



TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Lau

2013-2014 Immediate Past International President

John Lau, DTM, of Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, is the Chief Executive and owner of the Acme Group of Companies, a management consultancy specializing in human capital development, corporate restructuring information technology, oil and gas construction, as well as sales of construction materials. He has lectured on marketing management and leadership for post-graduate students and is a Sarawak State Chairman of the People's Progressive Party of Malaysia, a component party of the Malaysian Federal Government.

In January, 2012, Lau was one of 17 people appointed by the Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau as a Kesatria Malaysia (meaning "Knight of Malaysia") to help develop the country's business industry. As a panel speaker, Lau has addressed the International Congress & Convention Association, in addition to having spoken at various conferences throughout the Asia Pacific region. Lau holds advanced degrees in several fields, including a Ph.D. in strategic marketing.

A dedicated Toastmaster for 23 years, Lau credits the organization for much of his personal development. "Toastmasters' core values of integrity, dedication to excellence, respect for the individual and service to its members closely match my own beliefs," he says. "They have enabled me to grow as a professional, and as a Malaysian business leader."

As an officer of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Lau is a "working ambassador" for the organization. He works with the Board to develop, support and modify the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

About Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter.