



## 'Stories of Resilience': Panel Discussion PRESS RELEASE

The Professional Disability Network Hong Kong (PDN HK) conducted its second panel discussion on the 21st of September 2022. Entitled "Stories of Resilience", it was an intimate event available to a select audience of employers, inclusive allies and key community members in Hong Kong and globally.

The event was an hour's length, and was moderated by Fern Ngai, Chairperson of KELY Support Group and advisory member of various organisations in Hong Kong, including SENSational Foundation. The panelists were Ajmal Samuel, Founding Chairman of OCTO3 Group Holdings and Hong Kong national level athlete, and Siu Fong Yeung, an award-winning visual and performance artist.

The bulk of the panel discussion focused on the personal experiences of the speakers as individuals with disabilities and underlined commonalities and differences in their journeys and careers in Hong Kong. Both of them spoke of the particular challenges they have come across with their physical disabilities, and the discussed topics ranged from what employers should do to support employees with disabilities to the value of equitable treatment in the workplace to the cultural mores that impacted their upbringing and expression of their disability. Siu Fong's artistic background and Ajmal's military training provided vastly different frameworks through which the audience were able to gain a richness of perspective on living with a disability.

In line with the PDN HK's objective to be an educational hub for those invested in disability inclusion, testimonials from the panel discussion will be shared on relevant social media platforms over the next few days. The full recording will also be available in upcoming months for PDN HK members.

A special thank you to our partner JLL for providing the venue for the event.

To remain connected, follow along on all social media platforms. For those who would like to become members of the PDN HK, please refer to the website ([www.pdnhk.org/membership](http://www.pdnhk.org/membership)) or contact SENSational Foundation at [contact@sensationalhk.org](mailto:contact@sensationalhk.org).

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