

# ASEAN AUSTRALIA CODETHON MENTORS

## TRANSCRIPT

### **Speaker 1 – Matt Beard (Fellow, The Ethics Center)**

Ethics speaks the language of “should,” whereas so often we think the language of “could” or “is”. We think about the way things are or the way we could pursue different possibilities because they are good for strategy, because they are good for profits, because they are good for our own self-interest. But ethics is a way of choosing the best alternative option, not based on what’s best for us but what is going to bring about the best state of affairs for everyone involved, considering all things. Would this be something that we would be comfortable talking to

our families about? Would this be something that we would be comfortable with if we were at the receiving end of such a practice? We need to really make it transparent and explicit, and not assume that just because we are good people that everything that we produce is going to be ethical. We need to be really conscious about it.

### **Speaker 2 – Swaranjit Singh (Codeathon Participant)**

It’s an eye-opening event that also demonstrates that there is a need in the industry to look at different solutions and different ways of looking at things. It also provides an

opportunity for others to look at the different ways and means of achieving the same goals. There might be some thinking-outside-the box scenarios that we will come up with. Effectively, that’s what we have been doing for the last few days here, and we have all come together to come up with a solution we think is quite good.