



• **BIOGRAPHY** •

Mervyn Sek, 27, is a Trainee Teacher participating in the Ministry of Education's Enhanced School Experience programme, and will be pursuing the Postgraduate Diploma in Education at the National Institute of Education from July 2006. Having had the blessed opportunity to discover and realise his potential in the university, Mervyn is motivated to inspire youths around him by being their mentor and role model, while actively promoting youth activism and volunteerism. He sets the example by actively serving the community, then as a student leader, and now as a youth and community leader.

The Academic Scholar

Mervyn is a Local Merit Teaching Scholar with the Public Service Commission, and is currently serving his bond with the Ministry of Education. His love for education boldly led him to read 3 Subject Majors – Economics, English Language and Mathematics – and a Minor in Technopreneurship. As a graduate of the National University of Singapore, he has attained a Bachelor of Science (Merit) degree (2002), a Second Class (Upper Division) for his Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) degree in Economics (2003), and a Master in Social Sciences (Economics) degree (2004).

The Student Leader

He has served in more than 40 designations in over 10 student organisations since his freshman year at NUS. With a strong passion to share his experience and knowledge with others, Mervyn has served as the Honorary General Secretary and Course Coordinator, NUS Photographic Society; Vice-Chairperson (Projects) and Marketing Director, NUS Science Computer-Based Learning Centre; Chairperson, NUSSU Volunteer Action Committee (Team Recipient of the Singapore Youth Award 2002); and Vice Project Director, NUSSU Matriculation Fair. He has also organised competitions, exhibitions, fundraising activities, freshmen camps, IT fairs, seminars and workshops for the benefit of the NUS community. In July 2002, Mervyn proudly represented Singapore at the regional 5th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative. For his outstanding contributions, he was presented with the NUSSU Best Achievement Award in 2001.

The Enthusiastic Volunteer

Mervyn passionately promotes active youth participation in personal development, community service and volunteerism. He initiated the inaugural NVAC Freshmen Volunteer Camp and the annual Montage series of photographic events in 1999. He volunteers weekly at the Meet-the-People Sessions of the Ulu Pandan Constituency. He holds 14 concurrent honorary positions, including Founding Honorary Secretary, NUS Alumni Photographic Society; Board Director, NUS Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Ltd; and Chairman (Community Partnership), 'Youth Excellence Awards in the Heartlands' Steering Committee. He actively serves on the youth committees of the NUS Society, the Ulu Pandan Community Club, the Singapore National Co-operative Federation and the South West Community Development Council.

The Social Representative

Always glad and willing to extending a helping hand, Mervyn is a very responsible and dedicated person with a strong passion to serve the less fortunate and the youth in society. He looks forward to an executive position in the public, private or people sector where he can effectively contribute his analytical, interpersonal and organisational skills to the success of the organisation and for the benefit of society.

