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FOREWORD

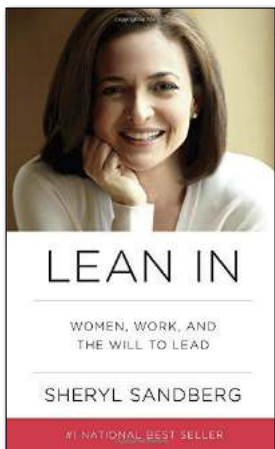
Words from Ashley

Ashley is an entrepreneur and activist, and was recently featured as 1 of 10 Marie Claire's Amazing Woman 2018 award recipient. She founded The Real Planner, a social innovation firm and productivity consultancy in July 2016 while she was climbing the corporate career ladder. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Actuarial Science and minored in Finance, Business Administration, Statistics, and Mathematics. Prior to starting her own company, she has experience in Programme Development, Programme Management, Project Management, Corporate Strategy, Business Development, Product Development, and Underwriting while working for public listed companies, both in the public and private sector.

Ashley who is currently the President of Lean In Malaysia, Programme Developer of Axiata Young Talent Programme Council, FutureLab mentor, and Global Shaper of Kuala Lumpur, also strives to empower individuals to step out of their comfort zone and take what they do to the next level. She has enabled individuals to restructure their life goals in a precise and systematic way through community meetups, programmes, workshops, and consultations.

She hopes to continuously impact and innovate communities to improve the overall productivity index in each individual's life, encouraging them to exceed expectations and always paying it forward.

WHAT IS LEAN IN?



“Lean In” is a term coined by Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook, who was popularized by her best-selling book “Lean In: Women, Work & the Will to Lead” which is **focused on encouraging women to pursue their ambitions, and changing the conversation from what we can’t do to what we can do.**

Sandberg’s book, propagates women to :

- Increase our self confidence (“Sit at the Table”)
- Get our partners to do more at home (“Make Your Partner a Real Partner”) •

Who is Asia Women Circle?

Asia Women Circle (AWC), founded by Sarah Chen and Abir Abdul Rahim in 2015, both professional women themselves, is a women empowerment platform that aims to address the two key issues of (1) Women dropping out of the workforce, and also the (2) Lack of women in senior management positions.

AWC has designed and executed various initiatives in pursuit of solving those two key issues, including:

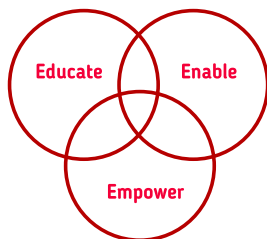
Circles: Incubating new circles which champion “peer to peer” support

Circle Dialogues: Bringing together leaders who share their stories and experiences

Masterclasses: Providing participants with practical and relevant skills to get ahead in their career

Lean In Career Programme: An annual career accelerator with mentorship, networking sessions and masterclasses as its key components

Summit: A platform for women and men to understand challenges and opportunities presented to the modern day Malaysian woman and how addressing this could create a more inclusive and participative society



Number of Lean In Circles Worldwide
in 160 countries

40,000+

Percentage of members who say that their
Circle has made a positive impact on their life

85%

LEAN IN MALAYSIA MILESTONES

Over **22 circles**, **5000+** members in Malaysia, connected to a **network of 300,000+** men and women across Asia

Recognition as the **voice of credibility** for women issues in Malaysia by government

Recognition as **Regional Leader** by Sheryl Sandberg

Partnerships with top **multinational brands to further inclusion agenda** : Google, Microsoft, Boston Consulting Group, Berjaya, MaGIC, Nomura et.al

Partnership with Asian Chapters including Japan, Pakistan, China, Singapore creating **#LeanInAsia** in 2016

Curated 2 unique signature accelerator programme, driving tangible results including **re-employment numbers of career breakers** (12 out of 22 from LICP2)

Incubation of circles outside Klang Valley including Sabah, Penang, **#LeanInYouth** across public universities, Mompreneurs Asia

Incubation of **Corporate Circles** including Citibank, SP Setia, Lazada, UEM Group.

Finalist of "**Great Voice**" at Lean In Global Conference at San Francisco



Winner of
The Best Non Profit Organisation
by Talentcorp
at the Life At Work 2018



AGENDA

- 0800 - 0900 **Registration**
- 0900 - 0910 **Opening Remarks**
Ashley Tan Sue Lyn, President, Lean In Malaysia
Sharmila Ravindran, Head of Legal, Lean In Malaysia
- 0910 - 0920 **Welcoming Remarks**
His Excellency Andrew Goledzinowski, Australian High Commissioner, Malaysia
- 0920 - 0950 **Opening Keynote**
Prof. Datuk Dr Roziah bt Omar, Chief Executive, President College
- 0950 - 1000 **Break**
- 1000 - 1015 **Presentation: Asia School of Business**
Leaning In at ASB
- 1015 - 1115 **Panel Session: What's Next, #Malaysia Baharu**
Dato Seri Johan Raslan, Board Member, The Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia
Ng Yeen Seen, Founder & CEO, Centre for Research, Advisory & Technology
Sumitra Visvanathan, Executive Director, Women's Aid Organisation
Zaidel Baharuddin, Director, Centre of Gov. & Political Studies and Member of UMNO
- 1115 - 1130 **Presentation: Lean In Circles**
5 pitches on building Lean In community
- 1130 - 1230 **Fireside Chat**
An hour of open conversation with industry experts, entrepreneurs, & activists.
Get inspired by their Why, How, and What.
- 1230 - 1245 **Presentation: Lean In Youth**
- 1245 - 1305 **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Amani Salim, First Malaysian to launch a NASA satellite to Space &
Thora Halstead 'Young Inverstigator' 2012 Award Winner
- 1305 - 1400 **Networking Lunch**

OPENING REMARKS



ASHLEY TAN SUE LYN
PRESIDENT
LEAN IN MALAYSIA

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SHARMILA RAVINDRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL
LEAN IN MALAYSIA

Sharmila is an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and is empaneled as an Adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre. She is also the Head of Legal for Lean in Malaysia and is the Co-Chair for the Gender Equality and Diversity Committee of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee.

After several years of working as a civil and commercial litigator in some of the most prominent law firms in the country, Sharmila set up her own boutique legal practice in 2011 to cater to the needs of her clients.

As a lawyer and businesswoman herself, Sharmila is passionate about empowering business women with the necessary legal knowledge to enable them to manage legal issues within their own corporate structures as she believes strongly that most successful businesses are premised on a strong legal foundation.

WELCOMING REMARKS



Andrew Goledzinowski
AUSTRALIAN
HIGH COMMISSIONER

Mr Goledzinowski is a career diplomat with over 30 years' experience in the Australian foreign service and several international organisations. He took up his appointment as the Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia in January 2018.

Prior to this, Mr Goledzinowski was Australia's Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking, and Co-chair of the 45-country regional grouping known as the Bali Process.

He has previously served in Wellington, Pretoria, Port Vila, Geneva, Baghdad and New York.

He worked as Adviser to Foreign Minister Gareth Evans and Senior Adviser to Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

Mr Goledzinowski has also held a number of international appointments.

He was Head of International Coordination in the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq in 2003-4, represented the World Bank in Baghdad and served as Chief of Staff to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson.

Mr Goledzinowski has been a UN election monitor, led Australian Emergency Response Teams to Syria and Iraq and, in 2014, led the 15 nation Multinational Observer Group monitoring Fiji's return to democracy elections.

Mr Goledzinowski is a holder of the Order of Australia (AM), the Australian Overseas Service Medal, the Australian Defence Force Medal and the U.S. Secretary of Defense's Medal for Exceptional Public Service.

OPENING KEYNOTE



Datuk Prof Dr Roziah Omar
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
PRESIDENT COLLEGE

Datuk Dr. Roziah Omar has a strong passion for education, youth development and women empowerment in Malaysia. During her tenure in the civil service she has held top leadership positions including Deputy Director General [Private Higher Education Management] Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia, Director of Higher Education Leadership Academy [AKEPT], Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, Director of Institut Sosial Malaysia, Ministry of Family and Community Development and held academic positions including as Vice Chancellor of the International University of Malaya-Wales, Executive Director of Asia Europe Institute, and Dean of the Postgraduate Studies at the University Malaya.

From her time as a Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, she has written and published numerous publications in the areas of gender, social policy and leadership which have become a source of academic and policy references both nationally and internationally. With a signature global approach Dr Roziah networks with many leading local and international experts from various institutions, for example at AKEPT Dr Roziah collaborated with Professors from prestigious institutions such as University of California, Berkeley, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, Said Business School, University of Oxford, University of Melbourne, Babson College, and Columbia Business School for training and development programmes. Dr. Roziah also brings innovation to her endeavour with unique programmes and initiatives at AKEPT involving universities, polytechnics and community colleges promoting Blue Ocean Strategy [BOS] in Higher Education, Global Outreach Programmes, Entrepreneurial Leadership and Leadership Discourse for Sustainable Futures programmes, leveraging research organisations both locally and internationally.

During every step of her leadership journey her focus was to nurture and mentor young talents. She has developed and moulded countless professionals and students including her doctoral students to become bench marked leaders, many of whom now are Professors and even Rectors in prominent universities abroad. Datuk Dr. Roziah Omar holds a Ph.D and M.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, USA. Prior to that, she completed her Masters in Sociology from Ohio University, USA. She is an alumna of the University of Malaya, she graduated with a B.A. (Hons) in 1980. Datuk Dr. Roziah went through training and executive programmes at Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government (Women and Power), Cambridge Judge Business School (Global Leadership Discoveries), and at University of California, Berkeley on university management.

PANEL SESSION SEAKERS

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JOHAN RASLAN
DIRECTOR

SIME DARBY & ECOWORLD

Former Executive Chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia

Dato' Seri Johan has over 35 years' experience in auditing, accounting, business advisory and corporate governance.

He is a former Executive Chairman of PwC Malaysia and a former Joint Executive Chairman for the PwC Southeast Asia Peninsular Region (the combination of PwC firms in Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos). He worked in auditing and advisory for 10 years in London, and for 20 years in Kuala Lumpur. He retired from PwC in 2012.

Dato' Seri Johan is currently a director of two listed multinational companies in Malaysia: Sime Darby Properties Berhad and Eco World International Berhad, as well as one large unlisted company in Singapore.

Dato' Seri Johan is an advocate of gender diversity in the boardroom and has taken part in a number of panel discussions on this issue. He has been involved in Corporate Governance issues since 2000, when he assisted the Securities Commission with the roll-out of the first Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance. He currently teaches directors of banks and insurance companies under the Bank Negara Malaysia's Financial Institutions Directors Education (FIDE) programme run by ICLIF.



ZAIDEL BAHARUDDIN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BARISAN NATIONAL YOUTH

Zaidel Baharuddin is a Director with the Centre of Government and Political Studies, an Engineer by training, he served in various Ministries looking into policies and its implementation. An avid writer and regular contributor to various columns, you can follow his thoughts via twitter at @Sinatra_Z

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NG YEEN SEEN
FOUNDER,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH,
ADVISORY AND
TECHNOLOGY (CREATE)

Ms Ng Yeen Seen is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Research, Advisory and Technology (CREATE). She was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2016.

Yeen Seen is a Council Member of the Entrepreneurial Development Council of the Ministry of Education of Malaysia. She sits on the board of the Global Institute of Women Empowerment (GIWE) and serves as an Advisory Council Member at the Women Institute of Malaysia (MIM) and the Society of Certified Risk Professionals (SCRIP). She was the UNESCO Steering Committee for Youth Leading Change for Peace in ASEAN.

Yeen Seen is the Founder of #OpsHarapan, a grassroots movement when the worst flood hit the East-Coast of Peninsular Malaysia in 2014. Today, the movement continues their work in nation building by bringing hopes and opportunities to local communities.

An Accounting graduate of Cardiff University, UK; she holds a postgraduate degree in Education Policy from Warwick University, UK.



SUMITRA VISVANATHAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
WOMEN'S AID
ORGANISATION (WAO)

Sumitra Visvanathan is the Executive Director of Women's Aid Organisation (WAO). She is a UK trained lawyer with over 20 years of experience in human rights work. She worked with the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) for over 17 years in Southeast Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East. In her various functions, she has led international teams and managed refugee protection projects in demanding, insecure, and high stress environments.

LEAN IN CIRCLES



MICHELLE ANN IKING
LEAN IN CITIBANK

The Lean In Circles in Citi are part of a pay-it-forward initiative for participants of a regional diversity talent program called the Asia Inspiring Women Leaders program. I was a participant and was tasked to conduct 2 sessions personally, but given my experience as a training facilitator and Country Head of Talent, Learning & Performance Management, was relied on to support the other participants in running their sessions so I ended up running 5 sessions. I also am. The go to person that people refer to run future Circles, and have even ran sessions with my personal acquaintances outside of work.



AFIQA AHMAD
LEAN IN KEDAH

Lean In Kedah focuses to elevate women's personal journey by pressing for self-development, nurturing best potential in leadership roles, and eventually giving back to the local society. We believe that a group of women who are gradually and graciously leaning in together can create a positive impact as a whole.

We embrace diversity through our members' differences in personality, background, and life aspirations. These differences add perspectives to achieving our mission through Educate, Enable, and Empower pillars.



RACHEL KHOO
LEAN IN LAZADA

Our newly formed corporate circle aims to be an outlet for non-biased dialogue among women within the organization. As Lazada is a very fast pace working environment, it provides us the amazing opportunity to take time to reflect on our goals and how to get there be it career or personal goals.

While sharing our challenges and identifying areas to improve on, the dialogues we create will contribute to a collective effort to improve the workplace for all women within the organization.

Building a supportive network for women within Lazada organization will ultimately help more women climb the career jungle gym, aiming to achieve better gender equality at the top at Lazada!

LEAN IN CIRCLES



NINEY CHONG
LEAN IN SABAH
MOMPREENEUR ASIA

Momprenneur Asia was Co Founded by Niney Chong & Aishah Sinclair and 4 other Founding Members.

Momprenneur Asia's main role is to Nourish & Equip Momprenneurs.

A support system for mothers, and women, to talk to each other about the challenges they are facing, share experiences and learn about solutions from each other.

'What's next?' – Programs where entrepreneurs learn how to start and elevate their business through Digital Economy and Community Building.



CARMEN YONG
LEAN IN SP SETIA
WOMEN OF INSPIRATION
@SETIA

Women of Inspiration@Setia (WIN) started our first Circle in March 2018, we currently have 3 active circles at our company focusing on connection, communication and leadership topics.

WIN Circles@Setia:

1. Circle's Focus & Mission

Realize the potential of every female talent through our development initiatives

Retain the female talent pool by providing the right level of work environment

Raise the ladder by accelerating the female representation in middle and senior management positions.

2. How diversity relates to your circle's mission

Circles play an important role in engaging our women to challenge stereotypes or preconceived notions and also encouraging critical thinking to close gender gap in the workforce and in leadership position. For WIN Circles@Setia, our diversity is reflected in the different roles and industry experiences that each woman brings, creating multiple perspectives and worldviews for the challenges that we face.

FIRESIDE CHAT SPEAKERS



AIZA AZREEN AHMAD
DIRECTOR OF
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT
BOOST E-WALLET

Aiza is currently the Director of Strategic Development for Boost eWallet app by Axiata and has achievements in the fields of Fintech, Islamic Banking, multi-business conglomerate, integrated media, and management consulting across two countries, Malaysia and Australia, where she called home for many years.

Her recent success was in pioneering the cashless eco system in education, government, GLCs, SMEs, smart cities and believes pivoting Malaysia on digital and innovation can only be achieved through collaborations and partnerships.

Aiza graduated from Macquarie University with Merits in Economics and is a Chartered Wealth Manager with the prestigious American Academy of Financial Management (AAFM).



DAISY NG
FOUNDER
TRINITY KIDS MALAYSIA

Daisy Ng is the Founder and Chief Education Officer of Trinity Kids Malaysia.

In 2011, Daisy founded and established Trinity Kids Malaysia with a vision to impact the world through children's education. Trained in Economics and as an investment banker in London, she worked and lived in numerous countries before moving back to Malaysia upon the birth of her first child. As a young working mother in search for a daycare for her newborn, she found that none fulfilled her belief in learning and early nutrition.

Daisy is Malaysia's first Dr. Sears Health Coach as well as author of the award-winning child development and nutrition book 'Right From The Start'. She also holds a Diploma in Montessori Early Years Education and is currently pursuing her postgraduate degree in neuroscience and education



DARREN HO
GENERAL MANAGER
AUTO LOAN, PERSONAL
FINANCIAL SERVICES
HONG LEONG BANK BERHAD

Darren's career span over 17 years across Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) industry, factory operations and banking. His career inspiration is to build long term and sustainable personal growth and career development in an organization with endless possibilities. With his commercial and general management experiences, he has covered various ASEAN countries and previously based out of Bangkok and Guangzhou, including various product categories from food and non-food.

Darren's recent expansion into banking industry, primarily in consumer banking business focuses on strategy and planning, as well as now with automotive financing to drive profit and growth in one of the largest loan book portfolio for the bank.

FIRESIDE CHAT SPEAKERS



DESMOND NGAI
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,
GLOBAL ALLIANCES,
WEBTVASIA

Desmond Ngai is a senior strategic partnership and corporate development professional in the APAC media entertainment industry since 2007. He is currently Senior Vice President, Global Alliances at WebTVAsia, responsible for growing strategic alliances with global government, investor, media and commercial stakeholders. Prior to this, he was Head of Investment at Malaysian government agency Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC). Desmond also had stints with leading media companies Media Prima (pioneered Tonton OTT platform), Endemol and Total Sports Asia. He graduated with an MBA from Victoria University Australia and a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from University of Technology Malaysia.

In 2014, he was selected as the first cohort of MaGIC's e@Stanford Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program. He is passionate about empowering young leaders to achieve their fullest potential through mentoring, teaching and ecosystem collaborations. Desmond has volunteered as mentor for MaGIC, YCM, Monsta Asia plus other government bodies and NGOs.



GREG MEEHAN
HEAD OF SALES,
SUPAHANDS

Greg grew up in Wales, United Kingdom. At the age of 22 he was an independent mortgage broker running his own sole proprietary business under the umbrella of a larger group. Greg was given the opportunity to move to Malaysia to continue his work in the financial services industry as a wealth manager. After 6 years of being in the industry, he is now furthering his career & passion for sales by taking up a new challenge as the Head of Sales at Supahands, a technology startup that helps businesses scale through crowdsourcing. Besides growing the business development team and helping create efficiencies within client's businesses, Greg is also responsible for developing new revenue strategies for the company. In his free time, Greg enjoys mentoring & keeping active through trail running and weight training.



JAN WONG
FOUNDER &
ONLINE STRATEGIST,
OPENMINDS

Jan Wong is an entrepreneur, youth advocate, and founder of OpenMinds that specializes in data analytics and digital media consultancy. Starting at the age of 17, he has ventured into eight businesses, a part time lecturer at the Asia Pacific University (APIIT / APU), a certified e-commerce consultant, published an academic journal during his Masters degree, sits on the Academic Advisory Board of KDU and Sunway College, regular contributor on BFM radio, a TEDx speaker, a mentor for multiple startup communities and NEXT50 Singapore and more recently, listed on the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2017 list.

FIRESIDE CHAT SPEAKERS



JANINE PEROTTI
ASSISTANT, DIRECT AID
PROGRAMME
AUSTRALIAN HIGH
COMMISSION

Janine Perotti commenced as the Assistant to the Direct Aid Program at the Australian High Commission in June 2018. She has always been interested in helping people and organisations in improving their standards. Prior to her coming to Malaysia, Janine worked as a language teacher in Canberra, Australia. After starting as a German teacher, she had the privilege of introducing Spanish to the school and developing novel language curriculums. Janine studied in Switzerland and obtained a Bachelor of Art in Teaching in 1987. She also holds a certificate for Choir Directors and conducted a choir for two musicals in Switzerland. She speaks fluently French, English, Spanish and German.



JOSHUA LIEW
CO-FOUNDER,
CHIEF PERSUASION
OFFICER, ESPRESSOLAB

Joshua Liew is the Co-Founder and Chief Persuasion Officer of espressolab. Brought up in a family business that deals with engineering tools, Liew became well-versed with international business at a young age. His journey into the coffee trade began when he stumbled upon the first espressolab store in Publika in 2011 when he met the previous founder. The initial conversations brought them together to decide to work together to bring espressolab to greater heights not just in Malaysia but across the region.

Liew enjoys sharing and inspiring various stakeholders on the espressolab journey, fostering enduring and mutually beneficial partnerships. He is also a certified barista by SCAE (Specialty Coffee Association of Europe) as well as a licensed espresso taster under the IIAC (International Institute of Coffee Tasters). Currently he is responsible for the commercial and business aspects of espressolab, from licensing to business development and strategic partnership deals.



KARFEI CHEAH
FOUNDER, LIFE REDESIGNED.
RESIDENT COACH &
HEAD OF LEARNING &
CULTURE, MINDVALLEY

KarFei's fascination with human behavior and psychology from an early age kickstarted his journey with coaching 8 years ago. Enthralled with how people worked and why they do the things they do, he pursued knowledge from the world's best teachers in leadership, coaching, hypnosis, subconscious mind, and personal well-being. He is the Founder of Life Redesigned. Along with his team, they aim to coach and develop young people in the global workforce to create a better workplace and a better world. His approach is to redesign and remap new strategies for people to succeed in all different aspects of life. He has coached and trained young leaders at workplaces such as Procter and Gamble (P&G), IBM, Accenture, Great Eastern and other clients.

FIRESIDE CHAT SPEAKERS



KRISHNAVENE KISHNAN
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER,
BRIGHT VISION CONSULTING

Venee is the Chief Operating Officer of Bright Vision Consulting – a practice focused on data analytics and development for the public sector – and also partner at QF Pay, a mobile payments solutions provider. A Harvard University graduate with a Masters in Management and Public Policy, Venee has worked with PwC Malaysia's Advisory practice; Securities Commission of Malaysia; Eastward Capital Partners as Investment Lead; and PEMANDU as Associate Director. Venee is also the co-founder of a startup, an Executive Committee member of the Harvard Club of Malaysia, MyWIN Academy's Lead Council, and a Board member of Fugee School.

Her interests are in finance, public policy and technology. Her most rewarding role is that of being a mother to her three children, Aria, Axsher and Arjen. Her mission is to start a fund that solely invests in women led businesses and / or social enterprises. In addition, she would like to be in the intersection of public and private using technology as an enabler.



KYAN LIEW
CEO, ParkIt

Kyan is the founder of ParkIt- a platform that allows parking owners to rent out their car park spaces safely and securely to people who needs them in our society. He's build a team from none to now 12 in total. Diversity and inclusion regardless of gender, race, personality, and religion is a culture we want to ingrain in the company. Through our differences, it teaches us moderation and to be understanding, promoting creativity and innovation. There's so many things we can learn from each other with different backgrounds, cultures and opinions, but only if we keep our minds open.



MICHELLE ANN IKING
CITI MALAYSIA,
HEAD OF TALENT,
LEARNING &
PERFORMANCE
MANAGEMENT

Michelle is a strong communicator, and is at ease with audiences from C-suite leaders to university students. Highly versatile, she is trained as a telecommunications engineer who took the 'scenic route' to HR via boutique interior design, luxury hospitality marketing, corporate communications, and commercial sales & marketing. She's has vast working experience spanning across different regions such as in London holding a regional role in EMEA, Malaysia and Australia. She is a new mother to an 18 month old baby girl and strongly lives by one of her favourite quotes from Maya Angelou: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

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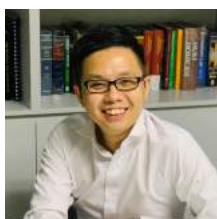
**DR MURALLITHARAN
MUNISAMY**
MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL CANCER SOCIETY
MALAYSIA

Dr Murallitharan Munisamy is a Public Health Physician from Malaysia. He trained as a Medical Officer in the Russian Federation under a Public Services Department, Government of Malaysia scholarship and subsequently completed a Masters in Community Health Sciences at the National University of Malaysia. He received a scholarship to read for a PhD in Public Health at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand under the ASEAN Economic Community program and just completed his doctorate at the College of Public Health Sciences, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. Dr Murallitharan was awarded the prestigious Chevening Scholarship in 2015 by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and just completed a term as a Fellow in Health Policy, Planning and Financing at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the London School of Economics and Political Science, two of the top universities in the world.



NATASHA YAP
DIRECTOR,
PWC CONSULTING MALAYSIA

Natasha is currently a management consultant with the customer & digital practice in PwC South East Asia Consulting. She brings a broad experience with over 11 years across multiple sectors such as financial services, telecommunications and regulators in Asia Pacific. Other areas that Natasha specialises includes collaboration design, sustainability & climate change and crisis management.



NEW SIN YEW
ADVOCATE,
AMERBON ADVOCATES

Sin Yew was called to the English Bar (Lincoln's Inn) in 2010 and admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2011. Sin Yew appears regularly as counsel and solicitor in an array of complex commercial litigation, fraud, and criminal-defence. He is regularly consulted by boards of directors on matters involving directors' duties, shareholders' disputes, and good governance. His has represented a state government in three major disputes before the courts over land, water privatisation and construction of a university, acted for public listed companies on cases involving high value fraud and breach of trust, and assisted banks with investigations on cheating and money-laundering. Sin Yew is also passionate about human rights. He was an elected member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections (known by its acronym, BERSIH 2.0). Sin Yew is currently an elected member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee and the Chairperson of the Kuala Lumpur Young Lawyers Committee.

FIRESIDE CHAT SPEAKERS



DR NIKOLAI DOBBERSTEIN
PARTNER & HEAD
OF COMMUNICATIONS,
MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY
PRACTICE (APAC) & HEAD
MALAYSIA OFFICE
A.T. KEARNEY

Nikolai Dobberstein is the Head of A.T. Kearney's Communications, Media & Technology Practice in Asia Pacific and the Managing Partner of the Malaysian Practice. He has been involved in multiple business transformation programs of leading government-linked, technology and telecom companies in Southeast Asia, India, the Middle East and Africa.

Before joining A.T. Kearney in India in 2011, Nikolai was the Exco member for New Businesses at Maxis, Malaysia. Nikolai had P&L responsibility for all data and digital businesses and helped propel Maxis into one of the global top 10 data operators. Before Maxis, Nikolai was 12 years with McKinsey & Company, where he was the Managing Partner in Malaysia from 2002 to 2004. Nikolai was a director on the board of Scicom (MSC) Bhd, Malaysia's leading customer care and business process outsourcing operator with operations in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, since its listing in 2005 until the end of 2017.



SASHA YAP
HEAD OF OFFLINE
MARKETING &
PARTNERSHIPS, DAHMAKAN

A Finance graduate who began her career in management consulting before moving into public relations and investor relations, Sasha has served local, regional and international clients in industries such as government, oil & gas, commodities, renewables, finance, property, infrastructure, healthcare, and education. She moved in-house as part of a transformation & new business team for a commodities giant, before leading sales & marketing for FinTech and then FoodTech.

Sasha has had the opportunity to counsel ministers and CEOs of listed entities and large GLCs, as well as manage international crises. Her work has taken her to remote locations and financial hubs, from Malaysian towns to the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.



FONG WAI HONG
CHIEFTAIN AND
CO-FOUNDER, STOREHUB

Fong Wai Hong is Chieftain and co-founder at StoreHub, a cloud-based commerce enabler for over 5000 small and medium businesses across South East Asia. Wai Hong grew up in Malaysia, spent 4 years in Singapore as an ASEAN Scholar and lived 10 years in Melbourne. Immediately after completing his BA at the University of Melbourne, Wai Hong co-founded and was managing director for 5 years at OZHut, a multi-niche online retailer. Wai Hong was also named Australia's Best Young Entrepreneur in 2011 by StartupSmart and amongst Melbourne's top 100 most influential people by The Age Newspaper that same year. Wai Hong has since spent 1.5 years living in Shanghai where he studied Mandarin and eventually returned to Malaysia in 2013 where he founded StoreHub.

FIRESIDE CHAT SPEAKERS



SUVIKA AMBIGAPATHY
ALUMNI, RESEARCH
AND ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER, THE AUSTRALIAN
HIGH COMMISSION

Suvika Ambigapathy is the Alumni, Research and Administrative Officer at the Australian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. She is mainly responsible for alumni public diplomacy initiatives, networking events and implementing programmes on information sharing that enhance linkages with Australia. She is focused on opening new pathways that drive alumni engagement in global connections and conversations that strengthen professional development, research narratives and business networks. She brings along formal experiences in the corporate, government and NGO sectors. She was the secretariat for the Taskforce of Sexual Crimes against Children that laid the foundation for the enactment of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 in Malaysia. In 2015, she was selected for the Malaysian Diplomatic Corps (MYCorps) where she was deployed to Cambodia to support educational activities as well as build latrines for disadvantaged communities. She is passionate about mobilising citizenries in empowering communities to confront global challenges. Suvika completed a Bachelor of Arts (Global) at Monash University in 2014 and a Politics Year Abroad at University of Leeds, UK in 2012.



KAREN PUAH
PARTNERSHIP DIRECTOR,
FINTECH ASSOCIATION
OF MALAYSIA

Karen Puah is a marketing specialist who believes in change; it is the only way to progress in every level. This progress principle can boost emotions, motivations and more importantly, making progress in meaningful work. A mother of 3, she pressed the pause button when the little ones came. During this period, she took part-time courses to prepare herself for whatever that may come. Today she runs a consultancy company focusing on helping start-ups in FinTech industry.

CLOSING REMARKS



Dr AMANI SALIM
FIRST MALAYSIAN
TO LAUNCH A NASA
SATELLITE TO SPACE

Dr. Wan Wardatul Amani Wan Salim, or Dr. Amani is the first Malaysian to launch a NASA satellite to space. She was entrusted to lead a team of 28 scientists, technologists and engineers to work on NASA's first ever "astrobiology" programme.

She received the Thora Halstead 'Young Investigator' award in 2012, for her work on the Cell-Electrophysiology Lab-on-a-chip, an interdisciplinary project joining biology and fluid physics at the first national conference for the American Society for Gravitational and Space Research (ASGSR).

Since moving back to Malaysia in 2014, Dr Amani has shifted her focus to creating simple devices for local communities. Currently an Assistant Professor at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), her research interests are focused on multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches in the development of advanced sensor technologies and its applications.

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