Joint Communiqué

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Advancing AI adoption and sustainable innovation

In recognition of the urgent need to shape a responsible and sustainable future for digital education, the members of the Digital Education Council (DEC), together with stakeholders from academia, international organisations, and governments, convened for the inaugural DEC Global Summit in Singapore on 5-6 November 2024. With representatives from over 20 countries, we gathered to discuss global challenges and explore key actionable strategies for integrating digital and artificial intelligence technologies in higher education and skills development.

Acknowledging the transformative role of these innovations, we affirm our commitment to leverage our global platform to drive positive change in the sector. We collectively agree to:

- **Drive AI literacy:** We commit to supporting educators, students, and professionals to equip everyone with essential digital and AI competencies.

- **Cultivate environments for AI adoption:** We commit to fostering environments that support a people-led culture of innovation to facilitate AI adoption in education.

- **Enable appropriate use of AI:** We commit to designing and communicating transparent guidelines that define and enable appropriate and ethical use of AI.

- **Maintain relevance at speed:** We commit to developing strategies to maintain curricula relevance, at speed with the rapidly-evolving pace of industry.

- **Measure sustainability:** We commit to creating metrics and comprehensive frameworks that facilitate the impact measurement of sustainability initiatives.

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