



# POLYTECHNIC FORUM 2022

*Programme Booklet*  
#PolyForum22

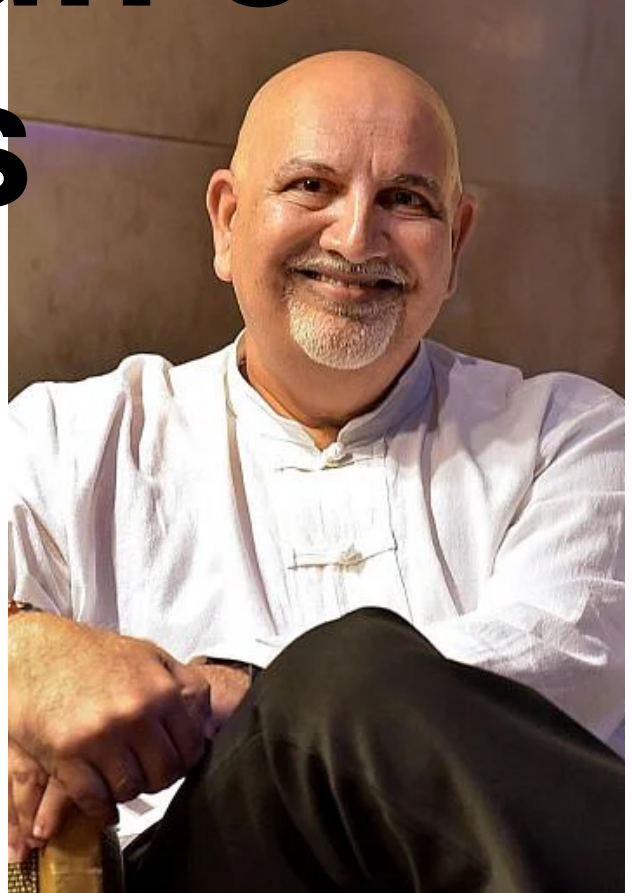
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# Chairman's Address



**Mr Ganesh Kalyanam**  
Chairman, Polytechnic Forum 2022

Director, Office of Student and Graduate Affairs  
Republic Polytechnic

Welcome to Polytechnic Forum 2022.

It is always a pleasure to have students from all the polytechnics coming together to form friendships and engage in topics that would shape their futures. This year after consulting several groups of students from various institutions, we chose the theme of **“Building A Caring Nation – One People, One Nation?”**.

COVID-19 has thrown up many fault lines within the Singapore society. Taking a leaf from our pledge, “We the citizens of Singapore pledge ourselves as one united people regardless of race language or religion.... Based on justice and equality.... Achieve happiness prosperity and progress for our nation”, the forum will examine what the pledge means to Singaporeans and whether we have stayed true it, thus the question mark at the end of the theme. Will the question mark that remains unanswered or can we turn it into an exclamation mark, rallying us together is what you need to decide.

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In PF2022, we will explore the following social divides that may prevent us from our ideal being One People, One Nation:

- Gender Equality
- Physical and Mental Health Challenges
- Race Divide
- Socioeconomic Divide

You will also be exposed to both safe facilitation skills and mediation skills. These sessions will equip you with various collaboration skills such as identifying and managing conflicts; handling difficult conversations; steps to accurate ground sensing; mediation techniques; agreeing to disagree; dealing with prejudice; and fostering collaborations, integration and inclusion, all within a safe space. I hope these skills will be useful to you not only during your discussions on the sub-topics but also in your engagement with fellow students at your respective institutions after PF 2022.

I am not expecting a silver bullet to solve all these issues, but I do hope that at the end of PF 2022, you will have greater awareness of the issues at hand, what is already being done and what else needs to be addressed and acted upon. What we, as a society can do the address the gaps identified? What can you as an individual do to address the gaps identified.

Build your networks and make friends across polytechnics. Invest in your own social “networth”, uncover your own personal biases, perspectives, and strengths. Appreciate the multitude of ideas, viewpoints, and initiatives. I have faith that with you as the future leaders of Singapore, the nation is in good hands.

Above all I urge you to have fun!

Warmest Regards,  
Mr Ganesh Kalyanam (Papa Bear)  
Chairman, Polytechnic Forum 2022  
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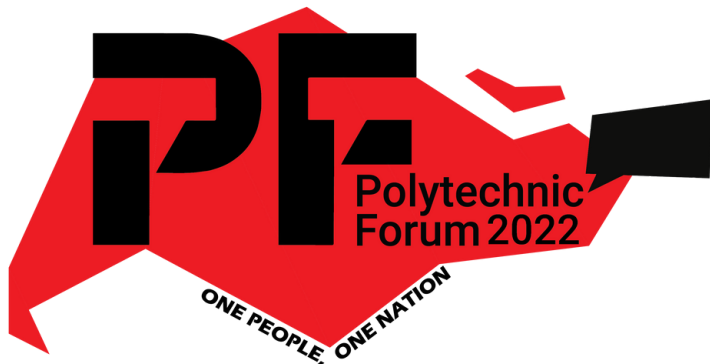


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# Forum Overview



# Polytechnic Forum 2022



## **BUILDING A CARING NATION - ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION?**

COVID-19 has thrown up many fault lines within the Singapore society. Taking a leaf from our pledge, “We the citizens of Singapore pledge ourselves as one united people regardless of race language or religion.... Based on justice and equality.... Achieve happiness prosperity and progress for our nation”, the forum will examine what the pledge means to Singaporeans and whether we have stayed true it.

The theme keeps in line with Minister Ong Ye Kung’s recent speech at Singapore Perspectives 2022 where he shared, “This makes nation building a long term, subconscious process. A nations’ people will need to have common experiences, and go through trials and tribulations together. Over time, this togetherness will forge common ideals that transcend primordial tribal instincts, and overcome forces that deepen social fault lines.” He went on to say, “That the consistent strengths of the institutions of state will always strive to ensure justice and fairness to all, uphold meritocracy, bring out the best of people, bridge our divides and put us on the right path for the long term.”



# Polytechnic Forum Themes

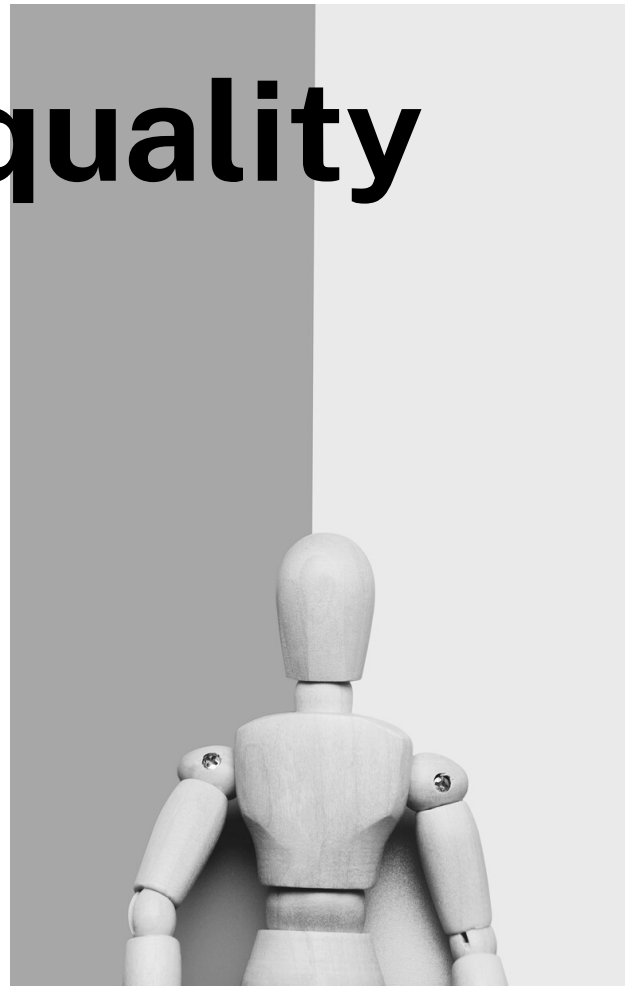
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Participants will examine these issues from our local perspective as a city state, whilst being able to contrast the differences amidst our connections with ASEAN and global nations. The topics will be explored through the lens of the delegates with keynote speaker sessions, learning journeys, experiential activities, constructive discussions, and self- reflection.



# Gender Equality

On 28th March 2022, the Singapore Government released the White Paper on Singapore Women's Development following the Conversations on Singapore Women's Development sessions which completed in 2021. The review looked at what can be done to protect women from family violence, promote equality of opportunities for women, protect them from sexual harassment, assault and workplace discrimination as well as recognising the integral roles played by women at home as wives, mothers, caregivers and homemakers. The students in this subtheme will explore these topics and what has been done since the White Paper and how they can close the gap.



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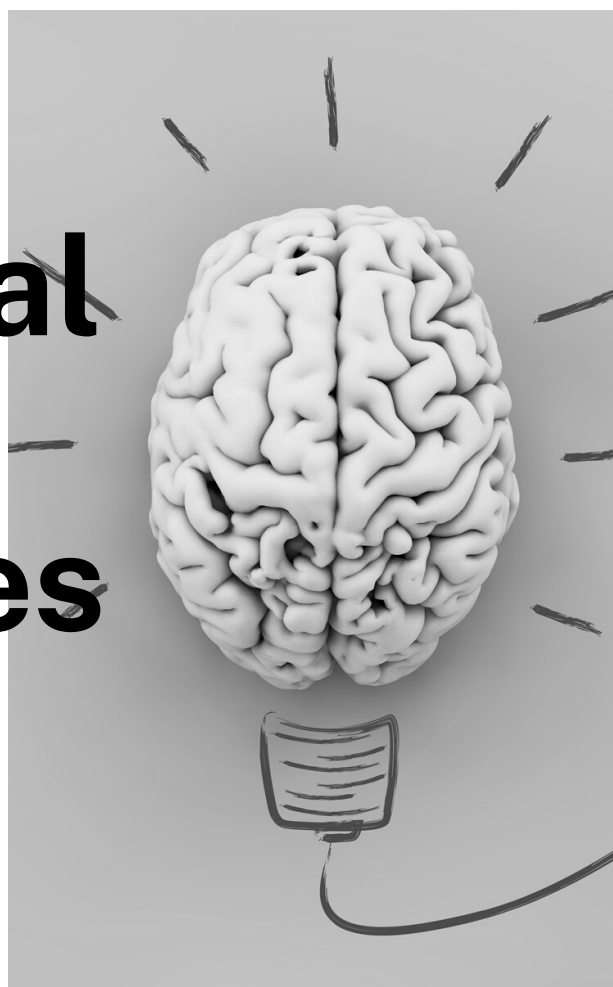
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Lead Facilitator: Josefina Seow	RP
Assistant Lead Facilitator: Emily Tan	RP
Facilitators:	
James Chan	NYP
Chong Ching Liang	NP
Charmaine Oei	TP



# Physical and Mental Health Challenges

In recent years a lot has been done to support those who are disabled like supporting our Paralympic athletes and building of accessibility features like ramps within the housing estates. However, there is still much more to be done to help change mindsets about mental and physical disabilities. This subtheme wants students to get a good grasp on what has been done and what role they can play to make Singapore a more welcoming space.



## FACILITATION TEAM

Lead Facilitator: Mandy Low	RP
Assistant Lead Facilitator: Leong Yihui	RP
Facilitators:	
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# Race Divide

Being a multicultural society, any disharmony among races can be disastrous. The peace and unified identity that Singapore has can be lost and with that any economic gains we have made along the way. The students will deepen their knowledge from what they have learnt previously in school and to get a holistic understanding of the situation in Singapore.



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## FACILITATION TEAM

Lead Facilitator: Stella Gan RP

Assistant Lead Facilitator: Fazilah A Latiff RP

Facilitators:

Mariam M Sali NP

Cyrine Anthony Joosa SP

Chao Jang Yuan TP

# Socioeconomic Divide

This subtheme wants to help students better understand the issues of income equality and the social divide that comes from it. It wishes students to know the steps taken by the government and others to help address this challenge and the role they play to help make Singapore a more cohesive society.



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## FACILITATION TEAM

Lead Facilitator: Leong Wee Keat	RP
Assistant Lead Facilitator: Roy Wong	RP

Facilitators:	
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Joseph Lee	NYP
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# Programme Summary





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## **DAY 0 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **LOCATION: SINGAPORE DISCOVERY CENTRE**

- Bonding Sessions
- Overview of Forum and Admin Brief
- Experiential Learning Journey
- Facilitation Skills Workshop

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## **DAY 1 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **LOCATION: REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC**

- Introduction and Discussion on Subthemes and Group Topics
- Learning Journeys and Debriefs

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## **DAY 2 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **LOCATION: REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC**

- Mediation Skills Workshop
- Learning Journeys and Debriefs
- Poster presentation and Subtheme Activity Preparation

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## **DAY 3 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **LOCATION: REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC**

- Poster presentation and Subtheme Activity Preparation
- Subtheme Activity and Presentation Preparation

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## **DAY 4 - 16 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **LOCATION: REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC**

- Ministerial Dialogue
- Closing Ceremony

# Day 0 Programme

**9 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**LOCATION: SINGAPORE DISCOVERY CENTRE**

# Day 0 / 9 Sep 2022

## Gender Equality

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
9:00 AM	Registration	iWerks
10:00 AM	Welcome Address & Pledge-Taking	
10:20 AM	Introduction & Bonding Session	
10:45 AM	Activity 1: PEG Guided Tour	Upper Gallery – Through the Lens of Time
11:30 AM	Activity 2: Team Bonding Games	Lower Gallery - Sandbox
12:15 PM	Lunch	MPH
1:00 PM	Facilitation Tool Box – Having Courageous Conversations	
2:30 PM	Debrief by Lead Facilitators	
2:50 PM	Head back to iWerks	
3:00 PM	Closing & Presentation	iWerks
3:20 PM	Admin & Closing Party Briefing	
3:40 PM	Dismissal	

# Day 0 / 9 Sep 2022

## Physical and Mental Health Challenges

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
9:00 AM	Registration	iWerks
10:00 AM	Welcome Address & Pledge-Taking	
10:20 AM	Introduction & Bonding Session	
10:45 AM	Activity 1: Team Bonding Games	Lower Gallery – Sandbox
11:25 AM	Gather outside iWerks	
11:30 AM	Activity 2: Team Bonding Games	Upper Gallery – Through the Lens of Time
12:15 PM	Lunch	Loyalty & Confidence Classrooms, VIP Lounge
1:00 PM	Facilitation Tool Box – Having Courageous Conversations	
2:25 PM	Gather at iWerks	
2:30 PM	Debrief by Lead Facilitators	iWerks
3:00 PM	Closing & Presentation	
3:20 PM	Admin & Closing Party Briefing	
3:40 PM	Dismissal	

# Day 0 / 9 Sep 2022

## Race Divide

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
9:00 AM	Registration	iWerks
10:00 AM	Welcome Address & Pledge-Taking	
10:20 AM	Introduction & Bonding Session	
10:45 AM	Facilitation Tool Box – Having Courageous Conversations	MPH
12:15 PM	Lunch	MPH
12:55 PM	Gather Outside iWerks	
1:00 PM	Activity 1: PEG Guided Tour	Upper Gallery – Through the Lens of Time
1:45 PM	Activity 2: Team Bonding Games	Lower Gallery – Sandbox
2:25 PM	Gather at Interchange	
2:30 PM	Debrief by Lead Facilitators	Interchange
2:50 PM	Head back to iWerks	
3:00 PM	Closing & Presentation	iWerks
3:20 PM	Admin & Closing Party Briefing	
3:40 PM	Dismissal	

# Day 0 / 9 Sep 2022

## Socioeconomic Divide

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
9:00 AM	Registration	iWerks
10:00 AM	Welcome Address & Pledge-Taking	
10:20 AM	Introduction & Bonding Session	
10:45 AM	Facilitation Tool Box – Having Courageous Conversations	Loyalty & Confidence Classrooms, VIP Lounge
12:15 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Activity 1: Team Bonding Games	Lower Gallery - Sandbox
1:40 PM	Gather outside iWerks	
1:45 PM	Activity 2: PEG Guided Tour	Upper Gallery – Through the Lens of Time
2:25 PM	Gather at Concourse	
2:30 PM	Debrief by Lead Facilitators	Concourse
2:50 PM	Head back to iWerks	
3:00 PM	Closing & Presentation	iWerks
3:20 PM	Admin & Closing Party Briefing	
3:40 PM	Dismissal	

# Day 1 - 4 Programme

**13 - 16 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**LOCATION: REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC**

# Day 1 / 13 Sep 2022

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
8:30 AM	Registration and Distribution of PF Kits	Outside Agora Halls
9:15 AM	Energizers	Agora Hall 1: Gender Equality  Agora Hall 2: Physical and Mental Health Challenges  Agora Hall 3: Race Divide  Agora Hall 4: Socioeconomic Divide  For learning journeys, please follow facilitator's instructions
9:45 AM	Welcome Address	
10:00 AM	Introduction and Discussion on Subthemes and Group Topics	
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Learning Journeys	
3:00 PM	Tea Break	
5:30 PM	Learning Journey Debriefs	
6:00 PM	Dinner	
7:00 PM	Reflection Activity	
9:00 PM	Dismissal	



# Day 2 / 14 Sep 2022

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
8:30 AM	National Pledge Introduction of Social Discourse Workshop	Agora Hall 1
8:40 AM	Social Discourse Workshop Tea Break (OTOT)	
12:30 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Learning Journeys For learning journeys, please follow facilitator's instructions	W64A – D: Gender Equality  W64E - H: Physical and Mental Health Challenges  W64I - L: Race Divide  W64M - P: Socioeconomic Divide
3:00 PM	Tea Break	Agora Halls
5:30 PM	Learning Journey Debriefs For learning journey debriefs, please follow facilitator's instructions	W64A – D: Gender Equality  W64E - H: Physical and Mental Health Challenges  W64I - L: Race Divide  W64M - P: Socioeconomic Divide
6:00 PM	Dinner	Agora Hall 1
7:00 PM	Poster, Presentation and Subtheme Activity Preparation	Agora Hall 1: Gender Equality  Agora Hall 2: Physical and Mental Health Challenges  Agora Hall 3: Race Divide  Agora Hall 4: Socioeconomic Divide
9:00 AM	Dismissal	

# Day 3 / 15 Sep 2022

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
8:30 AM	Energizers	Agora Hall 1
9:30 AM	National Pledge Recap and Looking Forward	
10:00 am	Poster, Presentation and Subtheme Activity Preparation	Agora Hall 1: Gender Equality Agora Hall 2: Physical and Mental Health Challenges Agora Hall 3: Race Divide Agora Hall 4: Socioeconomic Divide
12:00 PM	Lunch	Agora Halls
1:00 PM	Subtheme Activities Tea Break (OTOT)	Agora Hall 1: Gender Equality Agora Hall 2: Physical and Mental Health Challenges Agora Hall 3: Race Divide Agora Hall 4: Socioeconomic Divide
4:00 PM	Presentation Practice	TRCC Theatre
5:00 PM	Poster Set Up	TRCC Foyer
6:00 PM	Dinner	
7:00 PM	Poster Presentation	
8:00 PM	Cooldown Activity	TRCC Theatre
9:00 PM	Dismissal	

# Day 4 / 16 Sep 2022

TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
8:30 AM	Registration and Touch Up of Posters	TRCC Foyer
9:30 AM	Recap of Polytechnic Forum  Instructions for Presentations and Dialogue  Arrival of Guest of Honour: Dr Maliki Osman Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Foreign Affairs	TRCC Theatre
10:00 AM	Closing Ceremony	
12:00 PM	End of Closing Ceremony  Group Topic Poster Presentation  Lunch	
2:00 PM	Closing Party	Agora Hall 1
5:00 PM	Dismissal	

# Admin Notes



## Attire

### WHAT TO WEAR?

9 SEPTEMBER 2022

Respective Polytechnic Shirts

13 SEPTEMBER 2022

PF Black Round Neck T-Shirt

14 SEPTEMBER 2022

PF Green Round Neck T-shirt

15 SEPTEMBER 2022

Respective Polytechnic Shirts

16 SEPTEMBER 2022

PF Polo Tee (Closing Ceremony)

Safari Themed (Closing Party)

## Lanyard

### WHAT COLOUR?

Gender Equality: Blue

Physical and Mental Health Challenges: Green

Race Divide: Orange

Socioeconomic Divide: Purple

# Forum Locations

## WHERE TO MEET?

9 SEPTEMBER 2022

SINGAPORE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Address: 510 Upper Jurong Rd, Singapore 638365

Directions to Singapore Discovery Centre: <https://for.edu.sg/sdc>

13 - 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC

Address: 9 Woodlands Ave 9, Singapore 738964

Directions to Republic Polytechnic: <https://for.edu.sg/agora>

RP Campus Map:



# WIFI Access

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Step-by-step guide for Guest WiFi Access:

1. Connect your smartphone/tablet/laptop to "RP-Wireless\_Guest"
2. Launch any browser (e.g. chrome). You will be redirected to RP Wireless Guest Authorised Access Portal.
3. Click on the "Sign up" link to register for a wireless guest account.
4. Enter your mobile number, email address, and event code (EV-3809JY) to register.
5. The password for the wireless guest account will be sent to the mobile number and email address used for registration in Step 4. Click on "Log in" and proceed to sign in as an authorised guest with the issued password.

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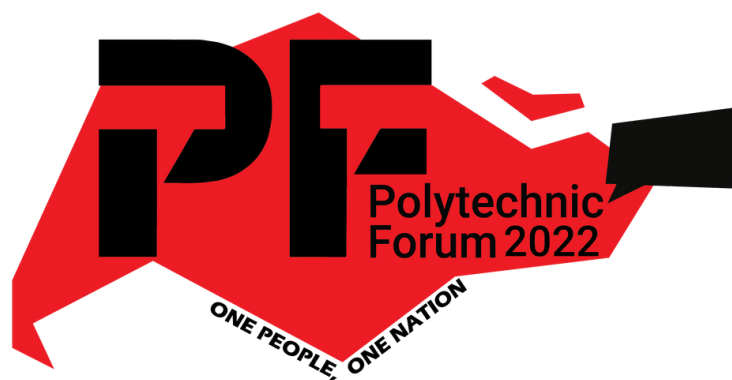
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