

## DESIGNING A BRIGHT FUTURE: HOLISTIC EDUCATION AS THE KEY TO CHARACTER AND COMPETENCE BUILDING

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### Abstract

A holistic approach in modern education is essential as it aims to prepare individuals for the challenges of the 21st century. Holistic education seeks to integrate the development of students' academic, emotional, social and spiritual aspects, with the aim of creating balanced and adaptive individuals. In fact, the holistic approach in education is considered to support the formation of strong character and diverse competencies, through interactive and collaborative learning methods that involve the active involvement of the community, including family and society. As such, holistic education focuses not only on academic outcomes but also on building whole people who are ready to contribute positively and effectively in society and the future world of work.

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### Introduction

Education has a very important role in shaping individual character and competence. In facing the challenges of globalisation and rapid technological development, an education system is needed that not only focuses on academic aspects, but also on holistic character and competency development. Holistic education offers a holistic approach, which includes students' intellectual, emotional, social, physical, and spiritual aspects. (Judijanto et al., 2024); (Iksal et al., 2024). This approach differs from conventional approaches that tend to separate these areas and often emphasise academic achievement alone. In addition, education helps in developing critical thinking skills, creativity and the ability to co-operate with others in various contexts. A quality education encourages students to recognise and understand diverse cultures and experiences, and teaches tolerance and empathy which are needed in a multicultural society. (Hamami & Nuryana, 2022)..

On the competency side, education provides the basic knowledge and technical skills essential for individuals to succeed in their careers. From basic literacy to high-tech expertise, education provides the tools that enable individuals to lead productive and