

# Michael



## Michael Yap

**Accelerator Board MEMBER  
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I am a proud Singaporean, born and bred in this vibrant city-state. My life revolves around my closely knit family, which includes my wonderful wife, daughter, son, and our furry kid, Dolly. I am passionate about meeting people and expanding my network, as I firmly believe in the power of collaboration and sharing. The world can be better if we practice patience, tolerance, and genuine care for one another. Happiness comes from within, and we have the power to make others happy through simple acts of kindness and a sincere smile.

### **If you had to write a book, what will the title be? Why?**

"Never Give Up." My journey has been one of resilience and perseverance. Coming from a humble background, I grew up in a one-room rental flat with my parents and two sisters. Throughout my life and career, I have faced numerous ups and downs. Despite the challenges, I have always held a "never give up" mentality.



### **How did you get to know PS and how did you become involved?**

I was introduced by the British Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, where I am Board Member serving the board since 2022.

### **Why PeopleStories?**

I am genuinely inspired by the work PS is doing to promote education in rural communities in Cambodia. Education should be accessible to everyone, regardless of financial status, gender, or social standing. PS's vision and mission align perfectly with my personal beliefs. I greatly admire how PS engage directly with young people in Cambodia, and I am eager to support. I am particularly interested in working with a charity organisation in its growth stage, and my connections and network can bring significant value to PS. I am committed to making a meaningful impact on the lives of these young individuals, ensuring they have the opportunities they deserve.

### **You are very generous with your support to PeopleStories. What do you get out of it for yourself?**

My journey with PS is not just about contributing to a noble cause; it is also a significant step in my personal development. Joining PS, my first charity organisation, I am deeply committed to understanding the nuances of running a charity from the ground up. I am eager to learn about a charity's operational aspects, including fundraising strategies, volunteer management, program development, and impact assessment of our initiatives. Being part of PS allows me to see firsthand how dedicated efforts can transform lives and communities. I want to understand how to mobilise resources effectively, build sustainable projects, and foster a culture of giving and support. Through this experience, I aim to develop skills that will enhance my ability to contribute meaningfully to PS and equip me with the knowledge and insights necessary to support charitable initiatives in the future.

### **If you are granted 3 wishes to make the world a better place, what would those wishes be?**

- 1) End to Wars and Conflicts.
- 2) Universal Education and Happy Childhoods.
- 3) Reviving Meaningful Conversations.

