

Youths Changing the World Panel Series

Moderated by;

Michael Teoh – 23 years old – Youth Advocate and Co-Founder of Youth Entrepreneurs Malaysia

Cause: *Bringing and Showcasing Young Malaysians, Globally!*

Michael Teoh is a Youth Advocate in Malaysia, consulting government agencies, companies and NGOs on engaging and developing the youth segment. He is a multiple time global business competition champion during his university days overseas, where he represented New Zealand to competitions and conferences in New York, Singapore, Hong Kong and more. He was also an active student leader in global youth organisations like SIFE, AIESEC, the Microsoft Imagine Cup and the Student Council. In 2010, Michael excelled on a different notch as he was voted by Malaysian youths to represent the Voices of Young Malaysians to One Young World, a global youth summit held in London, where he addressed 1,000 youths across 192 countries and millions watching from BBC World News and Youtube on how 'Youths are Mobilizing Change through Social Media', a speech which landed him interviews with CNN News, BBC World News and Reuters. Interestingly as well, Michael had managed to unite 36,000 Malaysian youths' ideas into a book within one week, as a 'Gift' from Malaysia to the 192 countries' leaders during the summit. Michael spends his spare time, sharing his experiences with the youths – A mission in which he hopes to groom more global Malaysians, locally but are competitive on a global stage. His passion to share his thoughts have not only landed him speaking engagements across universities and conferences across Malaysia, but he had also been invited to participate and speak at the Harvard Project, in Oxford University and more recently, in Stanford University, where he continues to showcase the talents of young Malaysians to a global, world-renown audience.

Panel on Youth Activism – Youths for Change! (Saturday, 10.30 a.m.)

Khairun Nisa – 24 years old – Co-Founder of Malaysia Youth Climate Justice Network (MyCJN)

Cause: *Environment*

'Green is in her blood' clearly explains the passion of Khairun Nisa. An activist for sustainable development and environmental protection since the age of 8, Khairun has been serious in advocating for the empowerment of youths in the preservation of our eco-system – This is proven by her, being the only Malaysian delegate to be invited to sit at the United Nations Climate Change negotiations with global Presidents and leaders in Poland a few years ago. She was also recognized as the British Council Climate Champion, recognizing her efforts of founding the Malaysian Youth Climate Justice Network (MyCJN), a youth movement which have empowered more than 1,000 Malaysians to mobilize efforts to spread the awareness and initiate campaigns on Climate Change. Khairun pursued her passion for the environment even further by venturing to Australia to learn from fellow experts in environmental

conservation and sustainable development. The industry has recognized her efforts and the team that she leads – This is evident with her accolades of recognitions, regarding her work for the environment and the community – She was the 1st receipt of the Malaysian Bayer Young Environmental Envoy Award, theCicak’s Young Malaysians You Must Know!, KLuE’s Blue Chili Award 2009 and the CLEO’s Young Achiever of 2010. She believes that youths can make a change towards saving out environment for our future generations.

Lorraine Siew – 18 years old – Founder of Social Spark Malaysia

Cause: *Technology*

Lorraine is a tech-geek, a master of web development, the Google search engine and now, the social media platforms. How come she is the expert? Well, her clients who engaged her to do social media consulting work, ranges from SMEs to global NGOs, to our No.1 ranked World Squash Player – Datuk Nicol David and the World No.1 ranked Junior Squash Champion – Nour El Sherbini from Egypt. This 18 years old girl, who have just graduated from her SPM examinations with flying colours, believes that youths should be empowered via technology – Using these media platforms to express their opinions, unite the youths online and mobilize tangible efforts on the ground. Keywords like ‘Crowd-Sourcing’, ‘Buzz’ and ‘Wiki’ are all common for this girl. Interestingly, she started her first investment at the age of 15 into the Foreign Exchange & Virtual Stocks trading. Empowering the youths for change with Technology!

Shobana Nair – 19 years old – Children Behind Us project – South East Asia

Cause: *Education*

She was personally invited by the former President, Bill Clinton to attend the Clinton Initiative University Meeting. Her name is Shobana. Shobana exhibits the characteristics of a youth role-model, from her community work, to studies, to her public speaking skills and recently, her ability to lead and represent the interests of youths across South East Asia. She marveled her high school background through her participation in National Debating Championships, Public Speaking forums and more. In 2008, Shobana was one of the winners for the 2008 Malaysian Lego League Robotics competition and representing Taking IT Global, a youth NGO to the South East Asian Youth Engagement summit in 2009. In 2010, she was one of the elected Malaysian candidate to One Young World summit in London. She is also the founding member of Project – Children Behind Us, a campaign which provides basic literacy skills to underprivileged children across South East Asia.

Panel on Youth Leadership – Uniting Youths for a Better Cause! (Saturday, 2.00 p.m.)

Ginger Chin – 17 years old – Co-Founder of Jazzada Solutions & Penang Youths

Cause: *Online Youth Community*

Facing the grueling SPM exams this year did not stop Ginger from co-founding a youth development company with her partner, Jazz Tan and subsequently creating one of the biggest youth community group in Penang. Her group, 'Penang Youths' spearheaded by her company – Jazzada Solutions currently holds close to 5,000 members online, and have since organized the biggest Youth Merdeka Carnival, namely Youth Jam! in Penang last year which boosted the participation of 10,000 youths in one single night! To date, her company, Jazzada has also showcased young youth talents in both the entertainment and creative industries, focusing in the Northern Region of Penang. Ginger and Jazz, her partner share a common goal –To create a community of youths, strong enough in the Northern Region of Malaysia to mobilize change, showcase their talents and be acknowledged by society, as active contributors towards the development of the nation, despite their generally younger age.

Chris 'Spincer' Tock – 25 years old – Founding Member of Young Corporate Malaysians & Technical Consultant to RandomAlphabets.com

Cause: *Empowering Young Malaysian Executives*

Connecting fun lovers together regardless of race, gender and background to send a collective message to us, Malaysians, both online and offline through guerilla-styled flashmobs – That We Malaysians can be Cool and Fun too! Meet Christopher Tock, the co-organiser of projects like KL Freeze in Unison, the Merdeka Train Project, the KL Pillow Fight and most recently – The Glee Flashmob gathering in Midvalley. While Having Fun was not enough, Chris works on another pinnacle project known to many as the Young Corporate Malaysians movement – A community which seeks to empower, connect and explore opportunities and showcase the talents between young Malaysian executives with the top corporate leaders and industries in our country. He is currently working on multiple projects, but more specifically on a joint initiative with BURSA Malaysia and YCM to bring in a new method of dispensing financial education to the youth and young working adults. During off-working hours, he dedicates his time to the Young Corporate Malaysians (YCM) as a founding convener, organizing CEO Series for Young Professionals among other initiatives. Christopher Tock was previously the Director of IT & Communications for the UK and Eire Council for Malaysian Students (UKEC) in 2005 to 2007 where he, alongside Wan Mohd Firdaus, helped to revive it as a united student movement across major universities in the UK and launched projects such as the UKEC Careers' Fair, Projek Amanat Negara IV and the 1st Malaysian Student Leaders' Summit 2007.

Sabrie Salleh – 24 years old – Former President of Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar (MPP) & Co-Founder of Angels & Mentors

Cause: *Student Governance Body*

Life in student politics, activism and leadership paint the journeys that Sabrie Salleh has done through during his university days. Elected as the Student Council President of one of Malaysia's premiere university, Sabrie has led a youth-run 'Government' in its process of delivering value to the 20,000 student population of his university, involved with amending policies and spearheading national scale youth events. Now, he pursues his path in entrepreneurship, becoming the Co-Founder of a Start-Up Business Outsourcing company called Angels & Mentors, which its mission of boosting the capabilities of young start-ups, especially those started by young entrepreneurs in penetrating and surviving in the competitive marketplace, while providing them with advisory and work assistance for their day-to-day operations.

Panel on Social Youth Entrepreneurship – Making Impact through Business! (Sunday, 12.30 a.m.)

Kasyah Khairuddin – 19 years old – Vice-President of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), UNITEN

Cause: *Social Entrepreneurship & Sports*

What does a Sport enthusiast and an aspiring Social Entrepreneur have in common? – The Burning passion to Succeed! Kasyah Khairuddin or simply 'K', is an all-rounder in sports, from being the state player for sports like handball, hockey, softball and badminton to the extremely challenging sport of Rowing, there is more potential than meets the eye for this girl. Aside from sports, she has been active in community work, primarily through the youth organization – Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) where she has worked with rural folks on developing their land and running their businesses, to teaching elementary school kids about entrepreneurship to hosting one of ASEAN's largest young entrepreneurs gathering. K will share about the principles she learned from being both an active and an admirable competitor in the sports arena, to be applied towards pursuing your dreams and making that social impact to the society.

Prashun Kumar Choudhury – 19 years old – E-Commerce Business Owner

Cause: E-Commerce Youth Entrepreneurs

Started his first online business at the age of 15, Prashun has been leading his international team of 700 young marketers and e-commerce entrepreneurs spread across 10 countries for 4 years now. His online business endeavours have brought him into the fields of marketing online advertising networks to starting up a recruitment company to a transportation and plantation company. Currently, he is involved as an active speaker, sharing his views about youths, becoming leaders in business at a young age, to have a head-start in the competitive field. He currently pursues his degree studies at a private university-college in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

Hasnizam Zaki – 27 years old – Creative Entrepreneur & Co-Founder of KREAM

Cause: Creative Entrepreneurship

Hasnizam is a social entrepreneur on a mission, to showcase and create more privately held Malaysian labels on clothing lines, products and creative arts by empowering the creative young people. From t-shirt designs to creative products to animation, Hasnizam is passionate about introducing our Malaysian art to the world. In 2007, he represented Malaysia to the prestigious World Forum on Youth & ICT Development in Geneva, Switzerland organized by the United Nations. Around that time, he also co-founded PopMalaya, a private creative label made in Malaysia – A label which went on to appear in TIME magazine, admirable for its somewhat creative, yet provocative contemporary designs. Most recently, he co-founded the Kreative Entrepreneurs Association of Malaysia (KREAM), a community that he uses to unite fellow creative entrepreneurs and talents across the country, in coming together to implement beneficial projects for the country. He regularly organizes bazaars to showcase our local creative products and talents.
