

Angela Yap Siew Peng is Founder of Akasaa, a specialist content development, publishing and training firm with presence in Malaysian and Singapore.

She is an author, writer, social entrepreneur, coach and former human rights advocate for Amnesty International in Malaysia.

The name 'Akasaa', derived from the Sanskrit word for 'nothingness' or Free Open Space in the Tibetan tradition, was established in 2008 at the height of the global financial crisis.



Akasaa's clients include regulated bodies, financial institutions, multinational corporations, governments, international agencies and universities. It conducts its flagship Awake Minds™ mentorship and modules for business incubators, entrepreneurs, C-suites, universities, colleges, schools and NGOs.

Akasaa also supports the arts and promotes established/budding writers from Malaysia, Singapore, Australia and the UK.

Her accolades include:

- **Board of Governor** for Convent Bukit Nanas, a historic mission school and one of Malaysia's Premier cluster schools.
- One of 8 invited Malaysians to a **women's discussion group with Her Royal Highness, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, and British High Commissioner Her Excellency Vicki Treadell** (Nov 2017).
- **British High Commission Kuala Lumpur's Women's Action Group** – by invitation of Her Excellency Vicki Treadell CMG MVO, British High Commissioner Kuala Lumpur (2015-current).
- Speaker – **Women of the Future Summit in London**, sponsored by the United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK FCO) (2014);
- Delegate – **Wilton Park Conference on 'Women in Business'** sponsored by the UK FCO (2014).
- Speaker – **UK & Eire Council, London School of Economics, Warwick International Development Summit, UK** (2012)
- **Most Successful Women Award**, joining luminaries such as Dato' Ambiga Sreenevasan and Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir (2012).
- Award – **'Top 40 Under 40 Award'** by *The Prestige*.
- Featured – **'The League of Extraordinary Women'** by *The Prestige* and TAG Heuer.
- Featured – **'Successful Women Entrepreneurs'** special edition book by the Ministry of Women, Family & Community Development for the Global Women's Summit (2013).

Angela began her career with the United Nations Development Programme where she researched and co-authored **Cities, Citizens & Civilisations**. She then joined the financial services industry as a corporate banker. Her work in the financial services industry includes associate with a bond pricing agency, and as a Strategist with a Big Four firm.

At age 22, Angela was the youngest elected Board of Governor for Amnesty International in Malaysia, representing Malaysia at the International Council Meeting in Amsterdam, its highest decision-making body.

Her book, **Managing Yaa-hoos!**, has received reviews by professors from LSE and Harvard Medical School, including a Book Tour with invitations to speak at global forums such as Warwick International Development Summit and LSE.

She is an editorial consultant and leads Akasaa's team of writers/researchers. Her work has appeared in publications including **Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers, Warwick International Development Summit, The Edge, Off The Edge, Unreserved, Malaysia SME** ranging from technical research and writings to exclusive interviews with global thinkers such as Nobel Laureate Prof. Dr. Barry Marshall.

Her book, **Answering Is An Art**, was praised by the Western Australian education council as "an innovative approach to teaching business issues".

Her latest book, **The Legal Lion of the Commonwealth: Judgments**, is the first in a series of books to revive the legacy of His Lordship Justice Eusoffe Abdoolcader and Sir Husein Abdoolcader.

Angela Yan holds a BSc (Hons) Econ I SE