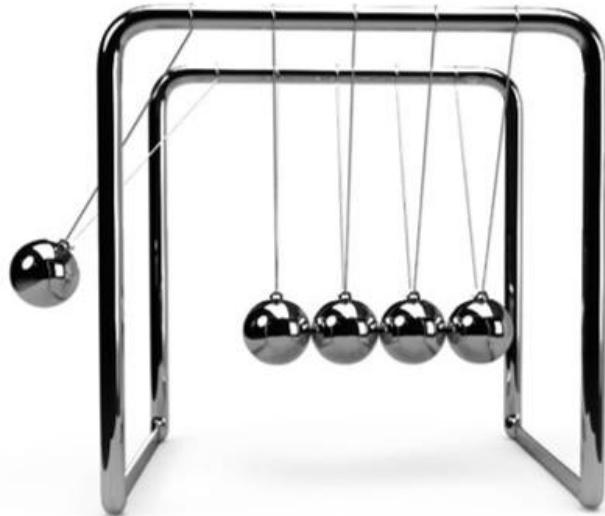**06**

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Sunday, 2 November 2025
Day 0: Participant Arrival and Hotel Check-in
Venue: Century Park Hotel Lobby

18:00 – 19:00	Pre-registration at Century Park Hotel

Monday, 3 November 2025
Day 1: Setting the Scene: AI Skills for the Future
Venue: The Verdure, 4F Henry Sy Sr. Hall, De La Salle University - Manila Campus

08:15	Departure from hotel to the venue
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	**Opening Session and Welcome Remarks** • **Mr Zhang LEI**, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation • **Dr (Anthony) Shung Fung CHIU**, Vice President for External Relations and Internationalization, De La Salle University • **Dr Shirley AGRUPIS**, Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education in the Philippines [Online] • **Prof Dr Alvin CULABA**, Commissioner, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, Department of Foreign Affairs
09:45 – 10:15	Group Photo & Morning Break
10:15 – 10:45	**Opening Keynote Speech** **AI and the Future of Skills: A Human-Centered Development Perspective** • **Dr Shanti JAGANNATHAN**, Director for Human and Social Development, Asian Development Bank
10:45 – 11:45	**Opening Panel Discussion** **Decoding the Future: Multisectoral Perspectives on an AI-Powered Future and The Role of Education** *Panelists share their thoughts and their organisation's vision on the future of skills and the role of universities for skills development in science and technology, especially emerging technologies such as AI.* • **Dr Franz DE LEON,** Director of the Department of Science and Technology – Advanced Science and Technology Institute (DOST-ASTI), Philippines • **Mr Kenneth LEUNG**, Advisor and Research Director, Asia Pacific Policy Observatory, NetMission.Asia • **Dr Elmer DADIOS**, Academician, National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) & Distinguished Professor and University Fellow, De La Salle University

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- **Engr Gerhard TAN**, Senior Director & Head of Technology Strategy and Innovations, Globe Group

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- **Dr Robert Kerwin BILLONES**, AI Governance Coordinator of the AE4AI Network; Full Professor, Department of Biomedical, Manufacturing, and Robotics Engineering & Research Fellow, Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research, De La Salle University, Philippines

11:45 – 12:30	**Setting the Scene, Getting to Know Each Other** • **Ms Cleo CACHAPERO**, Project Lead for Higher Education, Asia-Europe Foundation
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:00	**Networking Icebreaker**
14:00 – 15:00	**Moderated Group Session** **Revisiting the Micro-credential Programmes Track** • **Dr Lara SORRENTINO**, Head, Post-Graduate and Lifelong Learning Department, University of Florence, Italy; ASEFInnoLab6 MP Track Expert Facilitator
15:00 – 16:00	**Workshop 1** **Needs Analysis of Micro-credential Courses** • **Dr Lara SORRENTINO,** ASEFInnoLab6 MP Track Expert Facilitator
16:00 – 16:30	Afternoon Break
16:30 – 17:30	**Workshop 2** **Defining Learning Outcomes and Assessment for Micro-credential Courses** • **Dr Lara SORRENTINO,** ASEFInnoLab6 MP Track Expert Facilitator
17:30 – 18:00	**Reflections for the Day** *Participants share their thoughts and takeaways from the speakers and workshops so far.*
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, 4 November 2025
Day 2: Working Sessions and Site Visit
Venue: Learning Spaces 1 to 3, 7F De La Salle University - McKinley Microcampus

07:00	Departure from hotel to the venue
09:00 – 10:00	**Workshop 3** **Defining Teaching Methodologies and Delivery Modes of Micro-credential Courses**

	• **Dr Lara SORRENTINO,** ASEFInnoLab6 MP Track Expert Facilitator
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break
10:30 – 12:00	**Keynote Speeches**
	The Role of Universities in Developing Skills for the AI Era
	• **Dr Salvatore MOCCIA,** Director of Education and Skills, European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Digital
	Redefining E-Learning for All in an AI-Powered Future
	• **Prof Dr Daniel BURGOS,** President. MIU City University Miami, USA and Vice-Rector for International Research, Universidad Internacional de La Rioja (UNIR), Spain *UNESCO Chair in eLearning*
12:00 – 12:30	**Constructive Feedback as Collaborative Practice** *This will be a short session in preparation for the upcoming peer-to-peer feedback exchanges.*
	• **Ms Cleo CACHAPERO,** Project Lead for Higher Education, Asia-Europe Foundation
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:30	**Site Visit and EdTech Company Expo**
Evening	Free Time

Wednesday, 5 November 2025

Day 3: Sharing Good Practices & Team Presentations

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall, 20F Br. Andrew Gonzales Hall, De La Salle University - Manila Campus

08:30	Departure from hotel to the venue
09:00 – 10:30	**Keynote Speeches**
	Lessons Learned in Designing Cross-Border Micro-Credential Programmes
	• **Dr Kian Hoong KWAN**, Director, Temasek SkillsFuture Academy, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
	Beyond Degrees: Empowering Lifelong Learning through Micro-Credentials
	• **Dr Rowena CAGUIAT,** Director, Professional Training and Development, School of Lifelong Learning, De La Salle University, The Philippines
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Break
11:00 – 12:00	**Presentation of Micro-credential Course**

Micro-credential for Real-Life Learning, Supporting Lifelong Learners Beyond the Classroom

MP1's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Mr Nutan BALLA,** Officer for Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority
- **Ms Agata KRÓLIK,** Head of AI Product Solutions, BlueSoft (Orange Group), Poland
- **Mr Vitaliy RUDNEV,** Leader, Scientific and Practical Centre, Kostanay Regional University, Kazakhstan
- **Mr Yang BONG,** Visiting Lecturer, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

12:00 – 13:00	**Presentation of Micro-credential Course**

Living AI: A Sandbox for Tomorrow's Applications & Today's Improvements

MP2's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Mrs Liwah WONG,** Principal Investigator, Technical University of Berlin, Germany / National University of Singapore
- **Dr Bin ZHOU,** Researcher, University of Augsburg, Germany
- **Ms Harisa SHAHID,** Policy Analyst, Asia Pacific Policy Observatory, NetMission.Asia

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00	**Presentation of Micro-credential Course**

Accelerating Digital Research Methods in Higher Education: Ethical and Practical AI Integration

MP3's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Dr Mohammad ROKIB,** Senior Lecturer, Universitas Negeri Surabaya, Indonesia
- **Mr Dechkunn CHHAY,** University-Industry Linkage Coordinator, Cambodia University of Technology and Science
- **Ms Kristaline LEYTE,** PhD Student, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary

15:00 – 16:00	**Presentation of Micro-credential Course**

AI & Digital Ethics: A Micro-credential Program for Responsible Innovation & Trustworthy AI

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MP5's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Ms Julia EISNER,** Lecturer & Researcher, University of Applied Science Wiener Neustadt, Austria
- **Mr Panourgias PAPAIOANNOU,** Research Associate & PhD Candidate, TU Dortmund, Greece
- **Mr Aviral KAINTURA,** Student, National Forensic Sciences University - Delhi Campus, India / Research Manager, Asia Pacific Policy Observatory, NetMission.Asia
- **Ms Nang Thaingi MYO,** Educational Consultant & Curriculum Coordinator, UNESCO Myanmar

16:00 – 16:30	Afternoon Break

16:30 – 17:30	**Presentation of Micro-credential Course**

Fraud Risk Management: Theory and Practice in the AI-Powered Higher Education Environment
MP13's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Mr Martin KUCHTA,** Associate Professor, Bratislava University of Economics and Business, Slovakia [Online]
- **Mr Kenneth LEUNG,** Advisor and Research Director, Asia Pacific Policy Observatory, NetMission.Asia
- **Mr Karol LEJA,** Researcher, Tampere University, Finland
- **Ms Hoàng Ca PHÙNG,** International Mobility Coordinator, FPT University, Vietnam

17:30 – 18:00	**Reflections for the Day** *Participants share their thoughts and takeaways from the presentations so far.*

Evening	Free Time

Thursday, 6 November 2025
Day 4: Team Presentations & Closing
Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall, 20F Br. Andrew Gonzales Hall, De La Salle University - Manila Campus

08:30	Departure from hotel to the venue

09:00 – 10:00	**Presentation of Micro-credential Course**

Digital Transformation and Industry 5.0: A Joint Contribution from Asian and European AI (Augmented Intelligence)
MP9's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Prof Henrique O'NEILL,** Associated Professor with Habilitation of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal

- **Mr Rohan SACHDEVA,** Student, La Trobe University, Australia / NetMission.Asia

- **Mrs Irina DIMITROVA,** National VET Expert, Human Resources Development Center, Bulgaria

- **Mrs Ieva VEIDEMANE,** Adjunct Lecturer, Riga Business School, Riga Technical University, Latvia

- **Ms Lidya VERADILLA,** Virtual Scholarship Officerfor the EU Mobility Programme for Myanmar, Nuffic Southeast Asia, Indonesia

10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break

10:30 – 11:30

Presentation of Micro-credential Course

Incorporating AI Tools in Teaching and Assessment
MP14's presentation of their micro-credential programme design will be followed by a peer feedback session with an assigned team and an open Q&A segment with the cohort and resource persons.

- **Mr Md Shafiee YAKOB,** Education Officer, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

- **Ms Jo Ann MAGSUMBOL,** Chairperson, MS ECE Programme, Polytechnic University of the Philippines

- **Dr David DONCEL ABAD,** Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Salamanca, Spain

11:30 – 12:30 **Teamwork Session**
Each team can use this time to prepare independently for the final feedback session in the afternoon.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:00 **Networking Icebreaker**

14:00 – 16:00 **Ways Forward for Implementation and Final Feedback Session**
Teams to share their progress and ways forward. ASEF and Expert Facilitator to give feedback and advice.

16:00 – 16:30 Afternoon Break

16:30 – 17:45 **AE4AI Induction Ceremony**

- **Dr Robert Kerwin BILLONES,** AI Governance Coordinator for the AE4AI Network; Full Professor, Department of Biomedical, Manufacturing, and Robotics Engineering & Research Fellow, Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research, De La Salle University, Philippines

- **Mr Yang BONG**, AI for Sustainable Development Coordinator of the AE4AI Network; Visiting Lecturer, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

Closing Session

- **Dr Lara SORRENTINO,** Head, Post-Graduate and Lifelong Learning Department, University of Florence, Italy; ASEFInnoLab6 Expert Facilitator

- **Dr Robert Kerwin BILLONES**, Full Professor, Department of Biomedical, Manufacturing, and Robotics Engineering & Research Fellow, Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research, De La Salle University, Philippines

- **Ms Cleo CACHAPERO,** Project Lead for Higher Education, Asia-Europe Foundation

17:45 – 18:00	**Reflections for the Day and Final Reminders** • **Mr Martin HAMMERBAUER,** Senior Project Executive, Education Department, Asia-Europe Foundation
Evening	Free Time

Friday, 7 November 2025

Day 5: Conference on AI Governance and Safety: Understanding the Impacts of AI and Enabling Partnerships in the Philippines
Venue: Natividad Auditorium, 18F Br. Andrew Gonzales Hall, De La Salle University - Manila Campus

08:15	Departure from hotel to the venue
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	**Opening Remarks** • **Dr Raymond Girard TAN,** Vice-President for Research and Innovation and Distinguished Full Professor of the Department of Chemical Engineering. De La Salle University *Fellow, The World Academy of Sciences & Academian, National Academy of Science and Technology*
09:15 – 10:00	**Frontiers Champion: AI Governance and Safety** *Understanding the Impacts of AI and Enabling Partnerships in the Philippines* • **Dr Robert Kerwin BILLONES**, Project Leader, Frontiers Champions: AI Governance and Safety *Full Professor, Department of Biomedical, Manufacturing, and Robotics Engineering & Research Fellow, Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research, De La Salle University, Philippines*

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10:00 – 10:30	**AI and the Government** • **Engr Alberto B SALVADOR, Jr,** Planning Officer, Policy Research and Analysis Division of the National ICT Planning, Policy and Standards Bureau, Department of Information and Communications Technology
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break and Networking
10:45 – 11:15	**Governance by Design** *How Embedding AI and Privacy Controls Early Enables Faster, Trusted Innovation* • **Mr Derick Ohmar ADIL**, Senior Director, Privacy and AI Governance, Globe Telecom
11:15 – 11:45	**AI Ethics and Governance: Ensuring Responsible AI** • **Prof Benito L TEHANKEE,** Full Professor, Department of Management and Organization, Ramon V. Del Rosario College of Business, De La Salle University Manila
11:45 – 13:15	Networking Lunch & Photo Opportunity
13:15 – 13:45	**A Research and Policy Perspective on AI** • **Mr Kenneth LEUNG,** Advisor and Research Director, Asia Pacific Policy Observatory, NetMission.Asia • **Mr Aviral KAINTURA,** Research Manager, Asia Pacific Policy Observatory, NetMission.Asia
13:45 – 14:15	**Government-Industry-Academe Forum**
14:15 – 14:45	**Launch of the AI Governance and Safety Research** • **Dr Robert Kerwin BILLONES**, Project Leader, Frontiers Champions: AI Governance and Safety *Full Professor, Department of Biomedical, Manufacturing, and Robotics Engineering & Research Fellow, Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research, De La Salle University Manila*
14:45 – 15:00	**Closing Panel and Summary**
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break and Networking

Saturday, 8 November 2025
Day 6: Hotel Check-out and Participant Departure

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