

WEEKLY SPEED READ

Vision: Be 10 years ahead of all other cities

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"Thinking always ahead, thinking always of trying to do more, brings a state of mind in which nothing is impossible. The moment one gets into the 'expert' state of mind a great number of things become impossible."

-- Henry Ford, automobile pioneer

GOVERNMENT HACKS



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Tel Aviv

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India

Property tech is disrupting India's property market



EU

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China

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New Zealand

Opens Innovation Institute in China as strategy

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Why Disruptive Innovation Requires Looking Beyond the Experts

#Process #Human Resources #Innovation Mindset



In a rather perverse twist, experts are generally disincentivized from promoting disruptive ideas, as it will make them a 'has been' in their field. Peter Diamandis of Singularity University and Joshua Krook at the WEF speak on how innovative ideas tend to come, not from specialized experts, but from generalists.

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Pain point addressed

The right team members for disruptive innovation.

Key insights

In today's economy, education is focused almost entirely on producing a specialized workforce. Therefore, the less we see how our industry relates to others, the less we invent to fit the gap. New research suggests the usefulness of having generalists on innovation teams, because breakthroughs happen when combining ideas together. The author suggests our system should move toward rewarding inventiveness over certifications.

We Need to Design Cities like Animal Experts Design Zoos

#Health #Transport #Art #Real Estate #City Planning



A key challenge is how our cities should be shaped to support healthier behaviors. New research led by Lancaster University, "Design for Health", suggests that buildings, cities, urban spaces, and transport is closely linked to the lifestyles we adopt. This article looks at the zoo model design as inspiration.

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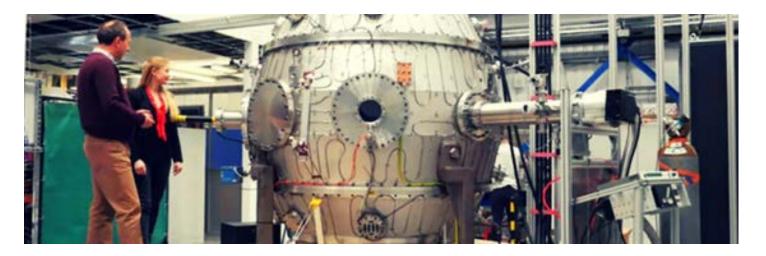
Shaping cities to support healthier behaviors.

Key insights

In the zoo model, zoologists, biologists, animal psychologists, nutritionists, and architects work closely together to design an environment that fully supports the animals' physical, psychological and social well-being. Ironically, we don't make the same demands for city planning. We can also embrace playfulness to enjoy the place we live in (e.g., Sweden's piano stairs at the metro; Netherland's street furniture).

Two Potential Energy Sources Powering the World for Tomorrow

#Energy



In this article, we look at two promising energy breakthroughs: nuclear fusion by UK's Tokamak Energy, and hydrogen-splitting by US' physicists at the University of Houston - a cheap, efficient, and easily available form to become the world's cleanest energy source.

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Discovering the energy source of tomorrow.

Key insights

With Tokamak's recent fusion reactor achieving its first plasma, they believe they are on track to expect commercially available nuclear fusion energy in years (2030), not decades - a potentially limitless supply of clean energy without producing dirty waste or significant carbon emissions. On the other hand, hydrogen energy, is cheap, stored easily, eliminates carbon footprint - a potentially green energy source for tomorrow.

How to Stay Innovative Amid the Fastest Pace of Change

#Business Model #Human Resources



Everything is changing again, but this time, faster.

Traditional business models aren't yielding the same results. Geoff Tuff, Deloitte's Digital Transformation Leader, gives advice at the Exponential Manufacturing Summit in Boston on how companies can adapt to new models for innovation and growth.

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Organizations can't keep up with rapid speed of change.

Key insights

Tuff recommends: 1) Divide the organization into knowable opportunities (which can be planned for) and unknown opportunities (to discover by a new team, metrics, and mechanisms). Counterintuitively, the new team should focus putting human behavior first and technology second- by changing outcomes in their own operations, to downstreaming customers, or even to the customer's customers (examples in the article).

What We Can Learn from Japans Innovation Legacy

#Public-Private Relationship #Innovation Hubs



Paris Norriss, an entrepreneur and partner in Coba Education, shares his thoughts on lessons the Middle East can take from Japan's innovative landscape - a culture of innovation that was bursting with new inventions from robot pets to high-speed bullet trains since 1999.

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Pain point addressed

Learning from past innovative hub leaders.

Key insights

Japan adopted many incredible components. 1) A culture of critical thinking, rewarding of questioning and creative reasoning, even if it challenges the status quo. 2) Almost anything could make it to the marketplace, with low barriers to entry. From these, Norriss believes in radical thinking in the following, to foster private sector innovation: business license fees, support for local supplier needs, risk failure, R&D projects, and intellectual property.

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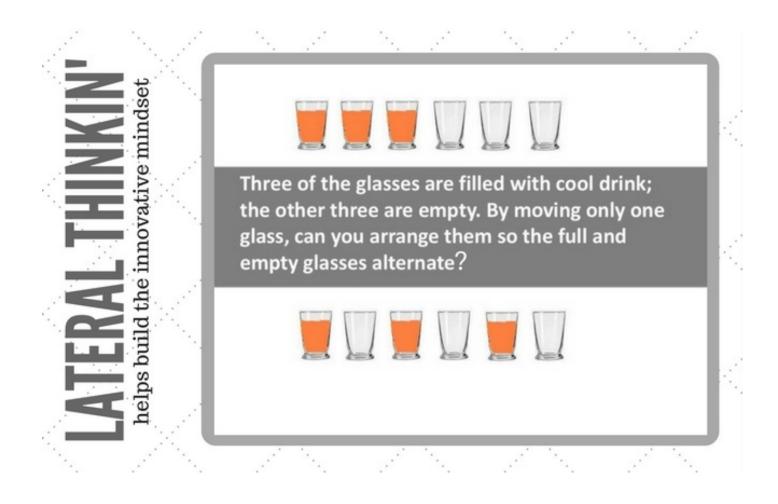
Lessons from an Accelerator to Foster Disruption Culture

6 Practical Lessons from Hong Kong based icstudio.io (startup incubator) and betatron.co (startup accelerator)



- 1. Invest in lead mentors to provide hands-on help, guidance, constructive criticism.
- 2. Deciding on your accelerator's niche is crucial (e.g. startups with certain attributes).
- 3. A strong community of successful entrepreneurs, industry-specific experts.
- 4. Focus on the long-term beyond the 4-month program.
- 5. To build accountability, ensure startups meet with their lead mentors once/week.
- 6. Once a week social nights for team-spirit and inspiration.

Reference: Tech in Asia

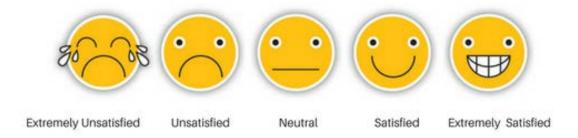


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