



# Transforming Education

## **BAC Education Group and IBM Partner to Nurture Lawyers Equipped for the Future**

Petaling Jaya, 22 April 2020 – Brickfields Asia College (BAC) Education Group announced today that it is partnering with IBM Malaysia to integrate the IBM Innovation Center for Education (ICE) program into its law curriculum. The IBM ICE program is a series of Undergraduate Programs and Academic courses for the Computing & IT and Business verticals. BAC will embed IBM ICE's Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cyber Security and Blockchain syllabus into its law courses.

The courses, namely AI for Law, Cyber Security for Law and Blockchain for Law, will be taught virtually from September 2020 and include interactive live coding sessions. Students need to complete 80 hours to graduate with a Professional Plus Certificate..



The rise of technologies such as AI and Blockchain have also created the need for new and emerging legal services. For example, as the use of AI proliferates, lawyers that are well versed in legal ethics specifically in AI will be in high demand. Law students that are exposed to these new technological areas will not only be better prepared for the future, but also work directly in those new areas or industries.

As a progressive mover in higher education, BAC is taking the initiative to address the skilled talent void that is confronting the legal industry as technology continues to impact the field. It believes that by integrating key elements of technology such as AI, Blockchain and Cyber Security through collaboration with an industry leader like IBM, it will be able to equip law students with cutting-edge skills that will prepare them to not only bridge the gap in expertise, but also to lead in the industry.

Through the IBM ICE program, BAC law students will learn and understand the importance of AI and Machine Learning in the law profession, grasp the basic concepts of Information Security and various related domain as well recognize and analyse the application of cyber security in the law profession.

The growing importance of blockchain in the business world will also have an impact on the future of the legal profession. An understanding of blockchain would help the future legal industry combine domain knowledge with technology to construct smart contracts and agreements that are relevant in the digital economy.