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Benefits and Limitations: The Reality of Studying in Singapore

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Singapore is a country well known for its safety, cleanliness, and cultural diversity. However, it is also home to one of the most advanced education systems in the world. Universities such as the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU), and Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) are all renowned institutions with excellent learning environments. Now more than ever, Singapore is becoming a popular choice amongst international students. This article will cover the reasons why you may consider Singapore universities and the drawbacks that are seemingly never talked about.



Singapore universities are known for their academic excellence, with institutions like NUS and NTU ranking highly in the QS World University Rankings. Singapore universities are known to provide a unique mix of Asian and Western academia. These environments foster student growth and innovation, allowing students to learn discipline and creativity at the same time. Students are not only pushed to their academic limits, but they are also often put into real-world problem-solving situations, which helps them develop critical thinking skills and independence. Another benefit to studying in Singapore is its global connectivity. As a major finance and technology hub, Singapore provides its students with internships, research opportunities, and networking with multinational pupils and companies. Universities such as SMU, in particular, heavily focuses on industry connections, giving students practical experience even before graduation. Additionally, the widespread use of English as the primary language makes it easier for those who speak English to adapt academically. Safety is also a significant factor. Singapore is widely regarded as one of, if not, the safest countries in the world, allowing students to focus on their studies without major concerns about personal safety. The country's efficient public transport system and compact size also make daily life convenient.

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However, despite these advantages, there are several drawbacks that are often not discussed. One of the biggest concerns for students when going to Singapore is the cost of living. While it is true that the tuition in Singapore is much cheaper than that in the US, living expenses are another topic. Singapore is known for its high living costs such as housing, food, and transportation. These expenses can add up quickly. Looking at the tuition fees alone may lead to a great deal of stress when you actually start living in Singapore. Furthermore, the academic environment in Singapore is highly competitive. Like many surrounding Asian countries, the academic curriculum in Singapore is rigorous, and high expectations can create intense pressure among students. This can cause stress and poor work-life balance for some students. This fast-paced environment may not suit everyone, especially those who prefer a more relaxed approach to academics. Culture differences are another disadvantage that many overlook. Although Singapore is diverse, it still has its own social norms and expectations that are vastly different from other countries. International students may initially find it challenging to adapt to the local culture or social settings.

In conclusion, Singapore offers a world-class education system with excellent academic opportunities, strong global connections, and a safe environment. However, when considering Singapore, you should consider the high cost of living, competitive academic pressure, and potential cultural differences. Ultimately, choosing to study in Singapore largely depends on an individual's priorities, circumstances, and long-term goals.



What is AI in God's Perspective?

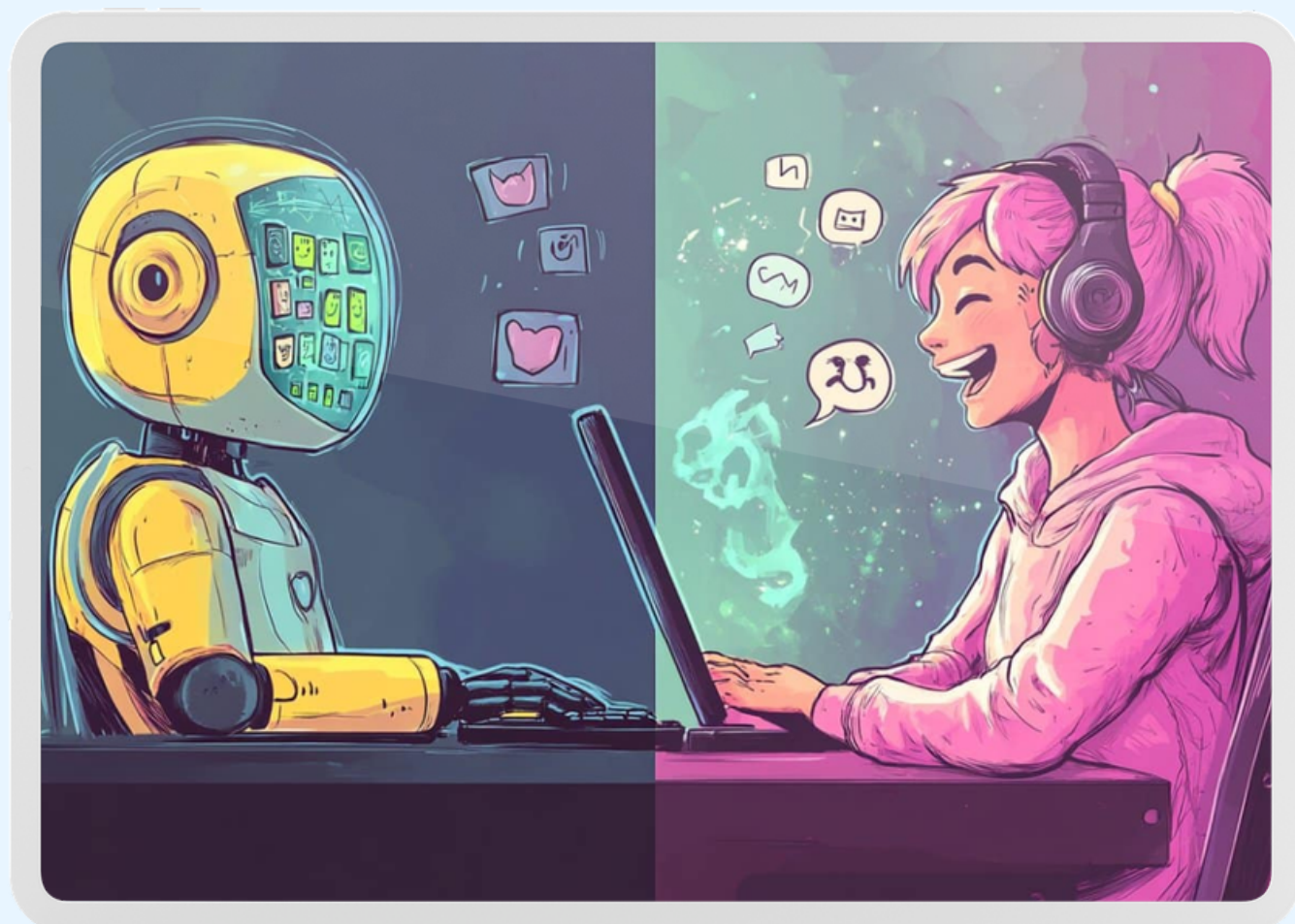
The Reality We Need to Realize Right Now

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These days, AI is everywhere in our lives. With just a few clicks, students can write reports, finish homework, and even study more efficiently. As AI keeps developing, an important question comes up: What really makes humans different from AI? One obvious difference is intelligence. AI can process information quickly, but it does not truly understand things in a deep or meaningful way. Because of this, some students think that their own creativity and thinking skills are falling behind. But from a Christian perspective, being human is about much more than intelligence or creativity. The Bible teaches that we are made in God's image, and that alone gives us a unique value that AI can never have.

Humans are also able to build real, meaningful relationships, something AI simply cannot do. AI can imitate conversations, but it does not feel love, make true moral choices, or genuinely care. As Psalm 139:14 reminds us, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." God has given us a soul, a conscience, and the ability to love—qualities no machine can ever replicate. When studying or doing assignments, it is easy to rely on AI because it is so convenient. However, depending on it too much can limit our own growth and originality. No matter how advanced AI becomes, it cannot replace what makes us human. Instead, we should use AI wisely, as a helpful tool, while remembering the abilities and purpose God has given us.



EOZ Expression of the Month



1st Week of May (5/3~5/9)

"Bite off more than you can chew"

감당 못 할 일을 벌이다 / 능력 이상으로 일을 맡다

"I think I bit off more than I could chew with this project."

2nd Week of May (5/10~5/16)

7"Hit the books" : 열심히 공부하다

"I have a math test tomorrow, so I need to hit the books tonight."

"She stayed home to hit the books instead of going out. ^7"

3rd Week of May (5/17~5/23)

"Make up your mind" : 결심하다 / 마음을 정하다

"You need to make up your mind before the deadline."

"He couldn't make up his mind about which college to choose."

4th Week of May (5/24~5/30)

"By the skin of your teeth" : 간신히 / 아주 가까스로

"I passed the exam by the skin of my teeth."

"We caught the last train by the skin of our teeth."