



# Leading Learning

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## Main points...

- **Lead**: inspired leaders, inspired teachers >>> inspired students
- **Learn**: the way to real and sustainable change
- **Change**: education must keep up with the times

**Education has to change with  
the times...**

**A quotable quote is now a  
tweetable tweet. (Pak Tee Ng)**

**Can someone  
tweet this please?**

**Education has to move with the times...**

**Why change when we are successful?**

**Change from a position of strength, rather than a position of desperation.**

**Education has to change with  
the times...but...**

**Microwave oven or wood fire?**

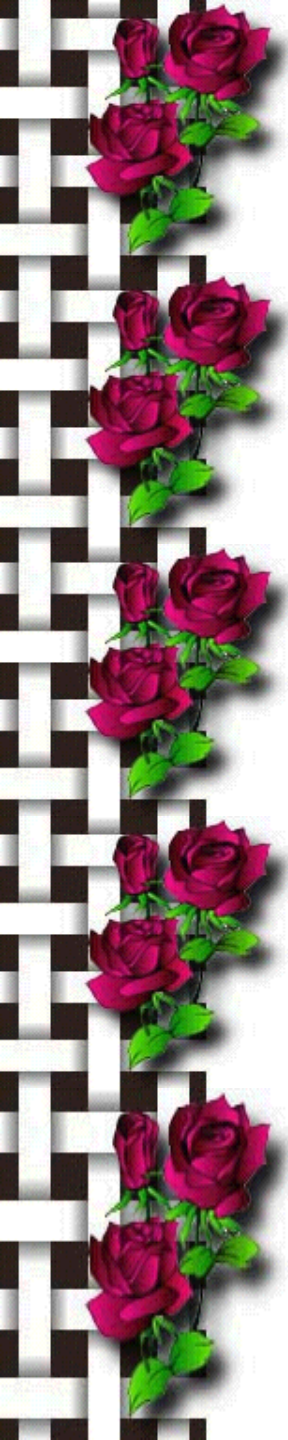
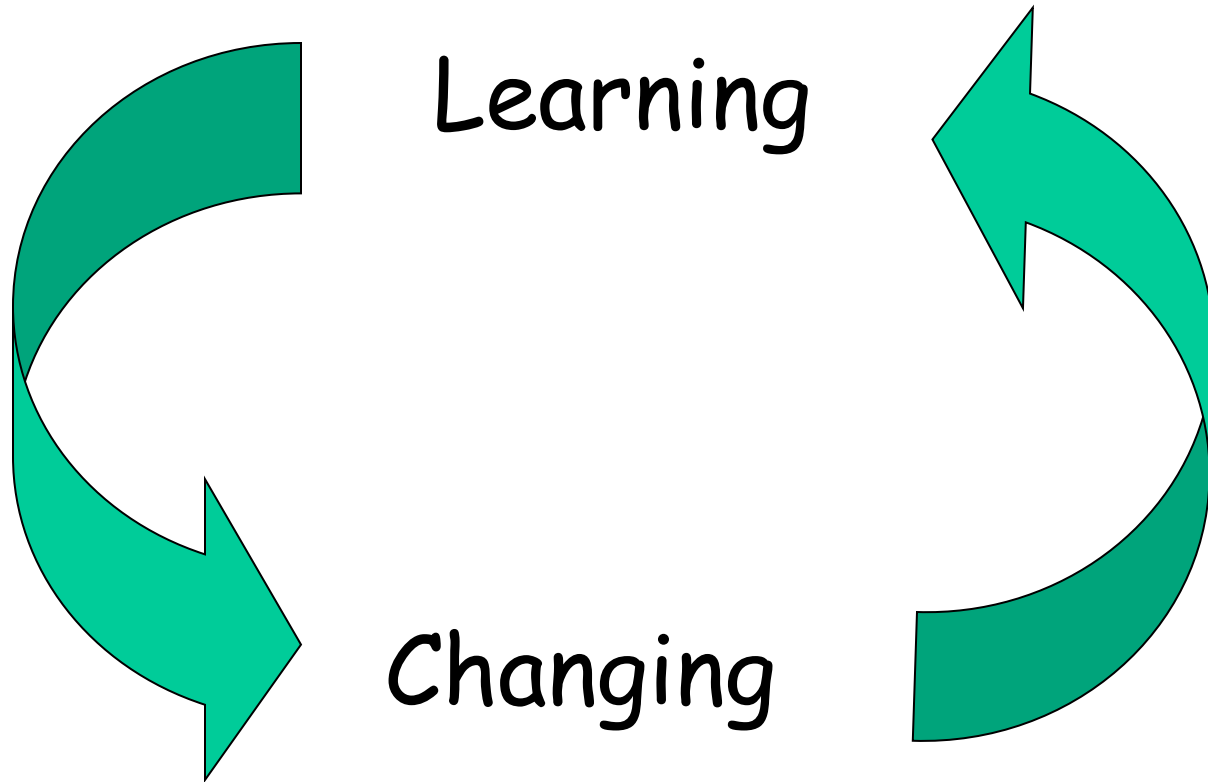
**Technology or Chef?**

## Mindful Change...

Mindful change, not reckless experimentation...

The way we communicate is important. Otherwise, messages can be misunderstood, distorted or misused. Eg. "It is OK to fail".

# Learning and Changing



# Singapore's education is changing...

## From Quantity to Quality

- Understanding
- Thinking
- Creativity
- Engagement
- Leveling up for every student (equity)



# Teach Less Learn More!

More teaching... more of the same teaching... more of the same teaching that did not work... is not exactly the way to inspire better learning.

(Pak Tee Ng)



Teach Less...  
Learn More

Centre of the Campfire!

Locked in on radar!

(Pak Tee Ng)



# Teach Less... Learn More

Form and Substance - equally  
important!

Ask the Kongfu master!

(Pak Tee Ng)



# Creativity

Children have creativity.

Nurture it. Don't kill it.

(Pak Tee Ng)

**If change is the only  
constant, one real change  
is to find constants that we  
should not change...**

**(Pak Tee Ng)**

**Constants ...**

**Education is the  
human enterprise of  
paying it forward...**

**(Pak Tee Ng)**

**Teachers are role-models of learning...**

**How can we expect  
inspired students without  
inspired teachers?**

**(Pak Tee Ng)**



## Teachers and Principals...

Teachers are people who plant trees, so that some other people can sit under the trees ... and no one knows who planted those trees in the first place.

Principals are teachers who lead other teachers to plant trees.

(Pak Tee Ng)



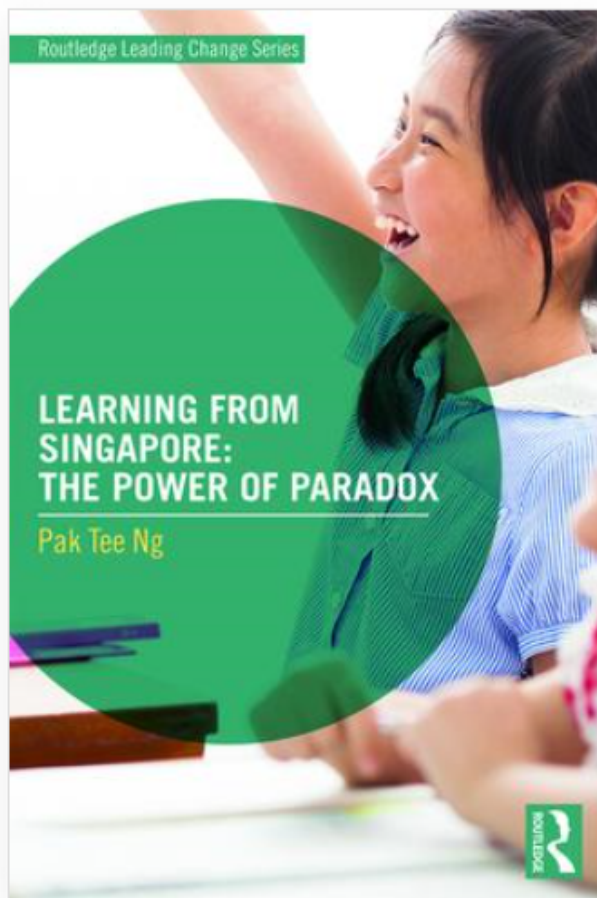
**Leading Learning is about  
long-suffering, tenacity ...**

**Dig deep into your heart...  
think long term... then bite the  
bullet...**

**Be wise, be courageous, be of  
good cheer, persevere!**

## Leadership ...

We may not be able to change the external world... but we can nourish our inner world to be an inspiration to someone else.



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# **Leading Learning...**

**To lead learning, we have to  
have the teachers' heartbeat...**

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