

When I grow up...

A sharing with SAJC parents

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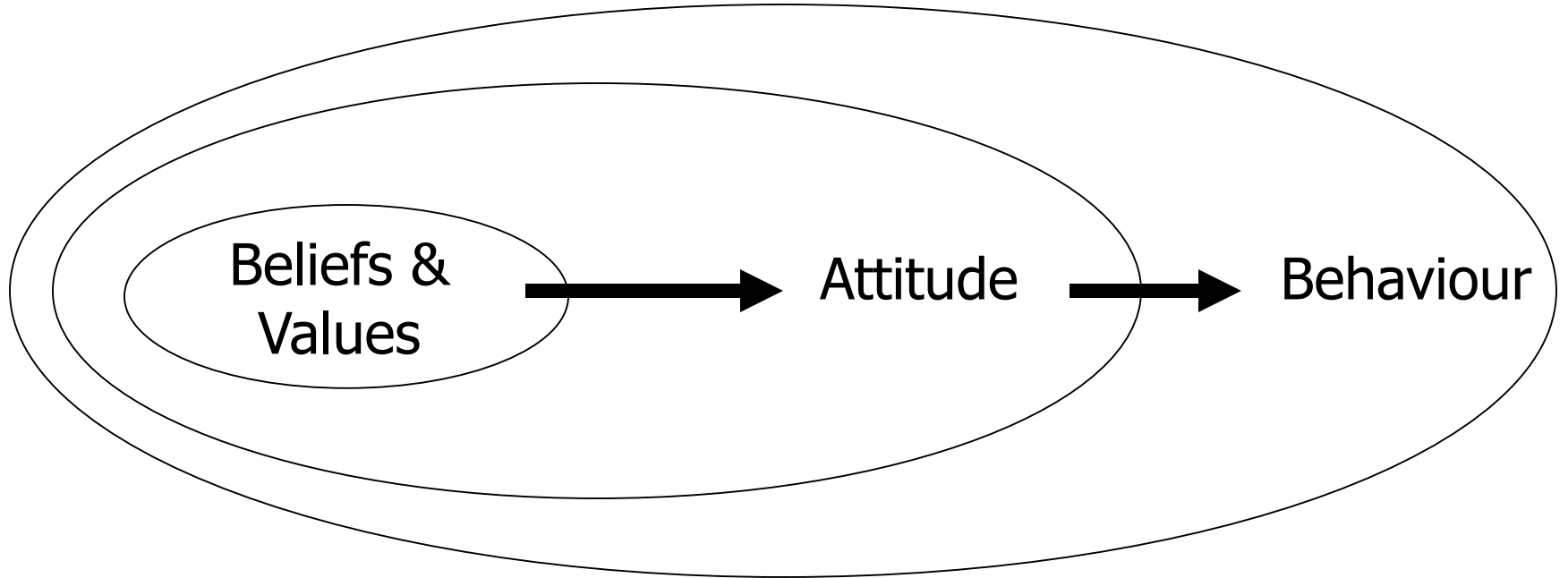
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1. I am no expert.
2. I am not a fortune teller.
3. I am merely another human being on this journey in life...

My purpose

- What is a Job/ Work/ Career?
- Connections between short-term objectives and long term goals
- Supporting your child along the road of life

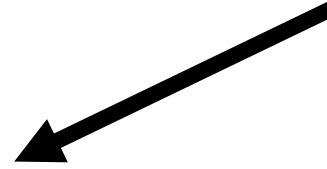
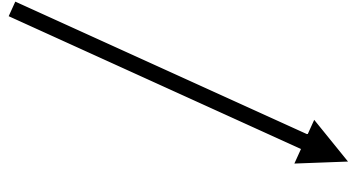
How do humans operate?



HEAD

HEART

HAND



THE SELF

Teen: Why do I need to go to school?

Parent: ???



The World We Live In

World

Asia

SE Asia

Singapore



CONTEXT

Teacher

Citizen

Leisurite

Friend

All the world's a stage, and all the
men and women, merely players

William Shakespeare

Child

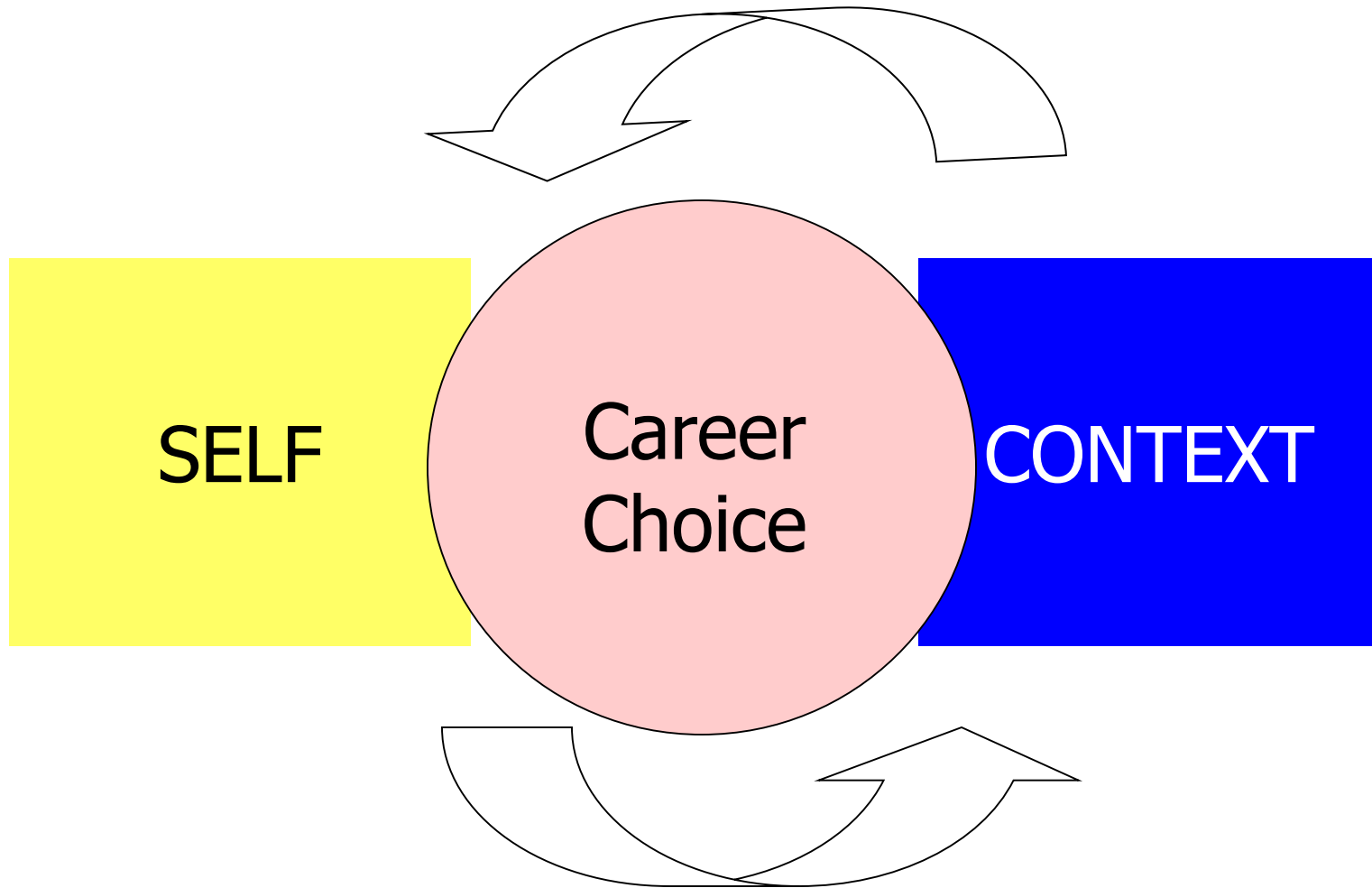
Sibling

Worker

Spouse

Student

Decision-Making Process



Starting with the End in Mind



*Career choice is not a
one-off decision BUT a
series of decisions that
one makes as one goes
through life and
encounter different
experiences*

The easier half

- The World
 - Ever-changing culture and demands of the workplace
 - Knowledge-based economy
 - Technology & Mobility
 - Not lifelong employment, but lifelong employability
 - Equipped with requisite qualities, competencies, skills
 - Develop personal qualities of proactiveness, adaptiveness, resilience

Singapore, my home

- Key engines for growth
 - Engineering
 - Biomedicals & Healthcare
 - Finance
 - Tourism
 - Others: Manufacturing, Education etc
- Identify sectors of careers rather than individual careers

Supporting your Child

- Help your child to be more adaptable and resilient
- Teach your child the importance of scanning (Being proactive)
- Articulate parents' thought and decision-making processes
- Positive role-modelling by parents

The more challenging half

- Self Awareness

PERSONALITY

INTERESTS

STRENGTHS

VALUES



Use the long-term goal to determine short-term objective



O levels

Degree

Career

Tertiary Education - Considerations

- Local or Overseas?

Local	Overseas
<p>Pros: Cheaper, safety, high standards for local Us, network of friends who will be helpful in future.</p>	<p>Pros: Develop self confidence and other lifeskills, “beyond Singapore” mindset, multi-culturalism, a deeper sense of one’s identity in terms of race, and citizenship, larger variety of courses available</p>
<p>Cons: over-dependent on parents</p>	<p>Cons: expensive, safety issues (alcohol, drugs, sex), standards may vary, fear that child will not come back</p>

Tertiary Education - Considerations

- Selecting overseas universities
 - Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Jiao Tong U.)
 - US News and World Report's College and University Ranking
 - QS World University Rankings
 - Times Higher Education World University Rankings
- No. of research studies published, faculty members
- Personal Finances & Commitments
- Proximity from home
- Opportunities upon graduation

Supporting your Child

- Allow children to explore choices (refrain from molly-cuddling, let them do the hard work)
- Make tentative plans
 - Insight into self
 - Talk with people
 - Job attachments
- Tough talks
 - Family Finances
 - Values & expected behaviour

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打包 Messages

- Relax, don't be overly anxious
- Exit Clauses do exist after all
- Supporting your child emotionally

*If you want to be
successful, it's just
this simple. Know
what you are doing.
Love what you are
doing. And believe in
what you are doing.*

Will Rogers