Walking the talk

Arnoud De Meyer, president of the Singapore Management University, is an ideas man, and he's fully committed to fostering a culture of innovation among Singaporean students and institutions.

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I t doesn't take much to make Arnoud De Meyer smile. As president of the Singapore Management University (SMU), it's no surprise that he finds joy in the combination of making an impact and winning big awards. He's a man who likes to think big and work hard.

But it's not just about professional success for him in Singapore. He goes on to say that no university in the top 10 has what SMU has to offer, with its strong emphasis on research and innovation. He believes that SMU is the only university that can knock and feel the same way about its culture, given that it has a unique set of values and traditions.

Arnoud De Meyer says, "First and foremost, I want to foster a culture of innovation among our students and faculty. At SMU, we believe that ideas need to be encouraged and rewarded. We want our students to think outside the box and be able to innovate."

He emphasizes the importance of a culture that values creativity and risk-taking, stating that SMU is committed to providing a platform for innovation and creativity. He believes that it's essential to support students who are willing to take risks and explore new ideas.

"I want to create an environment where our students can thrive and where they are encouraged to think differently and push the boundaries of what's possible," he says.

When it comes to teaching, Arnoud De Meyer believes that the best teachers are those who are passionate about their subject and are able to inspire their students. He states that at SMU, they have a team of exceptional teachers who are committed to fostering a culture of innovation.

Arnoud De Meyer also believes in the importance of connecting with the world beyond the classroom. He says, "We want our students to be able to connect with people from all over the world and to learn from their experiences. We believe that it's essential to have a global perspective in order to be successful in today's world."

He emphasizes the importance of global exposure and collaboration, stating that SMU is committed to fostering partnerships with universities and organizations all over the world. He believes that it's essential to have a diverse and inclusive community, with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.

Arnoud De Meyer believes that SMU has a unique identity and mission, and he's proud of the progress that the university has made over the years. He states, "We've come a long way from our humble beginnings, and we're excited to see where our future journey will take us."