

**SPEECH BY MR MOHD ANUAR YUSOP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
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Distinguished speakers

Ladies and gentlemen

A very good afternoon to all of you.

1. I am heartened to see so many of you here today to join us at our second Out of the Box Conference or OOTB. As you may be aware, the OOTB Conference is an initiative under AMPx, which is a learning and sharing platform for professionals launched by AMP this year. OOTB was organised with the aim of enhancing the development of professionals through learning and interacting with other experienced and established leaders and practitioners in the industry.
2. This year's conference focuses on Artificial Intelligence or AI in short. We hear AI being mentioned very often these days and we have a rough idea of what it is. But how many of us really understand what AI is and how AI will affect our daily lives?

3. Something we can't deny is that technology is the cornerstone of the government's goal in transforming Singapore into a smart nation. Recently, Singapore was ranked as the city most ready for AI disruption. Today, we interact with one another and even across the globe with the regular use of AI – be it through our computers, phones or smart devices. AI is embedded in many of the things we use today.
  
4. Take something as simple as email. Those of us who use Gmail will notice that it now suggests what the rest of your sentence is before you finish typing it. For example, when you type the word How, Gmail will offer the words “are you” as a suggested continuation before you even type them. This is an example of AI in the form of predictive text or in Gmail's case – the Smart Compose feature. And this example also shows how AI can help us, in a way, to be more efficient and productive. And this is just one simple example. AI can be applied to numerous, more complex applications or tasks. Through today's conference, we hope to provide access for the community to better understand AI and its impact with valuable insights from leading industry experts.

5. Our speakers are here today to share with you just how society can benefit from AI. We are especially fortunate today to have so many knowledgeable speakers from varied backgrounds such as Mr Lawrence Liew, Mr Anurag Banerjee, Mr Ainun Najib, Mr Jay Shah, and our special thanks to Dr Ayanna Howard who flew in all the way from the States to join us today.
  
6. Through today's conference, we also hope to develop a community of professionals who are not only knowledgeable on how they can contribute to the development of the community and society using AI, but are also attuned to Singapore's vision of becoming a smart nation. There are so many possibilities with AI and how we as a community can tap on it to make lives better. So I hope that today's conference will inspire you to do more with AI and find your niche in contributing back to society through the use of AI.
  
7. With that, I hope you will enjoy today's session and look forward to your active participation.

Thank you.

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