

Module 3

Forum Activities

- **Task 1 forum:**

- Consider the most important technology advances over the last 50 years. Which ones do you think have had the biggest impact on our lives?
- How important do you consider cultural behaviours are in doing business around the world? Can you think of any examples of behaviours which are linked to different cultures?
- Think about any cultural experiences you may have had in your dealings with people from other countries, and how it may have affected your exchanges with them.
- Can you think of examples of body language to be careful of when dealing with people from different cultures?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using the telephone to communicate? Think about the specific difficulties linked to speaking to someone you cannot see. What can you do to make such communication easier?

- **Task 2 forum:**

- Can you think of measures that companies may take to improve their factory production and allow their workers to function in the best possible way?
- How do you feel about companies relocating their premises to other countries to reduce their costs?
- Do you think that humans are in danger of one day being completely replaced by robots in industry? Can you think of jobs which could never be performed by machines?
- If robots are to become the norm in industry and in our lives in general, how can we better prepare for this future? What measures need to be taken into consideration?

- **Task 3 forum:**

- How do you generally prepare when giving a presentation to people you do not know very well? What are some important aspects to consider?
- Think about someone whom you admire as a good communicator (past / present / famous or not). What qualities do they possess which make them good at communicating?
- Nature vs Nurture: are certain people born as naturally good communicators, or is it a skill that can be learnt? Discuss the idea.