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The Global Educational Leadership Conference (GELC) is an annual event organised by the Academy of Principals (Singapore). The theme “***Leading for the Future***” was chosen to draw the attention of educational leaders to the VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous) world where old patterns do not seem to hold anymore and where the new come at a faster and fast pace. What would be a sufficiently responsive leadership style? Will there be a greater role for community and is there a need for such a role? Can parents be brought in as partners in this process and not just stakeholders?

The aim of GELC is to provide insight into inter-related strands: the processes and dynamics of change and the leadership skills needed to succeed in leading and managing teacher performance, and delivering the best outcomes where the standards for teachers and school leaders are now explicitly stated. Leading, managing, and delivering effective educational change in an intensively political, social and economic environment is a challenge that all educational leaders face as a critical aspect of their roles and responsibilities. New policies and strategic directions imposed from outside and within systems are constantly evolving to challenge current mind-sets and skills.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Academy has invited international speakers from Canada, Finland and the USA as well as our own from Singapore, to deliver keynote addresses on the imperatives of educational leadership, on the leadership development needed nationally and internationally, on the related learning needed for such future work as well as on the power of working in community.



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