



• **BIOGRAPHY** •

Mervyn Sek, 31, is a Special Project Officer at the Ministry of Education’s Schools Division. Prior to this posting, he was an Economics Teacher at Anglo-Chinese Junior College, where he coordinated the students’ Entrée Council, and served in the college’s Community Involvement Programme Committee and Leadership Committee. Having had the blessed opportunity to discover and realise his potential in the university, Mervyn is motivated to inspire youths around him by being their mentor and role model, while actively promoting youth activism and volunteerism. He sets the example by continually serving the community, then as a student leader, and now as a young community leader and educationist.

The Academic Scholar

Mervyn was awarded the Local Merit Scholarship (Teaching) by the Public Service Commission in 1998. At the National University of Singapore (NUS), his love for education led him to boldly read 3 subject majors – Economics, English Language and Mathematics – and a Minor in Technopreneurship. He was conferred a Bachelor of Science (Merit) degree (2002), a Second Class (Upper Division) for his Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) degree in Economics (2003), and a Master of Social Sciences (Economics) degree (2004). Having completed his training at the National Institute of Education (NIE), Mervyn was awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) with Credit (2007). He is currently pursuing the Master of Arts (Educational Management) degree on a part-time basis at NIE.

The Youth Leader

Passionate to share his experience and knowledge with others, Mervyn has served in more than 40 designations in over 10 student organisations since his freshman year at NUS. He was the Honorary General Secretary, NUS Photographic Society; Vice-Chairperson (Projects), NUS Science Computer-Based Learning Centre; Chairperson, NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee (Team Recipient of the Singapore Youth Award 2002, the highest national youth accolade in Singapore); and Vice Project Director, NUSSU Matriculation Fair. Mervyn has organised competitions, exhibitions, forums, fundraising activities, freshmen camps, IT fairs, seminars and workshops for the NUS community. In 1999, he initiated the NVAC Freshmen Volunteer Camp and the Montage photographic series, which have since become annual signature events. In 2002, Mervyn represented Singapore at the regional 5th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative. For his remarkable contributions, he was presented with the inaugural NUSSU Best Achievement Award in 2001.

The Community Volunteer

Mervyn passionately promotes active youth participation in personal development, community service and volunteerism. Besides serving weekly as a Volunteer Mentor at the Ulu Pandan Meet-the-People Sessions, he holds 9 concurrent honorary positions in various organisations, including Board Director, NUS Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Ltd; Senior Advisor, NUS Photographic Society; and Sub-Committee Member, NUS Society. Mervyn serves on the youth committees of the Singapore National Co-operative Federation, the South West Community Development Council and the Ulu Pandan Community Club. For his outstanding dedication, he was presented with the Stars of SHINE Youth Contribution Award in 2009.

The People Person

Always glad and willing to extend a helping hand, Mervyn is a very responsible and dedicated person with a strong passion to serve the less fortunate and the youth in society. He looks forward to a management position in the public, private or people sector where he can effectively contribute his analytical, interpersonal and organisational skills to the success of the organisation and for the benefit of society.

