

# INTERNATIONAL OFFICER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Office:  Region Number:

Toastmasters member since:

Education:

Employer and/or position:

Served as district governor of district number  Term of service:

In term as district governor, district achieved:  Distinguished  Select Distinguished  President's Distinguished

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service (international and regional level):

Toastmasters honors and recognition (international level):

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a Board member:

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

What experience do you have in developing policies?

In international development, I had training in program and strategic development and used this extensively when working with NGOs in South East Asia. After joining private sector into the foray of business conferences, the management experience gave me the opportunity to be participating in policy decisions for the company in expanding its business in Malaysia in the area of administration and human resource.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Leadership is about bringing out the best in the team to achieve a greater goal. It has taught me to recognise the strengths of people around me and to give them the opportunity and space to prove themselves. Reward and recognition are intrinsic values to encourage the team to go beyond what they are capable of delivering and it is very fulfilling to see the total outcome with the combined efforts of all.

What experience and key strengths would you bring to the Board of Directors?

My Asian exposure in working with a myriad of groups comprising of governmental, non-governmental, commercial and self help groups combined with the system and values of an International Development Agency presents skills and understanding to offer perspectives to the Board as Toastmasters International becomes even more relevant to a global learning community.

Why do you want to serve as an international officer/director?

Having personally grown in my leadership journey through Toastmasters, my recent office as RA has opened my eyes to the future development and initiatives evolving in TI with the Revitalised Education Program and many more to come. I believe to be part of this process will be a very gratifying and exciting journey.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

I have offered time through some of the programs either through Speechcrafts and YLP to disadvantaged groups such as children's welfare, religious organisations and women's groups which led to increased contribution with some of these groups. I had some previous experience as a member involved with assisting community and self help groups.

Have you worked with other Boards of Directors outside of Toastmasters? If so, describe your experience.

Working with decision makers and Directors of companies in strategy and program implementation. This experience has augmented the opportunity in working on broad based policy matters to bring about change and development.

In your opinion, what are Toastmasters International's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

TI offers the opportunity for men and women to develop confidence through communication and leadership to foster personal and professional growth across nations to public and private organisations impacting many many people. Being immersed in people development for so many years is a very natural progression for me to translate these objectives into reality by working directly with influencers and implementors across a broad spectrum of organisations.

Additional information about candidate:

Professionally I am involved with working with young adults and graduates in the area of Soft Skills Development, this provides an insight and gives a good stead for policy development to reach groups more effectively whether in Marketing or Education & Training.