & Treatment Center.

7. I believe all participants, had the opportunity to understand, and blend both theoretical and practical dimensions, together with the enriching professional experiences, in managing various aspects in times of crisis;- ranging from the economic and social responses, optimising resources, and adopting innovation as solutions.
8. I also hope that what we have learnt, and shared on this course, can be an inspiration, and bring great values, to further serve our nations, at greater speed and efficacy.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. Before we bid our farewells, once again, I would like to convey my heartiest gratitude, to Civil Service College. A special thank you and congratulations to INTAN and Civil Service College SEDP Programme Managers, Ms. Zarifah Zahidi and Ms. Genevieve Lee for your impeccable work and efforts, and successfully organized the first virtual SEDP. Also, not to forget, the excellent Curator, Mr. Winston Tan, for your great stewardship in steering the sessions, with the participants, and taking the online learning experience to a whole new level. I would like to also thank everyone in the coordinating teams for your time and efforts. Also, congratulations once again to all participants and thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm during the whole programme.

10. With that note, I officially close the 14th Senior Executive Development Programme. I wish you the very best in your career endeavours and I pray for your safety always. Take care everyone...

Thank you.

Wabillahitaufig walhidayah wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi
wabarakatuh

Time	Session
12.00 pm – 12.05 am	Greetings by Master of Ceremony
12.05 pm – 12.10 pm	Closing Remarks by Mr Roger Tan, Assistant Chief Executive (International), CSC
12.10 pm – 12.15 pm	Closing Remarks by Mdm. Salinah Ismail Senior Deputy Director of INTAN
Group Photo & End of Ceremony	

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