



Kan Kok Heng

Kok Heng is currently the Finance Director of Cardinal Health, Singapore whose ultimate parent company is Cardinal Health Inc, listed in NYSE (2008: Rank 19 in Fortune 500 and Rank 60 in Global 500). He possess about 19 years of professional experience in finance and accounting, having worked in public accounting firms and multinational companies namely Sony, Intel and Cardinal Health.

Born into a family whose mother was a hawker for almost 20 years, it has taught Kok Heng the spirit of entrepreneurship and commitment to achieve what one has set forth to achieve. This has inspired him and also spurred his interest in business. Intrigued by how businesses create value, he develops a deeper passion in the area of finance. Pursuing his interest, he has worked in auditing, operations and finance to develop a strong grasp in running a company. Exposure from working in public accounting organizations gives him a wide area of exposure to different types of businesses and help to develop a firm understanding on accounting, financials and reporting. In multinational companies, besides the opportunity to interact with people from diverse cultures, he also acquires and learns best practices undertaken by large and successful companies. For example in Sony, Kok Heng was trained in ISO9000 and ISO 14000 where he was part of the ISO 14000 Committee that help Sony to achieve the ISO 14001 certification, being the first company in Malaysia to achieve it. He was also involved in various process improvement initiatives to reduce wastage and cost through streamlining of processes. When he moves on to be with a growth stage technology company, Kok Heng participated in assisting the company to achieve 1st Place in the Enterprise 50 Award and also the National Productivity Award. In Oct 2000 Kok Heng joined Cardinal Health, Malaysia as the Financial Controller. In 2003 he assisted in the set-up of a new Cardinal Health entity for sourcing activities in Shanghai, China. He oversees this entity financial control and reporting. In year 2004 Kok Heng was assigned to Singapore to set-up a new venture, the Asia Global Supply Chain office for Cardinal Health.

He hopes that his business passion and entrepreneurial spirit can be an encouragement to the younger generation to develop a strong interest in entrepreneurship in Singapore. This he hopes to achieve through his participation in the mentorship programme spearheaded by Youth Business Singapore.
