

# Future Readiness for an Ever-Changing Workplace 裝備未來 — 應對瞬息萬變的職場

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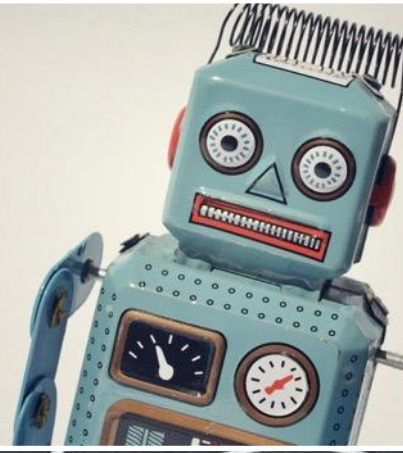




# Preparing Students for the Uncertain Future

“ We live in a fast-changing world, and producing more of the same knowledge and skills will not suffice to address the challenges of the future. A generation ago, teachers could expect that what they taught would last their students a lifetime. **Today, because of rapid economic and social change, schools have to prepare students for jobs that have not yet been created, technologies that have not yet been invented and problems that we don't yet know will arise.**”

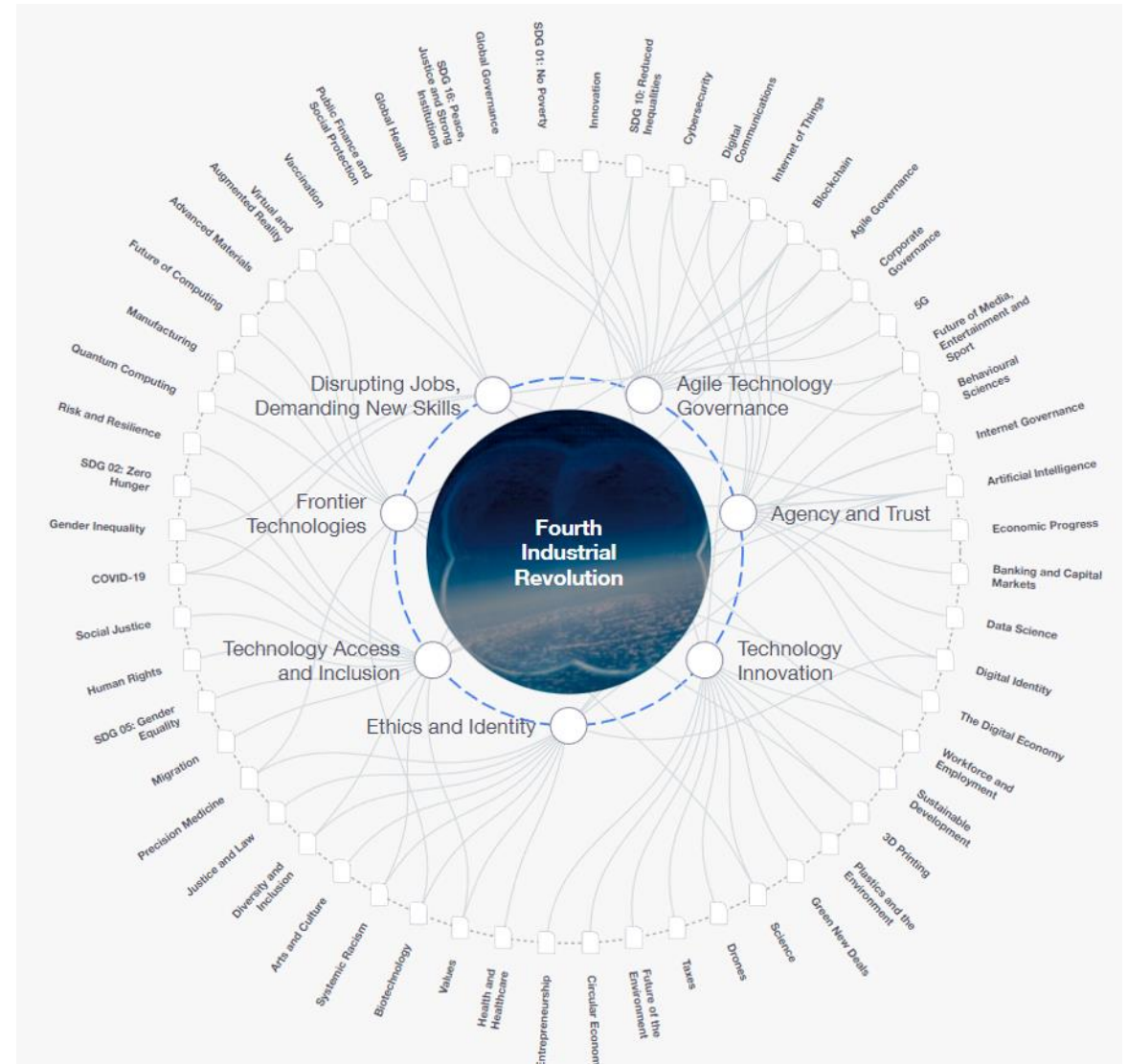
**Andreas Schleicher**  
OECD Education Directorate



# Industry 4.0

“ The Fourth Industrial Revolution represents a fundamental change in the way we create, exchange, and distribute value. **It is a technological shift merging our physical, digital, and biological worlds into one.** The fast-developing technologies pushing it forward, such as artificial intelligence, genome editing, augmented reality, robotics, and 3-D printing, are promising smart solutions for intractable challenges. **But this revolution also calls for governing these solutions in ways that empower, foster collaboration, and help build a more sustainable foundation for social and economic development.**”

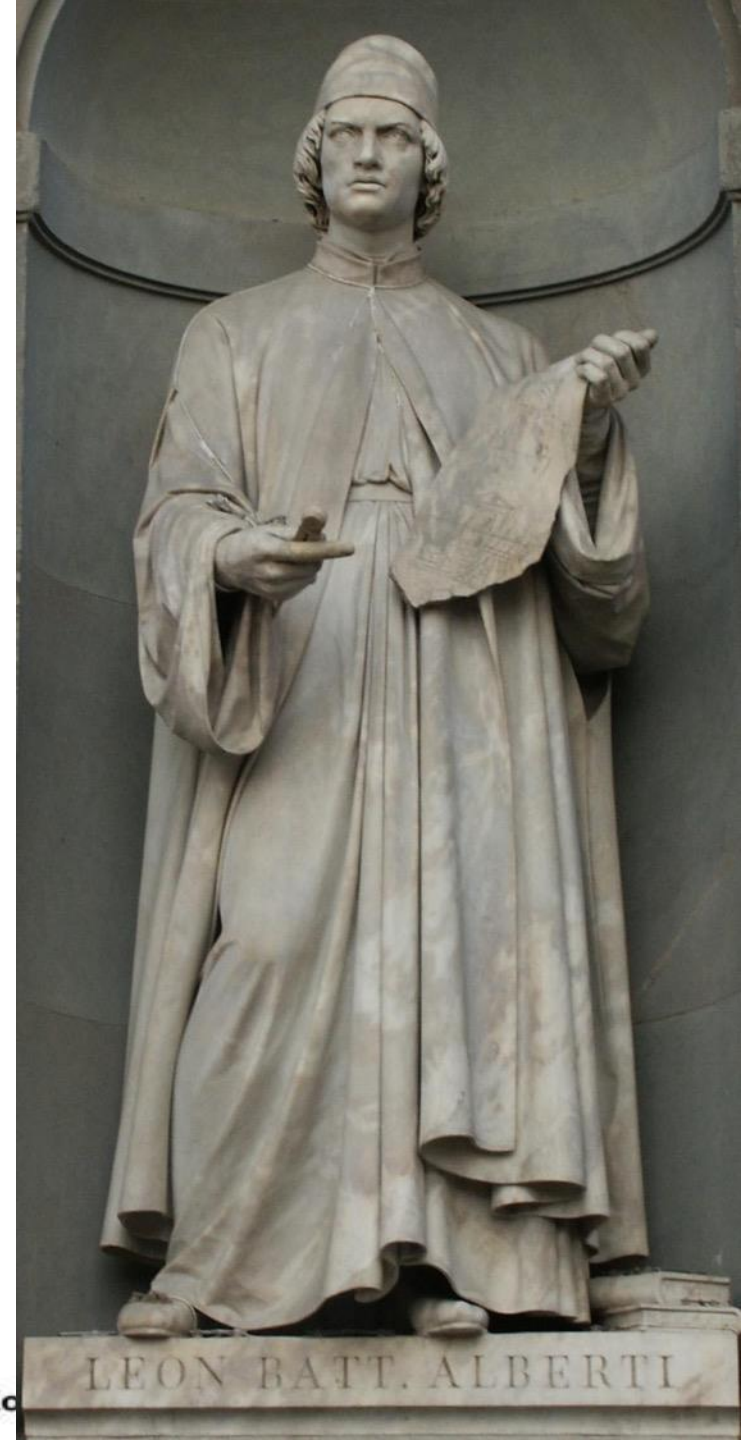
- 2022 World Economic Forum

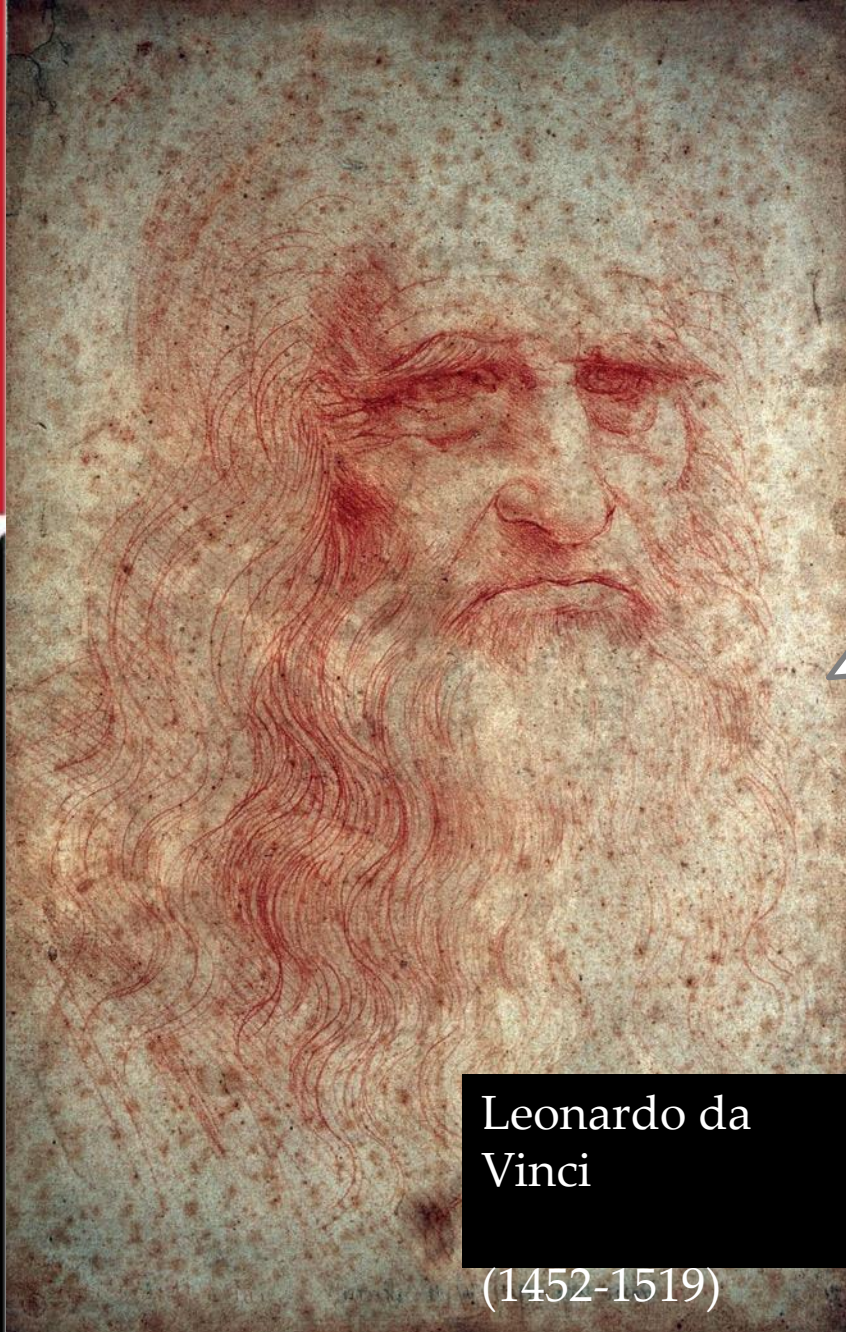


# Renaissance Man

A man can do all things if he but wills them.

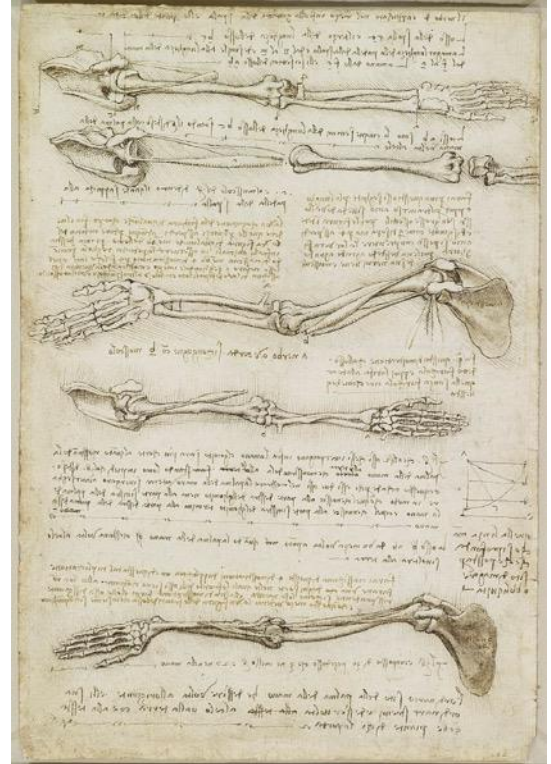
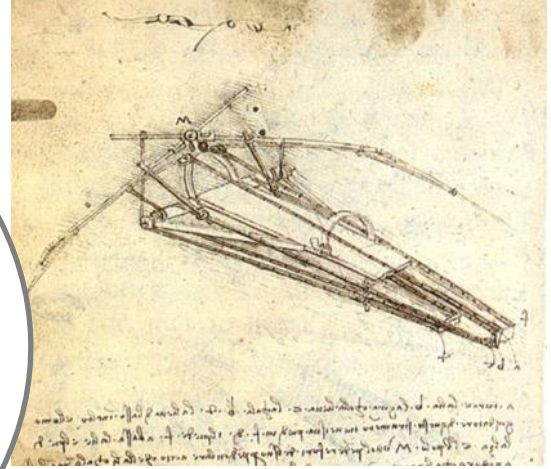
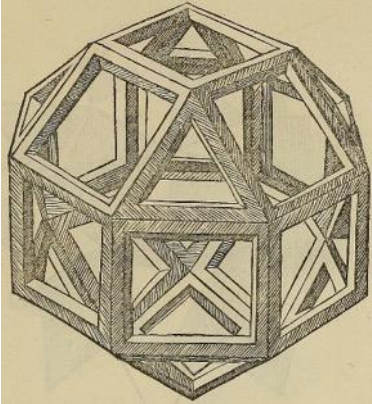
Leon Battista Alberti (1404–72)



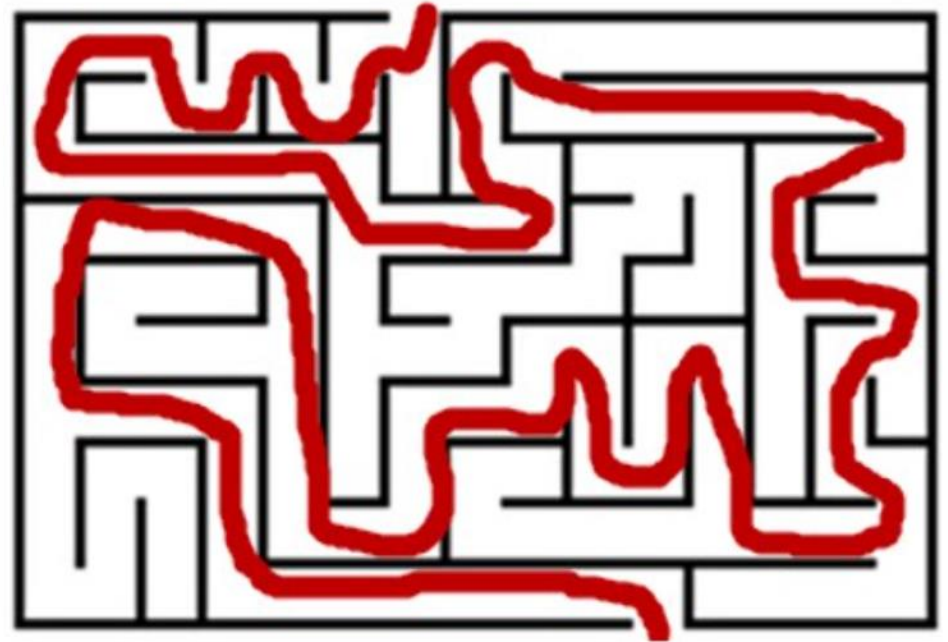


Leonardo da Vinci  
(1452-1519)

I am a painter, an inventor, and an engineer..... Btw I am also pretty good at geometry and physiology. Learning never exhausts the mind.



# Lateral Thinking



# Judgement of Solomon

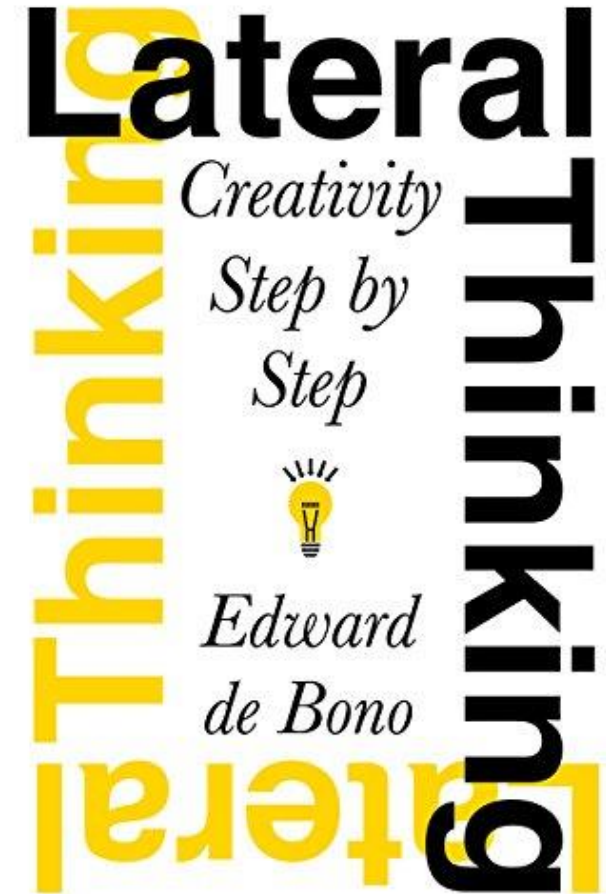




# Lateral Thinking

Everyone has the right to doubt everything as often as he pleases and the duty to do it at least once. No way of looking at things is too sacred to be reconsidered. No way of doing things is beyond improvement.

- Edward de Bono



# Grow your 'GROWTH MINDSETS'



*When exploring new things, making mistakes is inevitable and you should give room for mistakes.*

*When exploring new things verify the most important assumptions first – the faster you know you are wrong, the better you can adjust yourself and learn.*

*You can grow fast!*

- ‘No need to avoid mistakes’
- You need to **be able to measure mistakes and learn from them**
- **EQ + AQ (Build Resilience )**

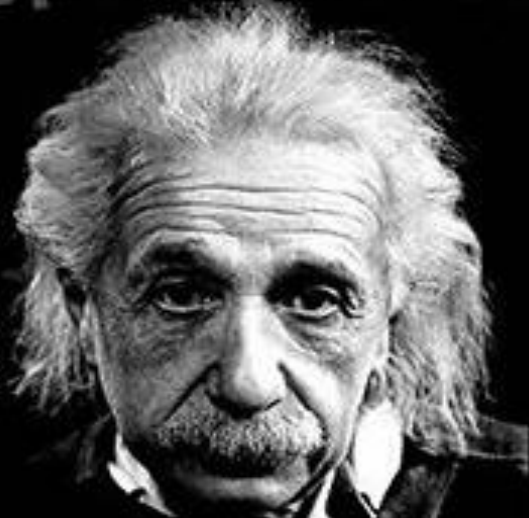
Make Mistakes, make them early

See the essence, acquire the wisdom,  
sometimes details could be forgotten



**A PERSON WHO NEVER  
MADE A MISTAKE  
NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW**

*Albert Einstein*



**Mistakes  
are  
the  
portals  
of  
discovery.**

James Joyce

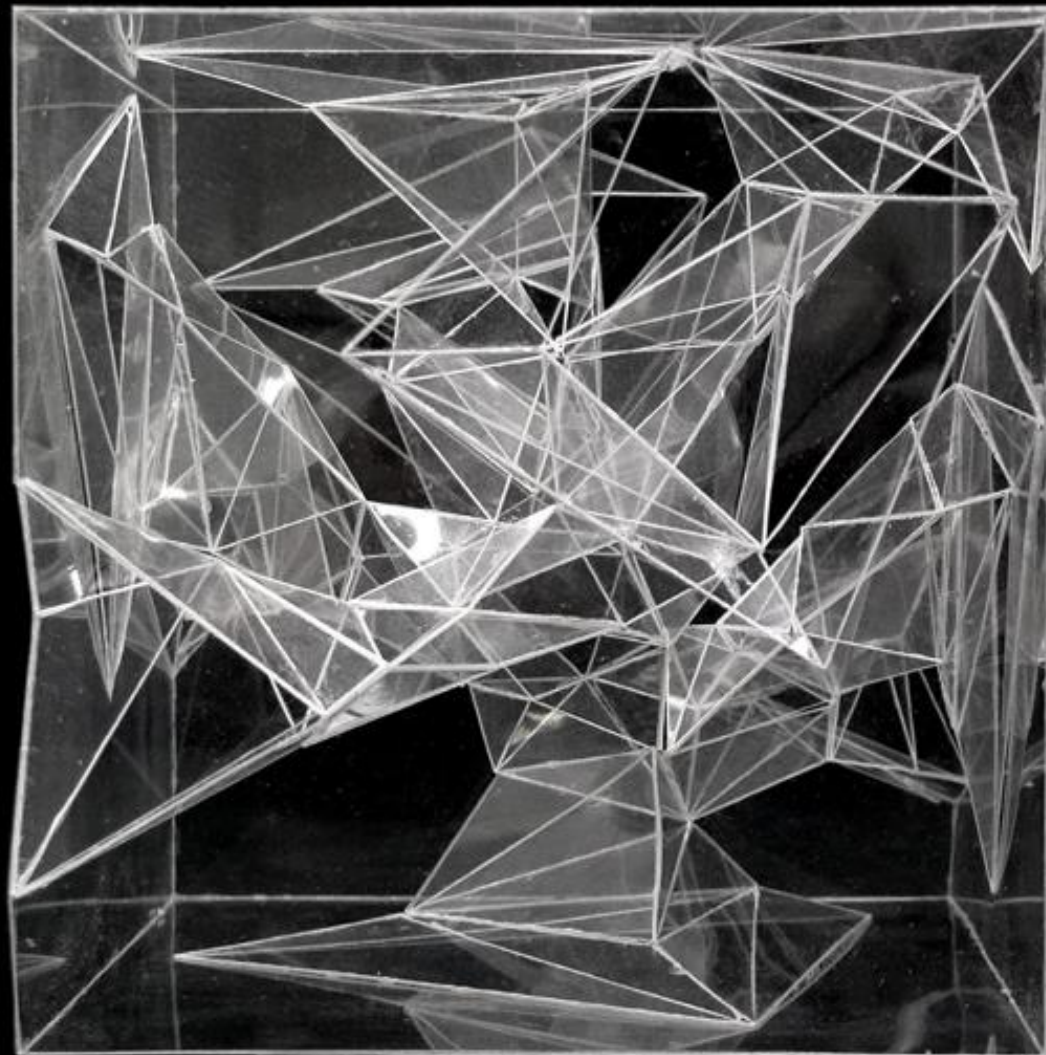


*Think outside of the box, Look  
inside the box (from outside)*

# Think outside of the box

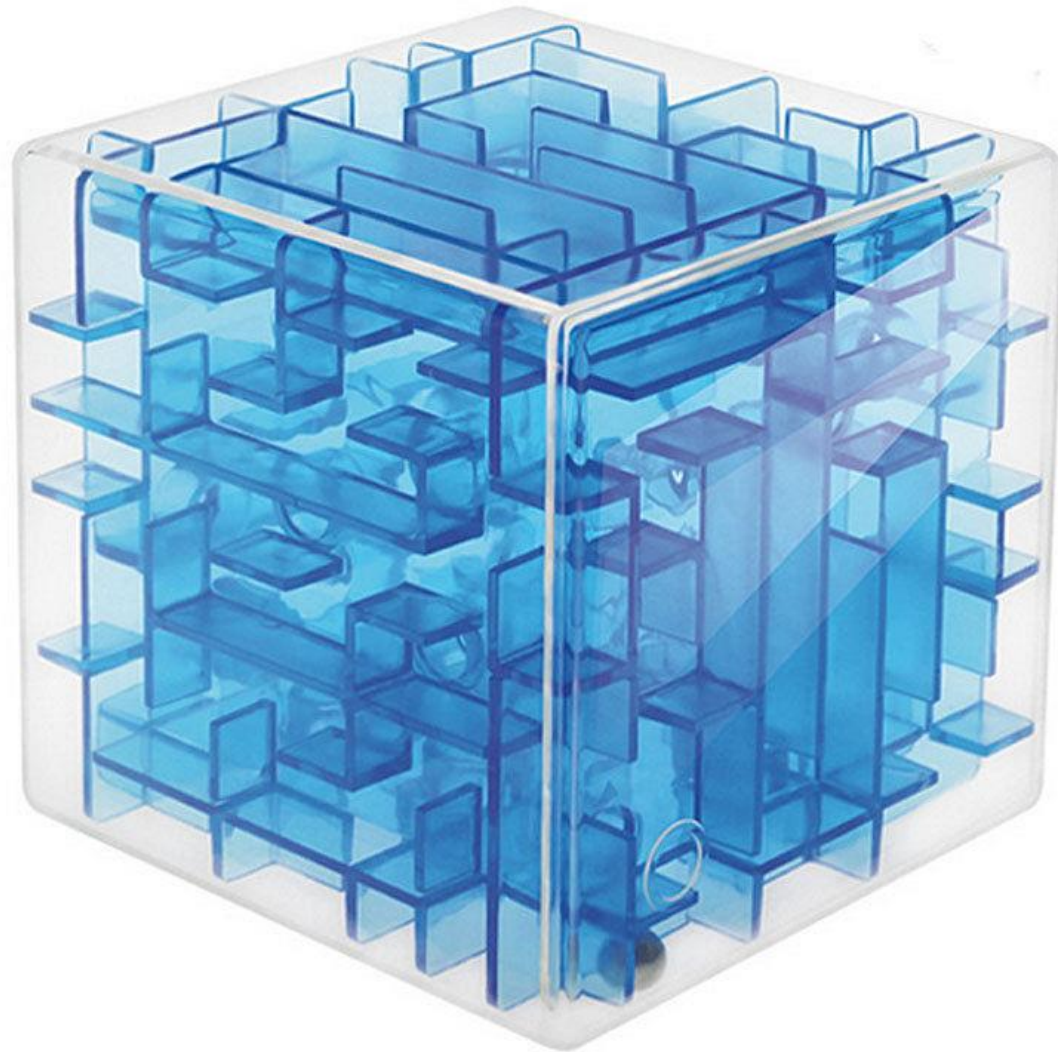


# Look inside the box

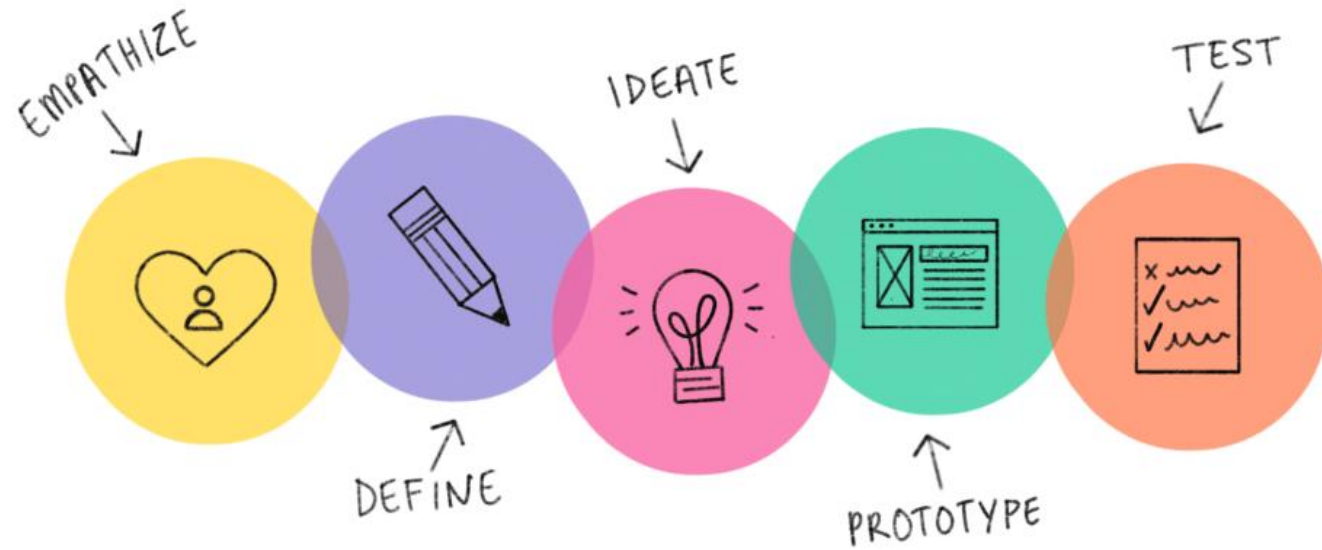




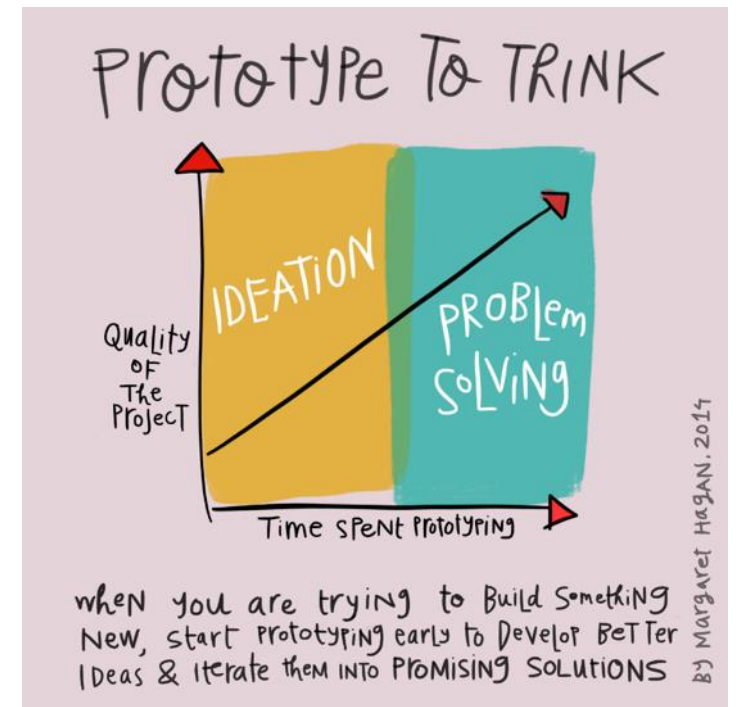
**Look inside the box**



# Design Thinking



*Embrace your failures,  
Learn to build your confidence*



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Design Thinking is a human centred approach to innovation that draws from the designer's toolkit to integrate the **needs of people**, the **possibilities of technology**, and the **requirements for business success.**

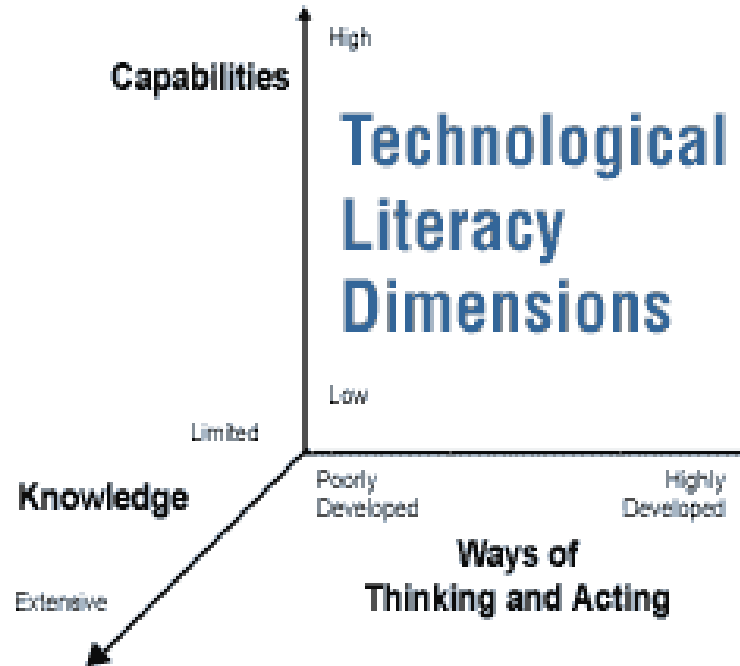
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**Tim Brown**



Knowledge is Action, Action is knowledge

## Technological Literacy is of utmost importance:



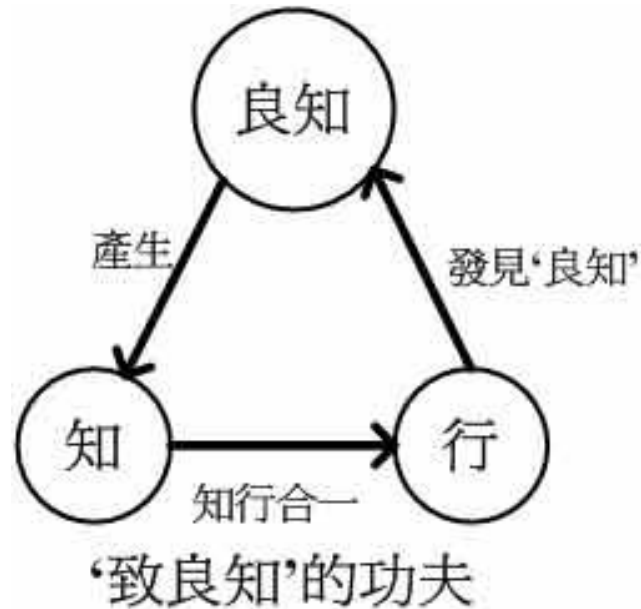
*Knowledge is Action*  
*Action is Knowledge*

‘知行合一’

# Knowledge is Action, Action is Knowledge

## Learning by Doing

### Practice with Knowledge



I hear and I forget.  
I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand.

Confucius

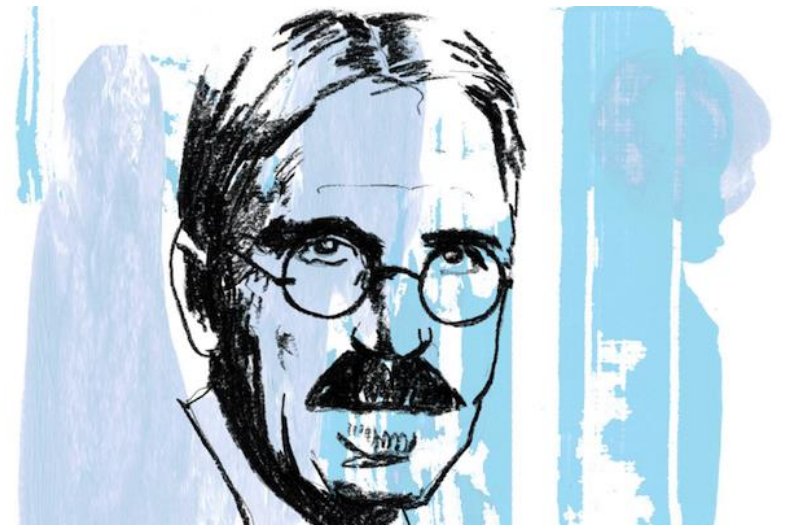


王陽明認為，不僅要認識（“知”），尤其應當實踐（“行”），只有把“知”和“行”統一起來，才能稱得上“善”。“致良知，知行合一”，是陽明文化的核心，先有致良知，而後有“知行合一”。

# Learning by Doing

Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results.

- John Dewey



# Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn

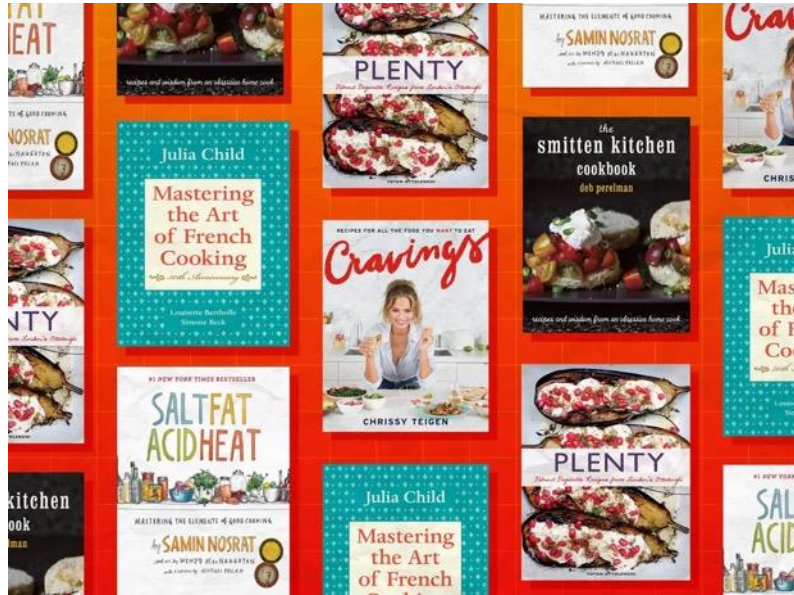
Not having heard something is not as good as having heard it; having heard it is not as good as having seen it; having seen it is not as good as knowing it; knowing it is not as good as putting it into practice.

- Xunzi

不聞不若聞之，聞之不若見之，見之不若知之，知之不若行之，學至於行之而止矣。行之，明也。 - 《荀子·儒效》







# Education 4.0

- Focus on **real-world integration of theory and practice**
- Learning responsibilities shift from instructors to learners, **students have to take learning initiates and plan their own learning**
- Instead of didactic instructions in traditional classrooms, integrates **new teaching and learning approaches** e.g. work-based learning, service-based learning, project-based learning, problem-based learning, experiential learning etc.
- Penetration of **new technologies** in the education process

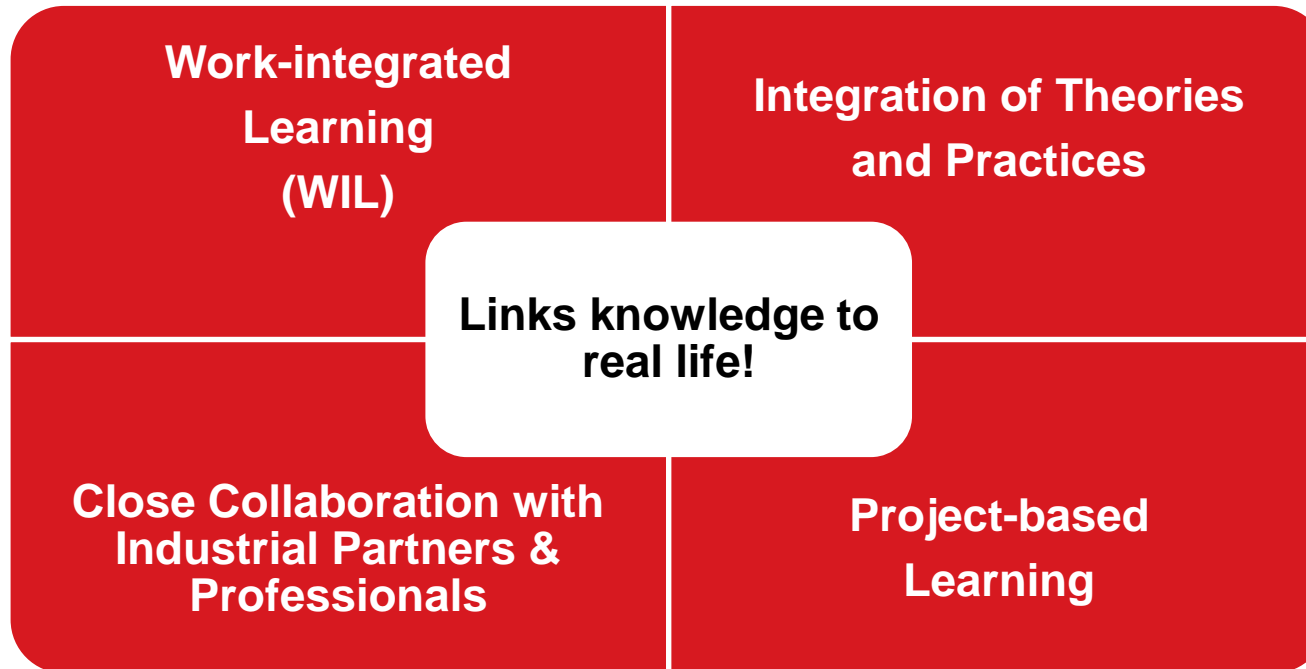


# Equilibrium between Skills Supply and Demand

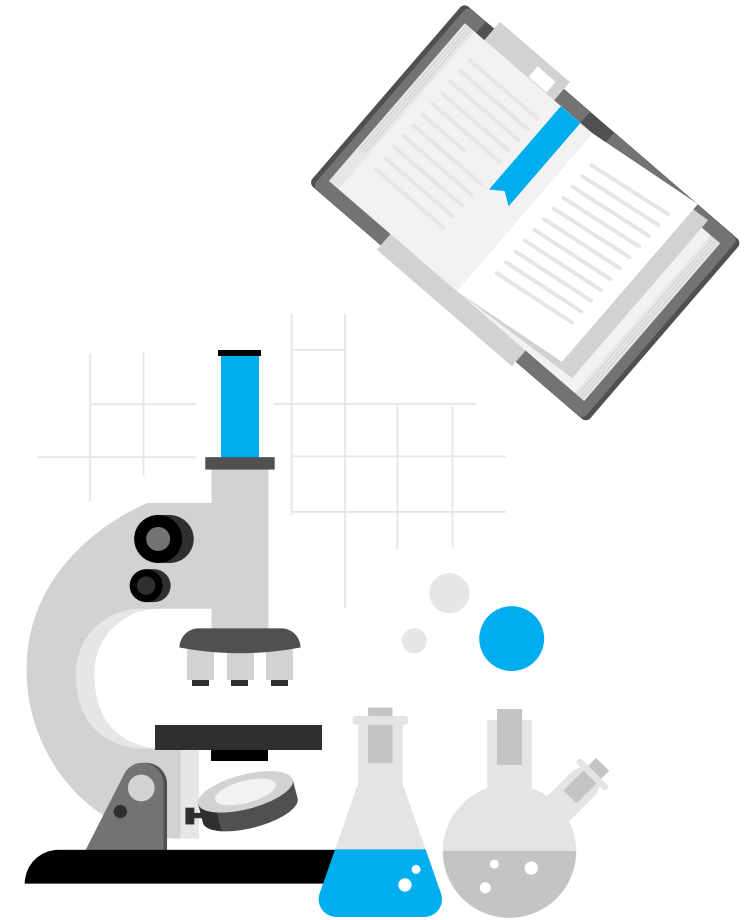


# Applied Learning in Higher Education

- Addressing skills shortages
- Fixing the skills mismatch
- Closing the gaps between university graduate outcomes and employability requirements



# Applied Learning in Higher Education Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS)





# VPET in Germany

- Strong tradition in applied learning – Dual-track system combining school-based and work-based learning
- Established around 50 years ago, previously known as “Fachhochschulen” (Technical Colleges)
- Now - Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HAW)
- More than 200 HAW/FH accounts – an important part of the German higher education
- Internships or practical semesters tend to be compulsory
- Around **40 %** of all students in Germany currently enrolled at an HAW/FH (Yr 2021)
- ~**137,000** international students were doing a course at an HAW/FH



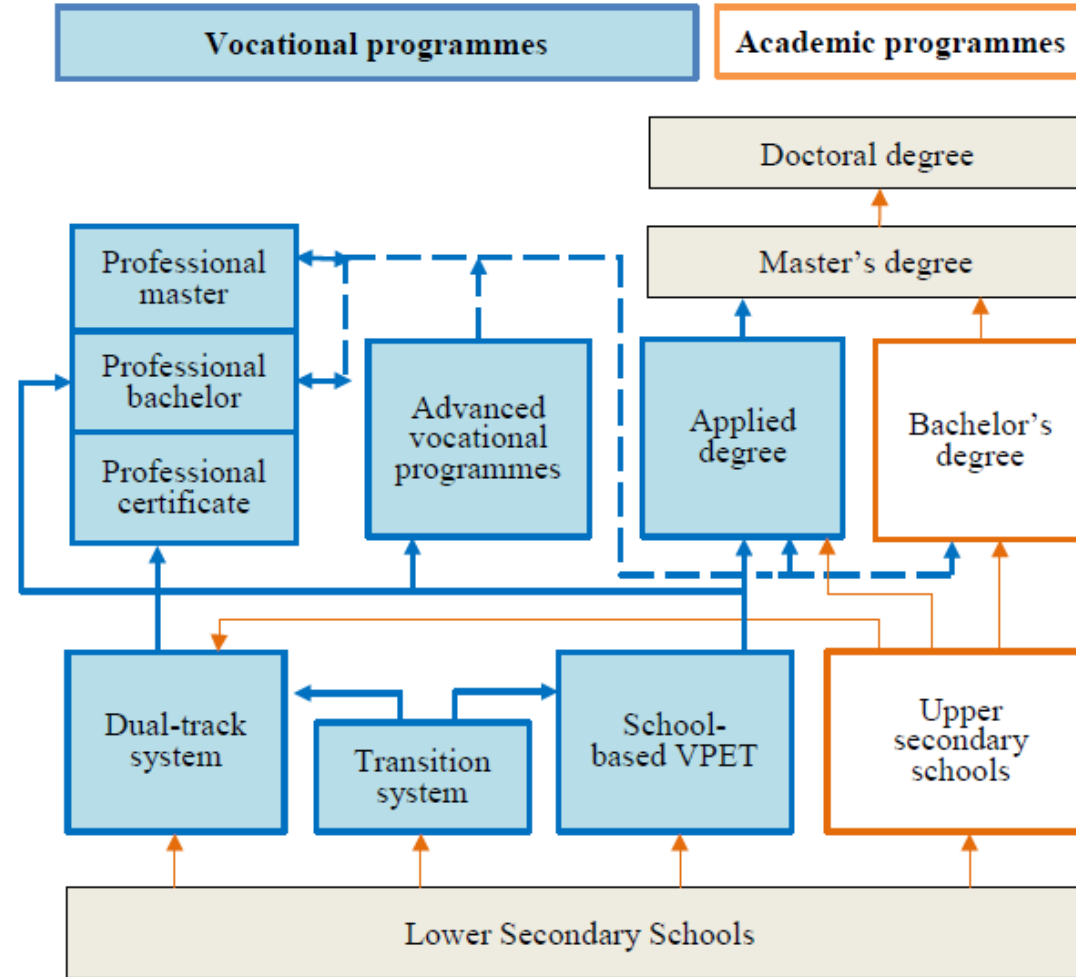
HAW Hamburg



Hochschule Aalen -  
Technik und Wirtschaft



# Education System in Germany



Sources: Autorengruppe Bildungsberichterstattung (2020) and CEDEFOP (2020a).



# Germany - Universities of Applied Sciences (HAW/FH)

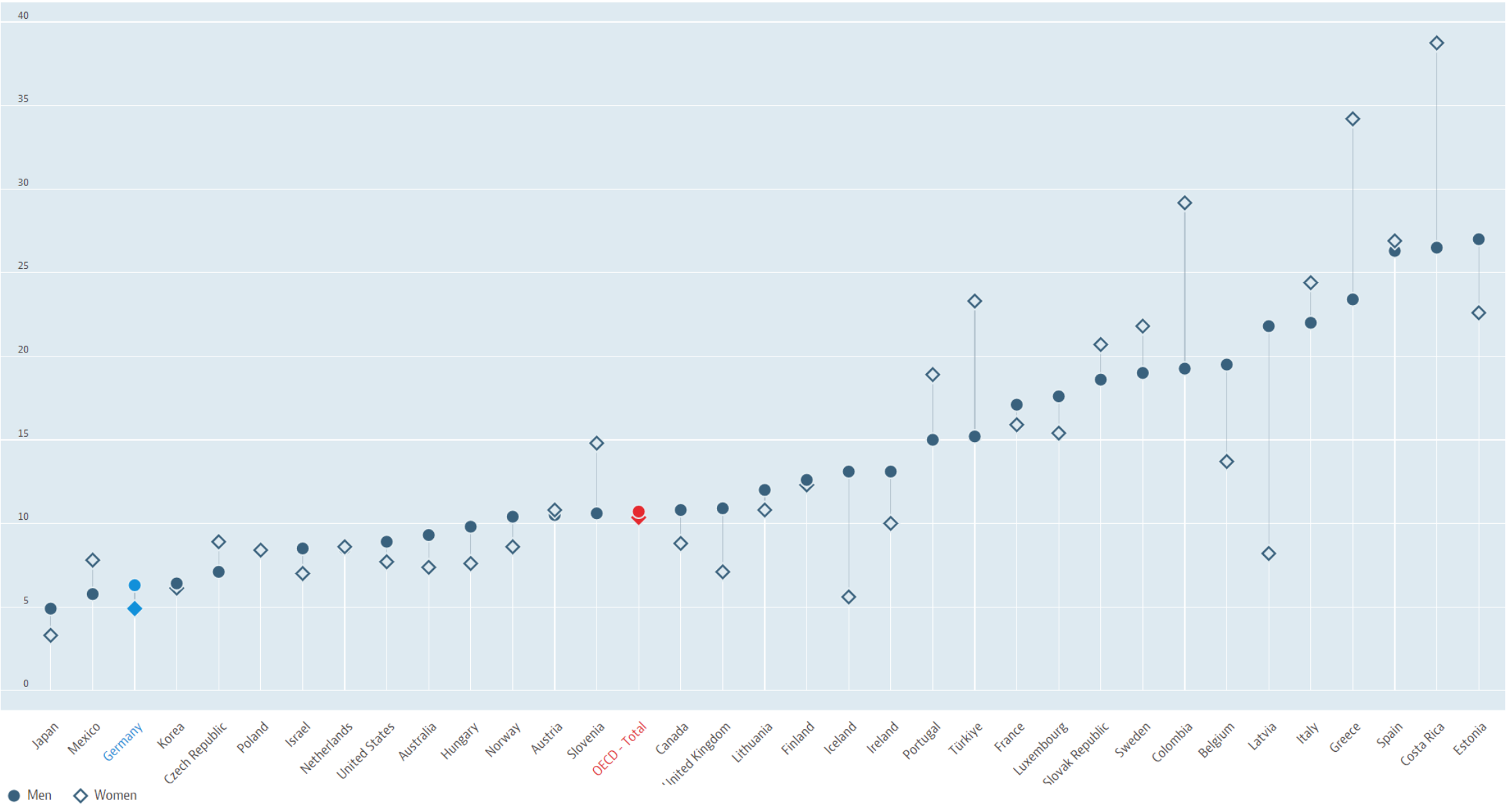
- Vocational focus
- Prioritize application relevance
- Students routinely engage in practical exercises, such as lab experiments or work in project groups
- Covers 324 occupation
- Strong involvement of enterprises in offering suitable training positions
  - 19% of German companies participated, offering a total of 527,400 apprenticeships for new students
- Applied research with local companies

**An engine for regional development and innovative capacity**



Hochschule für Technik  
Stuttgart







- After completion of the 4-year secondary education, **the vast majority of students (74% in 2020) would pursue VPET**
- Two of the six public universities were established as “University of Applied Learning” in 2009 and 2017 respectively **(17% of overall university intake)**



- Created in response to industry demand for graduates, the curriculum is often developed in consultation with employers
- Approximately **40 colleges, universities and university colleges** in Canada offering applied degree programs across a broad spectrum of fields



### **Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences**

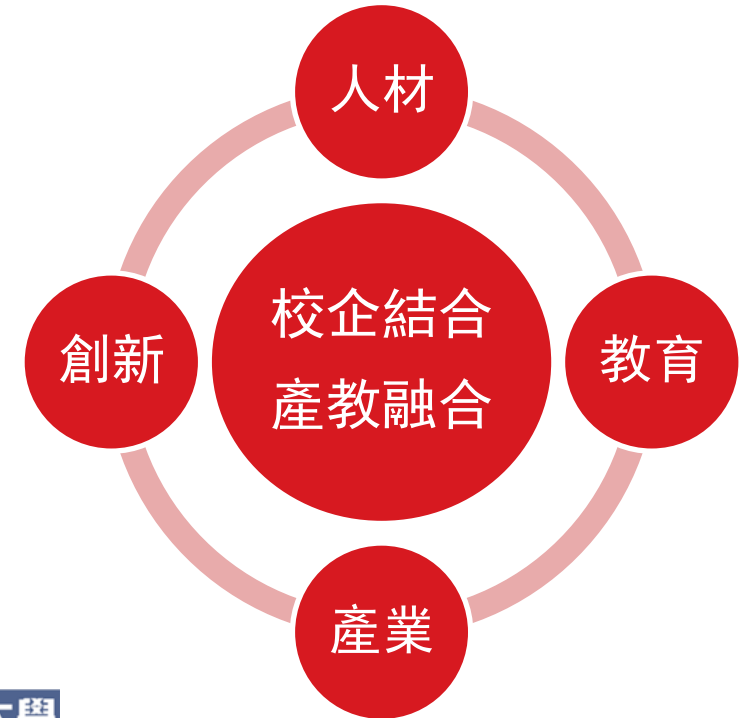
- 24 private Universities teaching applied science and technology in Finland
- One of the largest Universities of Applied Sciences in Finland  
**16,836 students** (Year 2021)





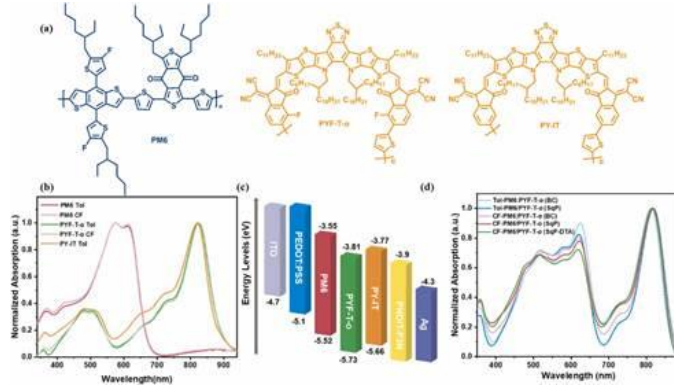
# VPET in China

- Transform undergraduate colleges and universities to Application-oriented undergraduate colleges and universities (應用型本科高校) (13th five-year plan)
- More than 300 colleges and universities joined the pilot scheme
- School-enterprise combination
- Integration of production and education
- Create an ecology of education, talent,
- Deepening the integration of production and education and promoting the organic connection between the education chain, the talent chain, the industrial chain and the innovation chain
- E.g. Shenzhen Technology University



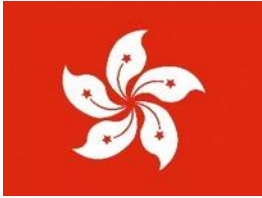


# Shenzhen Technology University



- Set up specialties and courses according to the needs of the industrial chain and innovative chain
- Implement a modern apprenticeship system in teaching
- Meet the demand of pillar industry, strategic emerging industry and future industry in Shenzhen
- Promote cooperation between university and enterprises
- Extensive cooperation with universities of applied sciences over the world





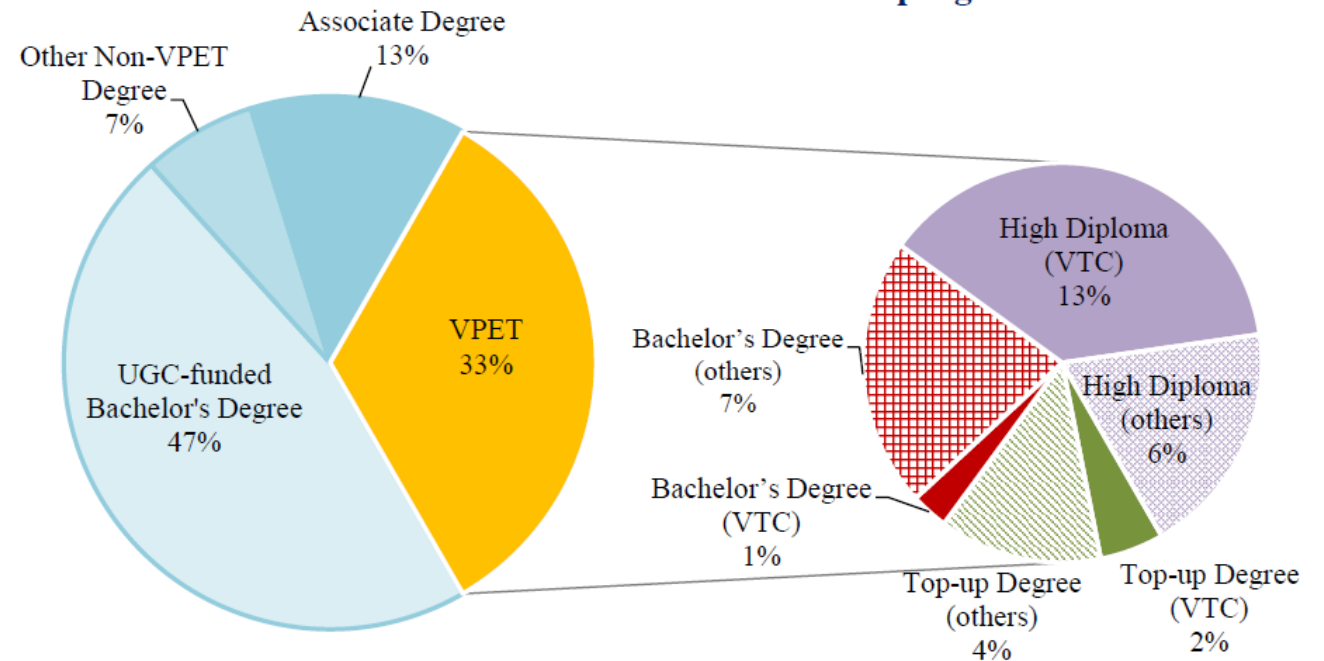
# VPET in Hong Kong

- Long history of providing VPET-type programmes
  - Milestones:
    - Establishment of Vocational Training Council in 1982
    - Introduction of Qualifications Framework (“QF”) in 2008
    - Introduction of the Training and Support Scheme (TSS) in 2014 (regularized in 2019)

## Post-secondary students enrolled in VPET programmes in 2019-2020

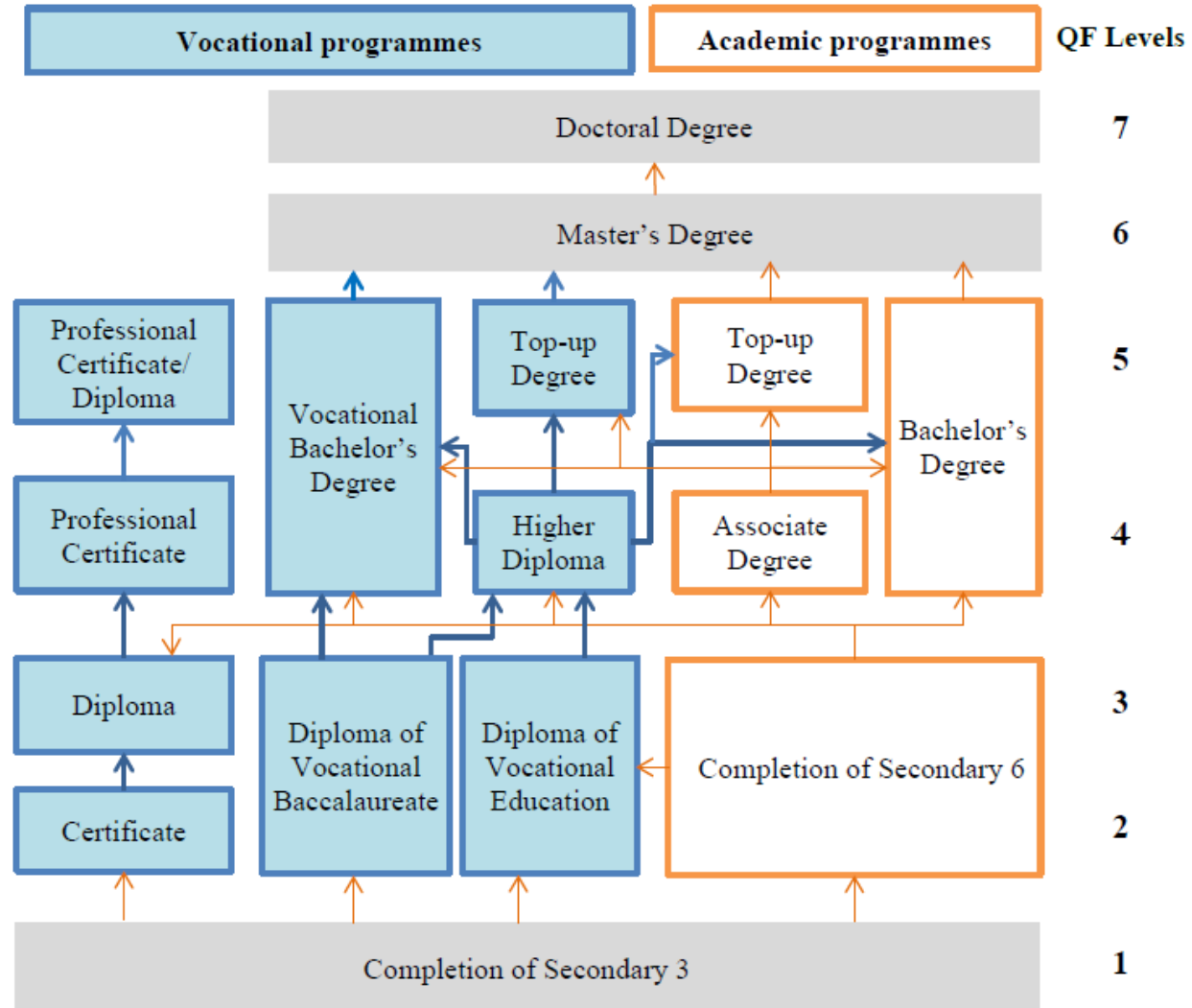
Enrolment in VPET: 58 441

Enrolment in other programmes: 116 625



Sources: PricewaterhouseCoopers (2021) and Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education (2022).

# Key VPET Qualifications under QF Framework



Source: Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (2020).

# VPET in Hong Kong, Singapore and Germany

	Hong Kong	Singapore	Germany
Employed Person by Skill level (%)			
- High	40.1%	59.3%	46.4%
- Middle	39.5%	33.4%	44.5%
VPET participation rate (%)			
- Upper Secondary	14%	27%	48%
- Post-Secondary	33%	53%	39%
Expenditure per Student			
- VPET	60,000	97,000	146,000
- Comparable Academic Level	91,000	79,000	108,000
Dedicated Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS)	No	Yes	Yes
Share (%) in UAS enrollment	N/A	13%	35%
Business Engagement	Limited	Moderate	Broad

Source: Research Office, Legislative Council Secretariat IN01/2022

# VPET – Equip youth with knowledge, skills and competencies for occupation

- Uplift status of VPET
- Elicit support from businesses to promote work-based learning
- Incorporate views of business in the formulation of VPET policies
- Extend VPET to more economic sectors
- Create clearer progression pathways by recognizing qualification of vocational / applied subjects

Source: Research Office, Legislative Council Secretariat IN01/2022



# Strengthen Our Education System

- Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) – (Chp VII,122)
  - Expand Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/ Sectors
    - Top-up degree will be covered for the first time and priority will be accorded to programmes of applied nature that involve industry-institution collaborations
  - Explore the introduction of more applied degree programmes
  - Expedite the development of Vocational Qualifications Pathway (VQP)
  - Launch the Diploma of Applied Education (DAE) programme
  - Enrich applied learning and workplace experience of secondary students
  - Enhance VPET promotion





# Pilot Project on the Development of Applied Degree Programmes

In 2020

- The Education Bureau (EDB) launched the Pilot Project to gain experience in the practical issues involved in the development of applied degree programmes and to assess the implications for the higher education system as a whole



**EDB**

# Example of an Applied Degree Programme – THEi BSc (Hons.) in HALM



THEi新課程培訓樹醫生

## THEi新課程培訓樹醫生

多項課程  
 及數年多次  
 學生獲獎  
 多，根本保  
 其能上進。  
 全港獨特的  
 有100種  
 種，以專  
 精於訓練1,000種樹木計，由專科設計  
 每種樹木千多名稱，由專科設計  
 和護理樹木，有及及此，香港高等科技教育  
 學院設計學院 (THEi) 推出全港首創「園藝  
 及園境管理 (榮譽) 學士課程」以應付社  
 會對園藝專業人才的需求。

香港高等科技教育學院設計學院一視

THEi新課程培訓樹醫生，由THEi設計學院與香港樹木學會合作，為全港首創。課程內容包括：園藝、園境管理、樹木護理、園藝工程、園藝設計、園藝管理、園藝教育、園藝研究、園藝推廣、園藝服務、園藝諮詢、園藝培訓、園藝發展、園藝創新、園藝創業、園藝投資、園藝融資、園藝保險、園藝法律、園藝會計、園藝稅務、園藝保險、園藝法律、園藝會計、園藝稅務。

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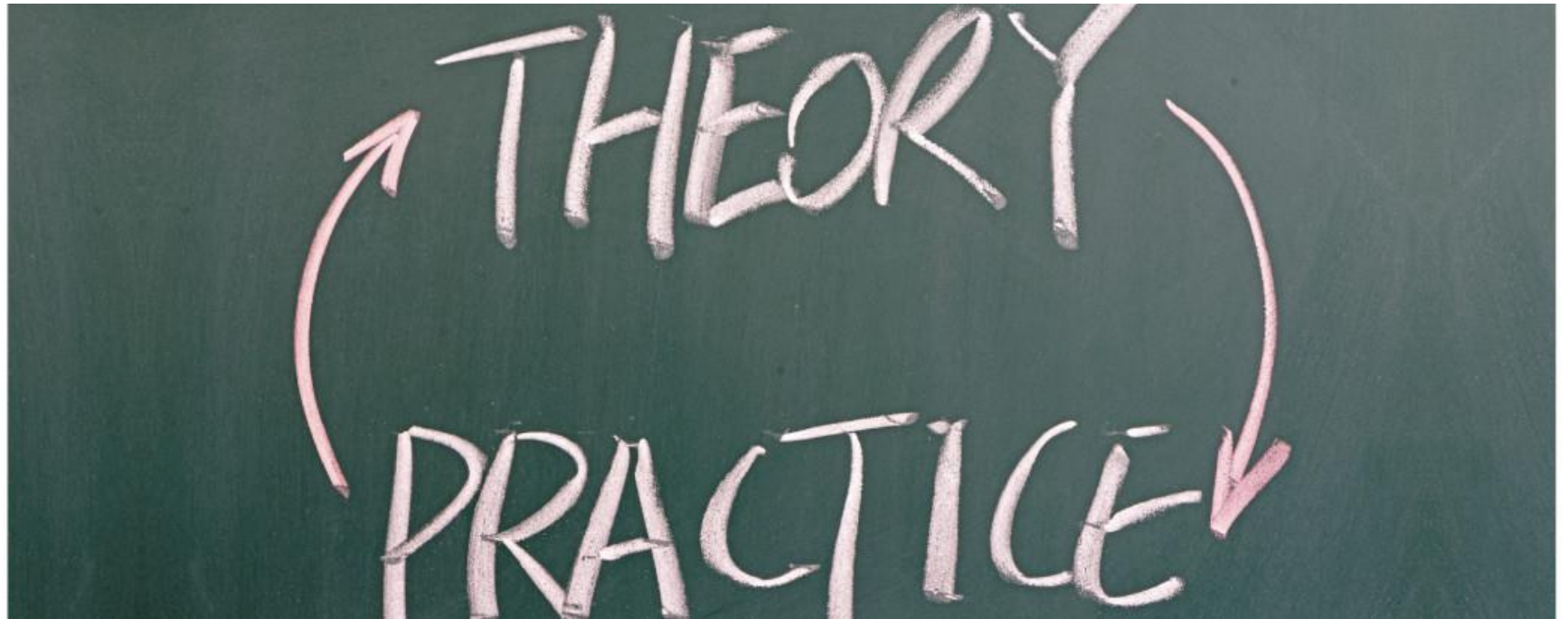
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Horticulture, Arboriculture and Landscape Management

園藝樹藝及園境管理 (榮譽) 理學士

In 2021  
 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in  
 Horticulture, Arboriculture and  
 Landscape Management  
 programme by THEi has been  
 selected as one of the degree  
 programmes for the Pilot Project

# What is an Applied Degree?

An applied degree blends theory or academic studies with hands-on experience.



# Distinct and Prominent Features of Applied Degree Programme



Equivalent to conventional academic degrees (QF Level 5)



**Applied focus - blending theory and practice:** substantial work-based learning element in the curriculum & prepare graduates for a specific trade/industry

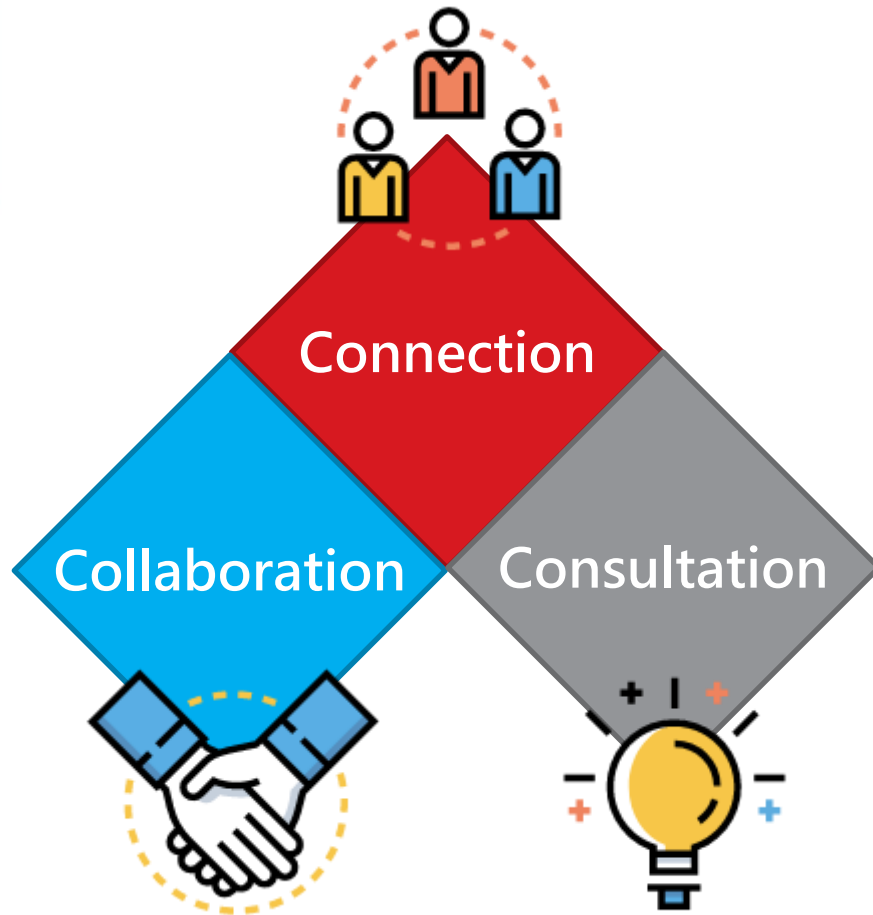


More **flexible admission** requirement



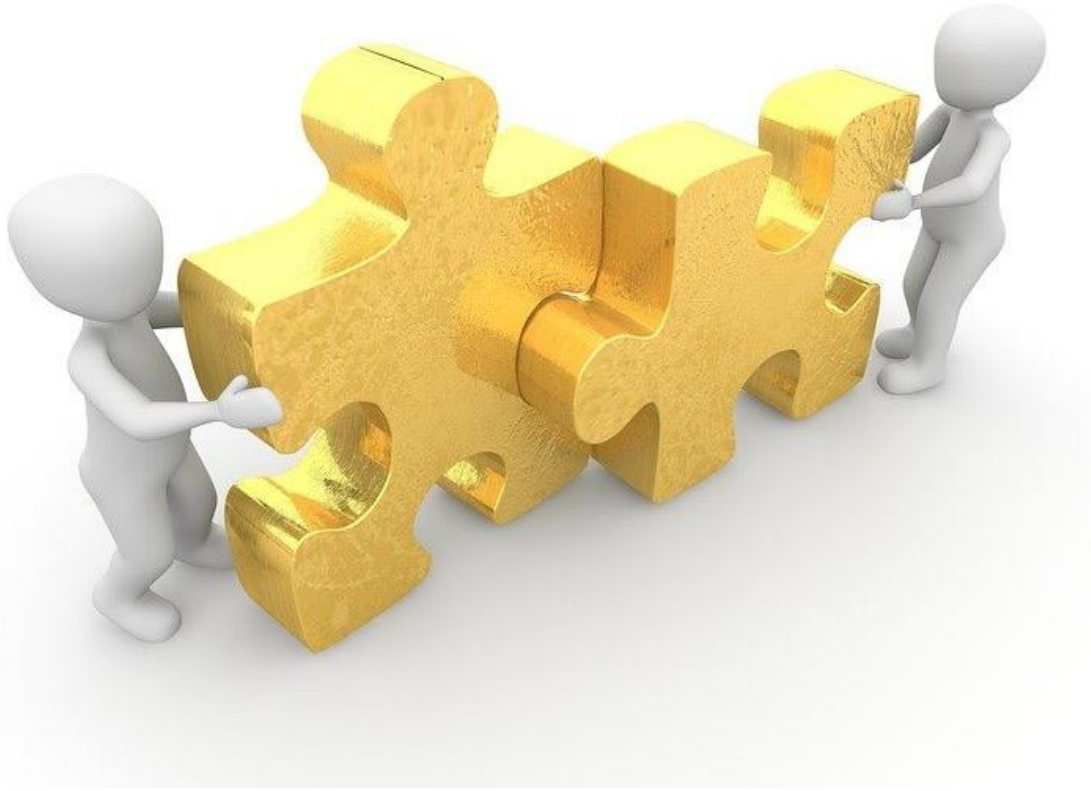
Strong **industry** involvement & with trade recognition

# Industry Involvement and Recognition



- Ensure the programme is **relevant and current** to the development and manpower needs in Hong Kong
- Provide students with the **latest industry-relevant training**
- Enhance the development of **generic or professional skills**
- Help develop **professional identity** (e.g. roles, responsibilities, values, ethical standards)
- Enhance the **employability** of graduates

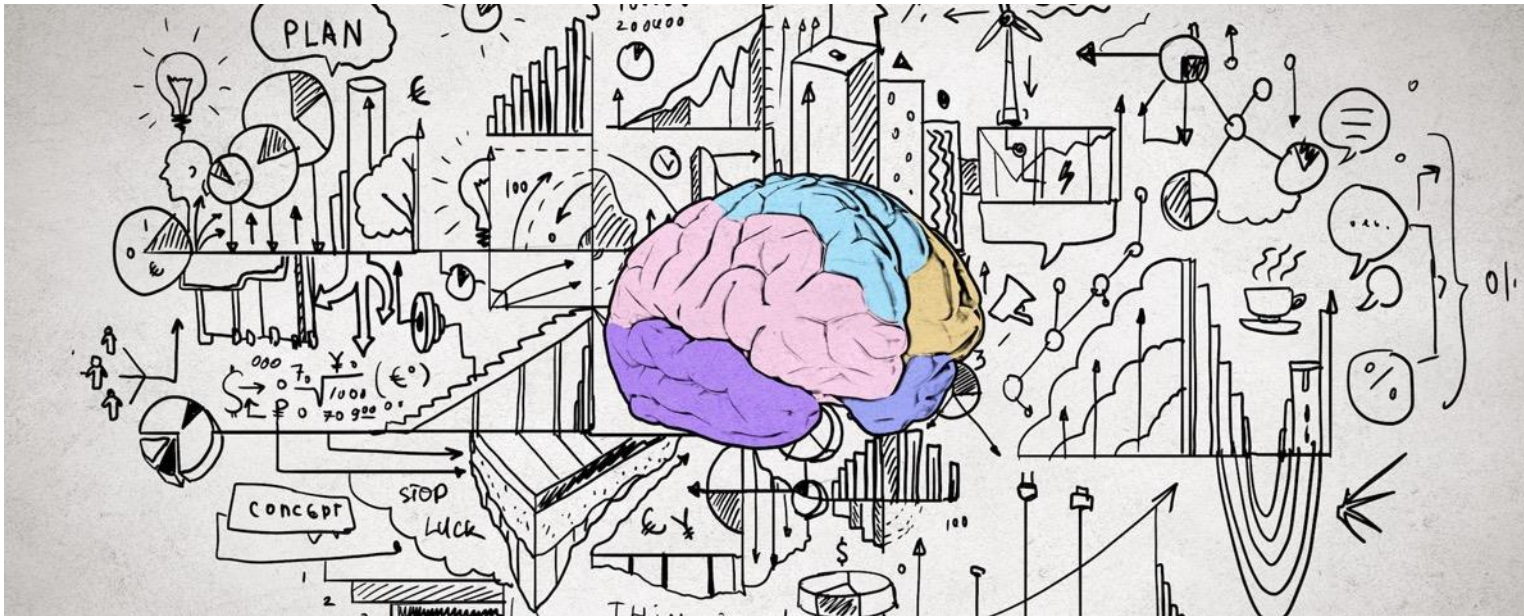
# Industry Collaboration Opportunities



- Internships
- Final Year Projects (FYP) – Research/Professional Projects
- Work-based learning
- Project-based learning
- Field trips
- Other...



Applying knowledge and skills to investigate and respond to a driving question based on an **authentic** challenge, need, problem or concern







**A common vision of education**



Thanks a lot for your attention!

Q&A