



**CHAT SESSION:** Mr Tan Chuan-Jin spoke about the need to not fear change at a youth dialogue held in SMU yesterday to gather feedback on PM Lee's speech. (PHOTO: ONG WEE JIN)

# Embrace change 'when necessary'

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SINGAPORE must not fear change, Senior Minister of State for National Development Tan Chuan-Jin said yesterday.

Mr Tan, who is also Acting Minister for Manpower, was addressing over 100 students from tertiary institutions such as Singapore Management University (SMU) and National University of Singapore.

He believes that the country must adapt to paradigm shifts when required. But at

the same time, it should not change for the sake of changing.

"We have to constantly look at breaking out of the mould, thinking out of the box, because of who we are and the constraints we live with," he added.

The informal dialogue at SMU's campus was organised by the university and the Government's feedback unit, Reach, to gather views from young Singaporeans on Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's National Day Rally speech.

It is part of the unit's Kopi Talk series.

Among the topics discussed were sentiments towards foreigners, leadership renewal and the importance of public engagement.

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