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COVID-19 resulted in the loss of 2 trillion hours of classroom time in 2021. Access to quality education is an issue that one cannot deny, but it is not why I stand on this podium today. I am here—as a 19 year old within the education system myself—to discuss the crisis of educational quality.

The crisis of educational quality encompasses 3 things; firstly, this idea that education is “one-size fits all”. Whether you belong to the 2.3% who have a learning disability, or the 80% who are bored and disengaged in school, school today is less so of an education, but more so of a certification. With technology existing today, however, learning can be personalized to maximize actual, interesting learning.

Secondly, the impact education has on students. In 2022, an approximate 31.9% of all high school students have an anxiety disorder. Should this terrifying statistic, which continues to trend upwards, be our new norm? Or is there a solution? With the latest developments and research within education, I believe AI personalization could change people’s lives.

Thirdly, this notion that education is not your concern. With the digitization of education, it has become possible to identify talent at a younger age. It has thus become possible to upscale these individuals with our AI technology. Now, even the private sector has an interest in K-12 education.

In summary, the digitization of education transforms the impact, stakeholders and even definition of education itself. We, EduBeyond, are working tirelessly to make this dream come true. This is also the priority of President Jokowi and the Indonesian government and our private sponsors in Moonshot, Amazon, UBC and UofT. Please join us in making this dream come true. We plead, invest in your youth, and invest in technology that takes education beyond."