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## AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER PATH

**I**n this issue, Destiny Times has a face-to-face interview with Mr. Lim Eng Cheong, founder of CHANG Consultancy. He is one of the youngest Feng Shui practitioners of our time and he gives a contemporary meaning and definition to this traditional Chinese metaphysical science.

In this interview, Mr. Lim shares with us his experience, the challenges that he faces and his plans for the future.

### SO, WHAT'S PEOPLE'S FIRST REACTION?

**W**E begin by enquiring on how his friends and relatives reacted when they came to know that he has made a career switch to become a Feng Shui consultant cum trainer.

“Whenever I went out for gatherings with friends and relatives, we would always go around to get an update on how well the others are doing. I always like to see the expression on their faces when I told them what I’m doing right now. It’s kind of amusing for me when they exclaimed, raised their eyebrows and asked me why,” said Mr. Lim with a chuckle.

“I replied, yes, you heard it correctly. I’m a consultant, a Feng Shui practitioner, a trainer and mind you, a very good one too,” he added with a big grin on his face.

“Some of them cannot understand and keep asking me why. I said, ‘Why not?’”

### HOW IT ALL STARTED

**H**is interest and passion for this traditional Chinese metaphysical science started to develop at a very tender age.

During his teenage years, his father had engaged a Feng Shui practitioner to perform an audit on his house. He was amazed and intrigued by the practitioner, who advised his father to change the layout and placement of the furniture by just using the *Luo Pan* (罗盘), a Chinese Feng Shui compass!

“At that time, I couldn’t believe it. He just used a compass, which I later found out to be the *Luo Pan*, walked around the house, and advised my father what to do with this sector and what to do with that sector, and told him which are the favourable directions. Simply unbelievable,” recalled Mr. Lim.

“He (the Feng Shui practitioner) even told me where I should place my study desk in order to achieve good grades. I’m curious and always eager to learn. This turns out to be the *Wen Chang* (文昌) sector,” he continued.

So how well did he do for his studies?



“I did okay lah,” he answered modestly.

Mr. Lim graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS) with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Upper Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is also fluent in the English and Chinese language, and conversant in the German and Malay language.

### IS THERE A SIMILARITY BETWEEN ENGINEERING AND FENG SHUI?

“**F**ENG Shui is a study on how the flow of the *Qi* (气), namely the Heaven energies (天气) and the Earth energies (地气), affect or interact with the human energies (人气). It is an art of living in harmony with the physical environment. This definition is very similar to that of Engineering. In Engineering, we also study forces, mechanics, magnetic and electric fields, etc.”

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## FENG SHUI IS NEITHER RELIGIOUS NOR SUPERSTITIOUS

**MR.** Lim emphasized that Feng Shui is a science based on systematic computations and logical deductions. Feng Shui is *never* associated with religion and superstition.

“To me, Feng Shui is like a Chinese concept of Engineering. Its theory is a science and its application is an art,” he went on.

“There is a general misconception in our society that Feng Shui is related to religion and superstition. It’s indeed unfortunate that there are many Feng Shui practitioners who link Taoism practices to this ancient Chinese metaphysical science. I feel that I have a responsibility to correct this perception and convey the right definition of Feng Shui to the public,” he said firmly.

He does this by conducting seminars or speaking at seminars organised by private / public institutions.

“It’s a challenge but I need to convey the right message to as many people as I can,” he added.

## A NEED TO BUY EXPENSIVE ORNAMENTS?

**MR.** Lim also does not see eye to eye with practitioners who sell or market very expensive so-called Feng Shui ornaments to their clients. He sees this as unnecessary and advises the public to be prudent in purchasing these items.

“Let’s face it. There are bound to be cheaper and more effective ways. Think about it, how can a mirror or a small figurine reflect or dispel negative energies? Yes, a mirror can reflect light. But to reflect energies? I doubt so.”

“I believe using natural elements or material like plants, lamp or real metal sculptures are more subtle, effective and contemporary,” he explained.

Mr. Lim recognises the demand for modern and contemporary Feng Shui.

“FENG SHUI IS ALSO ABOUT THE ART OF PLACEMENT.”



More people nowadays prefer chic and contemporary homes with a pleasant and natural setting. This explains the need for a new application to the ancient science.

“FENG SHUI CAN BE MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY.”

## AGE IS NOT A DETERRENCE

Besides conveying the right definition of Feng Shui, Mr. Lim also makes a strong point in mentioning that this ancient Chinese metaphysical study is never outdated and still remains relevant and applicable to people of all ages. He does not see his relatively young age as an obstacle as well.

“Generally, people’s perception of a Feng Shui master is someone more senior or older. But that does not mean by being older, he is better.”

“By the way, is there a qualifying age to be a Feng Shui master?” asked Mr. Lim casually.

“No matter how old or how young he is, as long as he can deliver, he is a good Feng Shui practitioner. When our Minister Mentor, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, became the Prime Minister of our country at the young age of 35, did someone say that he is too young for the job? Did someone question his ability to lead the country at that age?” he continued.

“People who have engaged my ser-

vices are convinced and satisfied. My clients see me as someone who is modern, practical and effective. It’s actually an asset and not a liability by being young,” he added confidently.

## SO WHAT ARE HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

“**T**O lead CHANG Consultancy to a level whereby it is recognised as the natural choice for Feng Shui solutions that are effective and can significantly enhance the quality of life of our customers,” Mr. Lim replied.

“Our mission is to provide practical and effective Feng Shui solutions, high quality service and impart Chinese metaphysical knowledge in a clear and concise manner to the general public,” he continued.

With that, we thank Mr. Lim for his time and willingness to share with us his insights and experience. We wish him well and all the best for his future endeavours.

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## About CHANG Consultancy 永昌風水

**CHANG Consultancy 永昌風水** is one of the leading Feng Shui and Ba Zi (八字) consulting firms in Singapore. We take pride in providing practical, effective and yet contemporary Feng Shui solutions to our valued clients. Our Principal Consultant, **Mr. Lim Eng Cheong (林永昌)**, is best known for his application of Feng Shui techniques in a subtle yet contemporary and powerful way.

Delivering talks, seminars and courses on Chinese metaphysical studies is also one of our fortes. We deliver Feng Shui and Ba Zi talks, seminars and courses to corporations as well as to individuals who are keen to gain a deeper understanding into Chinese metaphysics and its applications.

Our professional approach to Ba Zi (八字) / Destiny analysis and Feng Shui consulting sets us apart from conventional practices and puts us in a foremost position to give a new meaning to harmonious and quality living.

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