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Toastmasters International elects John Lau First Vice President

Sarawak resident, Supreme Council member and newspaper columnist is first Malaysian elected to position

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., USA, Aug.16, 2010 – John Lau, of [Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia](#), has been elected First Vice President of [Toastmasters International](#), the world’s leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. Toastmasters members elected Lau to the one-year term during the organization’s 79th annual International Convention in Palm Desert, Calif., USA, held in August 2010. He is the first Malaysian ever elected to this office.

As the owner of the [Acme Group of Companies](#), a management consultancy firm specializing in human capital development, corporate restructuring and information technology, Lau brings extensive leadership expertise to his new role on the Toastmasters International Board of Directors. He credits the organization’s service to its members 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,” says Lau. “They have enabled me to grow as a professional, and as a Malaysian business leader.”

A dedicated Toastmaster for 20 years and current member of the [Kuching Mandarin](#) and Connections Toastmasters clubs, Lau has held a number of distinguished leadership positions within the organization. Lau also holds advanced degrees in several fields, including a Ph.D. in strategic marketing. In addition, he is a lecturer in marketing management and leadership and is a Supreme Council member of the People’s Progressive Party of Malaysia, a component party of the Malaysian Federal Government.

Lau joins International President Pat Johnson, International President-Elect Michael Notaro and Second Vice President George Yen as a member of the organization’s Executive Committee.

About Toastmasters

[Toastmasters International](#) is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization currently has more than 260,000 members in over 12,500 clubs in 113 countries. Since its founding in October 1924, the organization has helped more than 4 million men and women give presentations with poise and confidence. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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