



**THE PROFESSIONAL
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HONG KONG (PDN HK)
PRESENTS**

**STORIES OF RESILIENCE
A PANEL DISCUSSION**



21 SEPTEMBER 2022 | 7 - 8PM HKT

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*What does resilience look like?
How can it shape who we are and who we are becoming?*

Learn how resilience has factored into the lives of three Hong Kong professionals, Mrs. Julie Aswani, Mental Health Counsellor and Teacher, Mr. Ajmal Samuel, Founding Chairman, OCTO3 Group Holdings Limited, and Ms. Siu Fong Yeung, Visual and Performance Artist, who also have disabilities, including:

- How their disability has (and has not) impacted their identities and self-conceptions;
- Their views on disability inclusion and how resilience relates to inclusion; and
- The limits of personal resilience in creating inclusion, and thoughts on how others can contribute to a more inclusive society.

Format: Zoom (Logins will be sent out to registrants at a later date)

Cost: Free of charge

Panelists



Mrs. Julie Aswani, Mental Health Counsellor and Teacher

Julie was born with a rare physical condition called Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) which affects one in 3000 live births. Despite being bullied, harassed, and discriminated against, Julie has come a long way to become the leading spokesperson for AMC in Hong Kong and is a mental health counsellor in Hong Kong and holds degrees in Psychology, Education and Counselling. She has worked with all age groups, from children to adolescents and adults.

She is currently a high school teacher and provides counselling services to her students. She dedicates her time to raising awareness on different mental and physical health issues.



Ms. Siu Fong Yeung, Visual and Performance Artist

Siu Fong graduated from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University with a Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art). Siu Fong's creative works attempt to recognise the "body" as an object from different perspectives and observations. She explores relationships between the soul and the physique with her "body" and expresses it via various forms of media. Her recent series comprises paintings, ceramics, video, sound, and installation. Apart from participating in artistic creation, Siu Fong is also a performance artist.

**Ms. Yvonne Mok, Interpreter*



Mr. Ajmal Victor Samuel, Founding Chairman, OCTO3 Group Holdings Limited

Ajmal is a Hong Kong based businessman and a Hong Kong national level athlete. He is the Founding Chairman of OCTO3 Group Holdings Limited, a Hong Kong headquartered financial technology and infrastructure provider that specializes in Payments and Clearing House Systems. Ajmal is also an extreme adventurer and a well-established endurance athlete. He has been actively involved in social and sports activism and advocating for disabled rights in Hong Kong and globally.

Moderator



Ms. Fern Ngai, Chairperson, KELY Support Group

Fern is a seasoned leader and changemaker with solid experience in both the non-profit and private sectors in Asia. Over her career, Fern has successfully led major change initiatives, and built expertise in responsible and strategic leadership, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), talent development and cultural change. She is the former CEO of Community Business, a Hong Kong based not-for-profit dedicated to advancing responsible and inclusive business practices in Asia.

Fern currently dedicates her time volunteering as chair of the board of KELY Support Group, a Hong Kong charity dedicated to supporting young people, and serves as a board member of charities AIDS Concern and Beyond Vision International. She also advises several NGO's and social enterprises working on causes related to inequality and DEI, and mentors a number of talented young leaders.

We invite you to submit questions to the panel in advance by writing them in the registration form when you register:

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About the Professional Disability Network Hong Kong (PDNHK)

The Professional Disability Network is the first platform in Hong Kong to bring disability inclusive employers together in a collaborative effort to increase disability confidence. We do this through knowledge and resource sharing, hosting events to raise the profile and visibility of professionals with disabilities and their employers, and by advancing societal inclusion through partnerships with businesses, government and non-governmental organizations.

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