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As the founder of [EDUTech Future](#), a **Ministry of Education Singapore appointed school - industry partner**, Assel bridges the gap between academia and industry skills in Asia.

She is an adjunct trainer on [Hatch's AI for All program](#) funded by AVPN, Google, and ADB, and a trainer at [AI Singapore](#) for [AI Ready ASEAN](#), an initiative empowering 5.5 million ASEAN citizens to thrive in the AI era. Since March 2025, Assel has been a lead trainer for emerging technologies and AI at [RISE by BCG U](#), teaching senior professionals and Singapore SMEs. She also coaches Singapore SME consistently earning the teaching scores of 4.1-4.7 out of 5.

Her engagements include teaching the EMBA module **Digital Solutions and GenAI** for entrepreneurs and public servants in Kazakhstan and partnering with [Asia Startup Network](#) to deliver GenAI use cases for entrepreneurs. Assel is an inaugural GenAI for Career speaker for NUS Alumni Ventures x SMU AI Club.

Assel is a member of [Teaching Public Service in the Digital Age](#). She has taught executive programs for Singapore ministry leadership (senior directors to permanent secretary) and AI for Public Sector courses for Kazakhstan's central government officials since 2024.

Previously, Assel served as Asia-Pacific Program Manager for Future Ready Skills at Microsoft (2021–2023), building employability programs across 10 markets. She was also a national and global judge for Microsoft's Imagine Cup Junior AI for Good Competition for 13-18 youth.

Her thought leadership includes moderating and speaking at events such as the inaugural BRIDGE Summit by the UAE Government, 10th UNESCO-APEID Global Entrepreneurship Meeting, 10th EdTech Asia Summit, Global News Forum, Women's Forum, Oracle and Veritas CIO Roundtable, and sessions with UNESCO, SEAMEO, and ministries of education across Asia. She also led Stanford's asynchronous course on [Ethics, Technology + Public Policy](#).

Assel is a certified gamified learning designer and lead of ***Break into Tech SG: Reimagine Your Career with AI***. Her [Break into Tech APAC](#) program with Microsoft, AWS, Google, Disney, SAP, and MIT speakers and mentors achieved a 9.6/10 rating and a 70% employability rate.

She contributed to the [UNESCO AI and Education Strategy](#) for APAC and co-shaped the [Regional Framework: Multi-Sectoral Synergy for the Integration of AI in Education for Southeast Asia](#). Assel is [the 2025 Women in AI Fellow](#) working on AI ethics.

Assel holds an M.A. in Political Science from the OSCE Academy in Bishkek and a Master's in Public Policy from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.