

MEET YOUR TEACHER!



TONG YEE

Before you start class, we thought you should know more about who will be guiding you along.
Meet Mr. Tong Yee.
He believes in hope and possibilities for every student.

Mr Tong has been teaching GP for 20 years. He started teaching GP in Nanyang Junior College. As a former repeat student who struggled with personal and academic issues, he empathised with students going through similar difficulties. In 2002, he co-founded School of Thought with a group of fellow teachers.

Many students find him an inspirational teacher who is able to make the most challenging issues and concepts accessible and relevant. His approachable nature, irreverent humour and heartfelt care allows many youths to grow and learn well.

He is a leader in Singapore's social innovation scene and consultant for several youth organisations. He speaks often on how emotions and stories impact our individual and societal capacity for change.

If you have any questions about what you will be learning, contact Mr Tong at yee@thethoughtcollective.com.sg



ON WHY HE HAS CHOSEN TO TEACH:

"Teaching is still one of the most meaningful and sustainable ways in which we can make a difference to someone's life. There are very few platforms (other than the privilege of parenting) that you can meet regularly with someone to build a meaningful relationship. Teaching is a platform for me to give space for young people to speak, to explore, and to discover what is really best for them in their own lives. Over 20 years of teaching, I am encouraged to see my students making use of their talents to impact others. This is the most meaningful part of my work."

ON WHAT HE HOPES TO HELP STUDENTS SEE ABOUT SINGAPORE:

"That this is really a place you can try new things. I think Singapore is one of the places you can really do that, and not be limited by a ceiling. If you are courageous and you dare to try, you can make a mark on the world. It is an immense privilege. I have a debt of gratitude to Singapore for the opportunities that have been given to me and for everyone. It is a miracle city where you can see the impossible made possible."

ON MAKING LEARNING AND LIFE MEANINGFUL FOR HIS STUDENTS:

"I started working with repeat students at SOT because I was one before and felt immense loss when no one was there to catch me. Our first batch of repeats organised a party just to give back to the team of mentors they felt contributed to them. When I received this "Hope" keychain from them, I really caught the spirit of giving back, of holding narratives that mean the most to people's lives."