

## **Thomson Ch'ng - Biodata**

Thomson Ch'ng is an award-winning international alumnus, international speaker and a global citizen.

Thomson was a founding member of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)'s Youth Action Hubs (YAH) – an initiative to encourage local actions among young people on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030.

He is also a co-convenor of the ASEAN-Australia Education Dialogue (AAED) – a track II diplomacy platform that strengthens Australia's education and training relationship with key stakeholders in the ASEAN region.

He also served as the Vice President in the Jakarta based ASEAN Youth Organization (A.Y.O).

In 2018-19, Thomson served as a Special Advisor to a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) in Penang while actively involved in the training operation of a family business. Thomson advises several Penang based private colleges on international business and engagement strategies.

During his student days, Thomson was a founding delegate and a former National President of the Council of International Students Australia (CISA) – Australia's national peak body that represents more than 500,000 international students studying in universities, private colleges and TAFE (polytechnic) institutions.

He has received the following awards and honours:

- Global PIEoneer Awards - International Alumni of the Year 2020
- International Speaker - ASEAN-India Youth Dialogue 2020
- Distinguished Young Australian Alumni of the Year 2019
- Delegate - Duke of Edinburgh International Awards Foundation Roundtable 2019
- International Speaker - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Youth Forum 2018
- Delegate - Inspiring Future Leaders Conference by Penang Women Chamber of Commerce 2018
- International Speaker - India-ASEAN Youth Summit 2017
- International Speaker - Dragons 100 Conference by Dragons Foundation 2017
- International Speaker - World Youth Conference 2016
- Delegate to inaugural United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Youth Forum 2016
- Delegate and Co-host - Asia-Pacific Association of International Education (APAIE) 2016
- Recipient of NSW Police Outstanding Contribution to International Students 2015
- Winner of the New South Wales International Student of the Year 2013
- Winner of the Testimonial Australia Gold Award 2011