

7.0 Facilitator Profile



Mr Simone is the Co-Founder of ENGAGE, a not for profit based in Nepal focused on the promotion of youth empowerment, especially for youth living with disabilities. Before ENGAGE, Simone worked at senior level with an international NGO in Nepal when he was also the Coordinator of the National Health and Nutrition Network, the Coordinator of the Association of International NGOs' (AIN) working groups on health, education and capacity building & partnership. Before coming to Nepal, Simone lived and volunteered in Angola for over three years. He also co-led and designed two editions of a course on Volunteerism and Social Work that was delivered in Kathmandu. He has conducted numerous trainings on social leadership and youth's personal development through ENGAGE he has been collaborating with UTAR since 2018.

A great believer of the power of volunteerism, Simone is a contributor writer for several news outlets in Nepal and for the New Straits Times in Malaysia.



Dr. Lai Soon Onn obtained his Bachelor and Master Degrees from National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, and PhD Degree from Clarkson University, USA in Environmental Engineering.

Dr. Lai is currently Associate Professor at Department of Chemical Engineering, Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR). He was also Deputy Dean in charge of Student Development and Industrial Training in the faculty from Jan 2012 till Jan 2018.

He is currently Director of Division of Community and International Networking (DCInterNet) in charge of student/staff mobility programme, external collaboration and community engagement. He is also the Chairperson of Green Campus Committee at UTAR Sungai Long Campus, and advisor of Sustainable Development Club. He is always ready and willing to share both of his academic and administrative experience with others, particularly on environmental and green related issues. He was advisor of Engineering Fiesta 2016, Engineering and Science Fiesta 2017. Both events, covering competition, workshop, exhibition, career fair, site visit, aim to cultivate and enhance the interest in engineering and science among undergraduate and secondary school students. He has been also involved in talks on engineering and science at secondary schools and during various educational fairs.

His current researches mainly cover air and water monitoring and control, as well as cleaner production and sustainable development. He has published more than 40 locally and internationally peer-reviewed journal papers. He has been appointed as Technical Advisor of MayAir Manufacturing Sdn Bhd. since 2014. Meanwhile, he has also been continually providing training and consultancy service on occupational safety and health and community service on 3R and environmental issues.

He is always passionate and desired to improve the environment and safety & health in Malaysia, making Malaysia a green, healthy, and safe society.

Areas of specialization: air and water monitoring and control, membrane technology, green engineering and cleaner production, occupational safety and health.