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Welcome to the End of January Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the first edition of the year where most of you are back at work in all countries we send this email to.

We have a change here. Smitha is going on maternity leave and want to publicly thank her for all her help and wish her all the best for her new adventure in life. Her place will be taken by Ashalatha or Asha for short. Welcome on board Asha!

In the next few weeks Paul will be working with one of the major banks in Australia on future banking models, the Australian Tax Office on the future of corporate services, working with a major telecommunications company on integration of foresight into their innovation processes, finalising a not for profit strategic plan and attending the Launch Conference in San Francisco. If any of these interest you, please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter interesting and useful.

Cheers,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Kim Stewart, Ashalatha, Syed Muqthar, and Samantha Kyle-Little

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What are we writing about?

As it is early in the year we do not have any presentations to list here but Paul has a long post on the implementation of driverless car systems at his long form blog:

[Implementation of Driverless Cars – A case for public subsidy of private transport systems](#)

Business Tips

10 Free services every Tech Entrepreneur needs to know

Many of these are applicable to small to medium business in general. [Read More...](#)

How Waking up half an hour early can help you solve more problems

Brian Cormack Carr, author of How to Find Your Vital Vocation, recommends setting your alarm 30 minutes earlier than normal and forcing yourself to jot down ideas and thoughts first thing in the morning before even getting out of bed. [Read More...](#)

In case you missed it: Most popular links from the Last Edition

[My job advice to my nephews and nieces for 2025](#)

I spent a few days over the Christmas break down at my parents house near the beach on the

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Mornington Peninsula and hung out with my brothers, sisters in law, and my nephews and nieces.

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Bill Gates predicts almost no poor countries left by 2035 in annual letter

In the sixth annual letter published by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr Gates says that there are already clear signs of progress. [Read More...](#)

Facebook will lose 80% of users by 2017, say Princeton researchers

Forecast of social network's impending doom comes from comparing its growth curve to that of an infectious disease. [Read More...](#)

Amazon posted 16,100 IT jobs last year, tops in U.S.

The employer with the most IT job postings last year was Amazon.com, with 16,146 ads, exceeding most other IT firms by a wide margin, according to a new report. [Read More...](#)

Self-Driving Cars: Inside the road revolution

Automakers are sneaking features into their newest models that could earn them billions and save 30,000 lives a year—but only if they can convince you to give up control of your car. [Read More...](#)

Global Risks 2014 Report - Risk and responsibility in a hyper connected world

Taking a 10-year outlook, the report assesses 31 risks that are global in nature and have the potential to cause significant negative impact across entire countries and industries if they take place. [Read More...](#)

The new GE: Google, everywhere

With a string of deals the internet giant has positioned itself to become a big inventor, and reinventor, of hardware. [Read More...](#)

Implantable device generates power indefinitely

The joint US/Chinese team reports that they are able to create enough electricity to power a pacemaker or other implantable device indefinitely. [Read More...](#)

Success at work, failure at home

I believe that I could convince the hardest working CEOs that having some real life balance by investing in your important relationships will make you a better CEO. [Read More...](#)

A major share of country's power generated by wind

Working towards a smarter planet. [Read More...](#)

Bitcoin is not just digital currency. It's Napster for finance

In the next year, Bitcoin will start its transformation from a mere currency into an entire open-source, decentralized exchange for everything from futures contracts to car rentals. [Read More...](#)

The generational cycle of immigrants' priorities in life

On January 11, my older son married at the ripe age of 24 to a wonderful girl from Vietnam. It was an emotional day for sure (well, I definitely felt a lot older) but we're all confident that this union is the right thing for both of them. [Read More...](#)

Dubai turns to drones for firefighting

Remote-control robots equipped with fire hoses and flying surveillance drones could be used to tackle blazes in the near future. [Read More...](#)

And this is why you shouldn't get sick In America

Many believe that the US healthcare system is the best in the world. Not so according to the World Health Organization's ranking of the world's health systems. [Read More...](#)

A guide to the Internet of Things by Intel

Our IOT world is growing at a breathtaking pace- from 2 billion objects in 2006 to a projected 200 billion by 2020. [Read More...](#)

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Online shoe retailer Zappos is experiencing surge sales from customers using Android-based smartphones.

Recognizing the importance of designing platform-specific experiences for its native apps, the company devotes a separate team for iOS and Android. [Read More...](#)

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