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STRENGTHENING INTERGENERATIONAL BONDS



Changing Chinese family structures weigh on intergenerational bonds

This is the eighth in a series of 12 primers on current affairs and issues in the news, and what they mean to Singapore.

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Not only are family structures changing, values held by the elderly in China and their adult children are diverging as well. (Illustration)

Welcome to the Primer series. Here you will find the weekly Primer articles and some curated resources to support teaching and learning.

What comes to mind when you think of intergenerational bonds? How important do you consider them to be? In this issue, we will explore the significance of nurturing strong intergenerational relationships today.

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In this issue, we will:

- learn about the factors that shape and challenge intergenerational relationships; and
- examine the ways in which societies can strengthen intergenerational bonds today.

BACKGROUND

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NARROWING THE GENERATION DIVIDE IN SINGAPORE



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-cna1>

Does the generation gap exist? In this video, find out how the pre-independence generation and millennials react to four different clips they view together.



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-ng>

Learn about polarisation along generational lines and how we can find common ground to bridge differences in values and attitudes across generations.

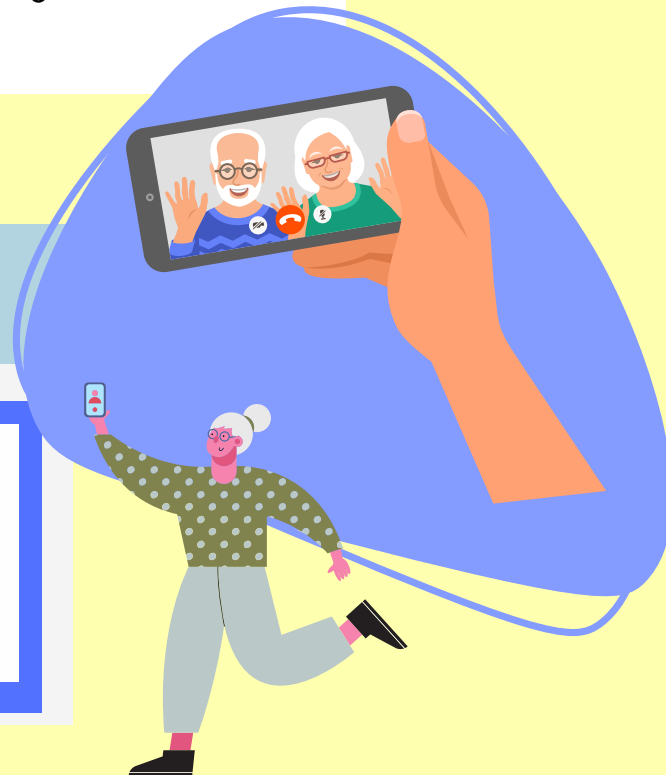


CAN TECHNOLOGY BRIDGE THE INTERGENERATIONAL GAP?

Ever heard of digital grandparenting and reverse mentoring? Find out how technology could bridge the intergenerational gap.



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-ovus>



MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING

Read about a multigenerational housing project in Sweden designed to combat isolation.



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-robert-jon>

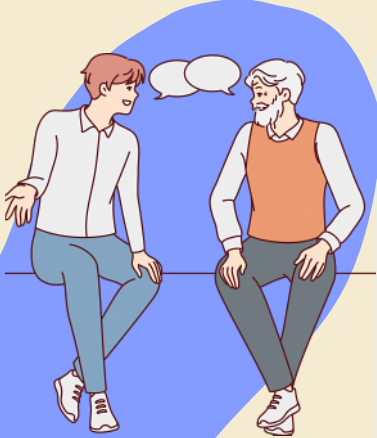


PERSPECTIVES

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As you read these articles, consider the following:

- How far is it possible for people of different age groups to be meaningfully connected?
- How far do you agree with the different perspectives and how does each writer's view support or challenge other views?



INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS

Berry puts forth the view that intergenerational friendships built on mutual connection bring joy.



CHANGES IN EXPECTATIONS OF FILIAL PIETY

Yuen argues that changing expectations of filial piety across generations are not necessarily bad and will help maintain strong bonds across generations.



BUILDING POSITIVE INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WORKPLACE



Berwick suggests that a greater understanding of Gen Z employees will eventually benefit everyone in the workplace.



EXTEND YOUR UNDERSTANDING: RESOURCES FOR BLENDED LEARNING

Want to learn more about intergenerational relationships?
Scan or click on these QR codes for more information.

Action Plan on Successful Ageing in Singapore



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-moh>

Forging Intergenerational Relationships

In Singapore



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-ttsh>

In Australia



<https://go.gov.sg/2023primer8-abc>

SLS RESOURCE

SUCCESSFUL AGEING IN SINGAPORE



<https://go.gov.sg/sls-moh>

OTHER ST RESOURCES

ST GP RESOURCES



<https://go.gov.sg/st-gp-resources>

ST IB RESOURCES



<https://go.gov.sg/st-ib-resources>

ST-MOE NEWS OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2023 PRIMER TOPICS

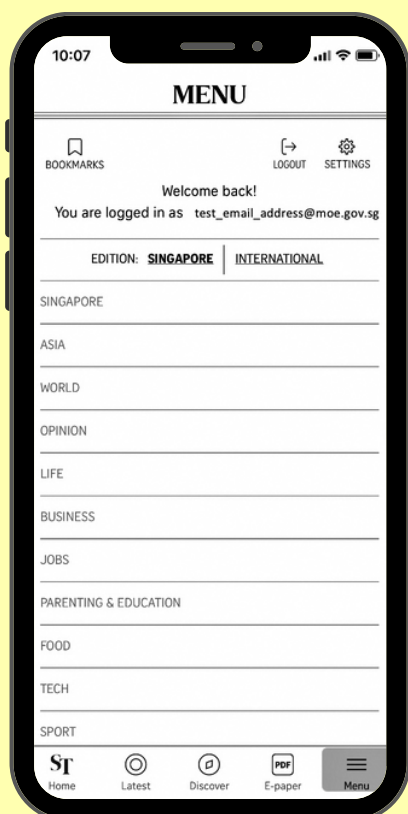
20 Mar	<u>Resource Scarcity, Climate Considerations and Implications on Geopolitics</u>
27 Mar	<u>Budget 2023</u>
3 Apr	<u>Wildlife Conservation</u>
10 Apr	<u>The Value of International Sporting Competitions Today</u>
17 Apr	<u>Regulation of Medical Technology</u>
8 May	<u>Fame and Celebrity Culture</u>
15 May	<u>The Search for Authenticity in an Interconnected World</u>
22 May	<u>Strengthening Intergenerational Bonds</u>
17 Jul	Words Matter: Language and Power
24 Jul	The Place of Museums Today
31 Jul	The Sharing Economy
7 Aug	Doing Good

ACCESS TO PREMIUM ARTICLES

**Scan or click on
the QR code for
step-by-step
instructions on
how to log in to
ST Online.**



<https://go.gov.sg/2023-stonline-log>



READING CAMPAIGN

Organised in conjunction with the Primer season
(over 12 weeks from 20 March to 7 August)

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- One winner per school per week*
- Winners are determined based on the total number of articles read in each week.
- Each winner will receive a prize from SPH Media Limited.

*Past winners will not be eligible in the following weeks but will qualify for the final round.

FINAL ROUND

- The top three students who read the most articles over the 12 weeks will be identified from the weekly winners and they will receive attractive prizes from SPH Media Limited!
- The school with the highest average number of articles read during the Primer season will also be announced at the end of the campaign.

WEEK 7 READING CHAMPS!

VANNIAPPAN SARAVANA KUMAR THOSHITA	ASRJC	WONG YAN KAI	NUS High
CHONG CHEN KAI EZEKIEL	ACJC	LUA ZI YING	RI
LUCAS LIM HANJIN	ACS(I)	LOO ENN QI	RVHS
JAMIE TAN MINN	CJC	ASHLEY LENG JUN NING	SAJC
PANG NATALIE	DHS	SALONEE NARANG	SOTA
RYAN CHIA PHENG HWEE	EJC	JONAS WONG JUN YI	SJI
TOH YU QI	HCI	SIM WEE EN	TMJC
CHEN HAITIAN	JPJC	SHERALYN HO	TJC
MENG LIN	MI	LAM SYAN EN, REGINE	VJC
CHUNG ZHI QIAO CHARLI	NYJC	RAMADOSS SANJANA SRI	YIJC
ANNABELLE NG YI XUAN	NJC		

Take part in FUTURE FORECAST

A storytelling competition jointly organised
by Temasek and The Straits Times



- Submit a short essay, an illustration or a video on how you picture the future in 30 years.
- Your entry should be based on one or more of these themes: digitisation, longer lifespans, sustainable living, and the future of consumption.
- A total of 20 winners will be selected from two categories:
 - 10 from secondary schools, junior colleges or their equivalent, and IP or IB schools; and
 - 10 from institutes of higher learning.
- Winners will each receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and get the opportunity to attend workshops conducted by ST and Temasek.
- The student behind the entry with the most public votes from each category will win an iPad Pro.
- Entries must be submitted by July 31.



<https://go.gov.sg/futureforecast-competition>

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competition details.**