Transformation of Society Through Research and Education

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Abstract

Educational institutions, especially universities, have long been regarded as the central agent in designing the future of a nation. The most impactful medium for the translation of knowledge from educational institutions to the society will have to be research and education. However, with the rapid, unpredictable and never-before-seen changes happening in the world, it is inevitable that a research and education framework that transforms the society to be future-proof and future-driven is in place. This framework will have to encompass matters at macro, exo and micro levels, incorporating policies and implementations, while also being able to touch base with norms and idiosyncrasies. There are many best practices and lessons learnt but it seemed that several key success factors keep surfacing. The discussion of these success factors in transforming the society through research and education can perhaps inspire all transformation agents in planning and executing transformation within their scope and jurisdiction.