



'Be an Angel with Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh' was a success with the help of volunteers from different backgrounds, contributing their talent to ensure that this fundraiser would achieve our goals to raise funds for our future cancer projects with the lowincome communities that we serve.

With the help and presence of Essel Yap and Tiong Lim Button, the event was a delight and the audience kept updated on the excitement that made this event a phenomenal success.





Essel is a hostess of the Happy Trilingual Show and also part of Durian FM online. She is very passionate about MCing. Her vibrant and energetic personality with the right amount of sweetness makes Essel a delight to have hosting one's event. With a strong motive to serve and put her hosting skills to good use and for a good cause, Essel is a strong supporter of EMPOWERED and has been seen hosting various EMPOWERED events.

EMPOWERED is always passionate to have young and keen individuals to come aboard on our mission. We have been very blessed with the talented Essel who has been helping us by hosting at our events.

Essel was one of the MCs for 'Be an Angel with Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh', EMPOWERED's fundraising charity event 2013. When approached by EMPOWERED to share her views on why she joined to serve this event, Essel replied "This is my second time helping EMPOWERED, I had first join EMPOWERED event at the community event and I realize how important it is to reach out to the low income community to raise their awareness towards cancer. I find it very meaningful and wish to contribute some little effort".

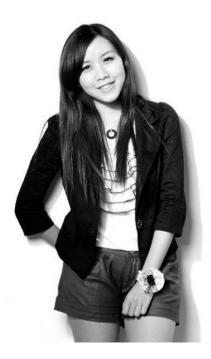
Essel shared with us that she felt 'happy and blessed for being able to participate in this event" and this is especially because she knew that her actions led to something beneficial for the society.

She also shared about her learning experience, "Although there were some last minute changes, but I am still glad that we accomplished the mission of raising fund for EMPOWERED! I learned about how much support is needed from the society to promote and educate the people about the awareness

towards the top killer- cancer. I am glad to see fellow Malaysians that willing to share what they have to help the others in need".

When asked what she feels about EMPOWERED's mission and work, Essel said, "I feel proud of what EMPOWERED is doing, especially giving a hand to our fellow Malaysian in need. Having cancer is a hard process to go through, I am grateful there is a NGO bringing hope to them".

We asked Essel if she would like to be part of EMPOWERED's future events, and serve in the future and she replied, "It would be my pleasure to be able to participate".



Essel's hope for EMPOWERED's future:

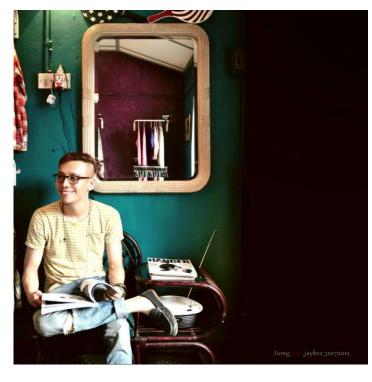
"I hope more people would able to get to know what's EMPOWERED is doing, and join them to make a healthier and happier Malaysia."



Essel Yap. Freelance MC. Host. Screenwriter Thank you Essel for being one of EMPOWERED's angel! •

Tiong Button is a young aspiring professional TV and event host who admits being a chaser and dream is extremely passionate about what he is doing. He strives for excellence in all that he pursues including having a soft spot for charity and back the giving to community. He believes that mission his is to give happiness to all those that he meets.

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It was Tiong's first time helping EMPOWERED for 'Be an Angel with Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh'. Tiong showed dedication and effort to help make this fundraising dinner a success.

"This is actually my first time helping EMPOWERED, I actually do not know much about EMPOWERED before Essel contacted me to help out. I somehow felt that I could connect to what EMPOWERED's mission as I am from a family with cancer background. This is a good start for me to do something related to cancer as well as for me to learn about cancer".

Tiong felt that without getting to know EMPOWERED and this group of people, he would not have known that there are people working so hard to do something about the cancer cause. "The organising team was working really hard in comparison to what I was doing actually. I am also very happy as even though I know I am not doing something of a huge deal, what I am doing is something I can do best to help".

Tiong shared his learning experience from being part of this event. "From this event, it seems like EMPOWERED is reaching out to many people and making them aware of their cause. However, this group who are aware are just the minority. Awareness is not an easy job. A lot of people have come to help but this is still something small. I presume that 70-80% of Malaysians still do not realise EMPOWERED's efforts. I hope that the awareness and publicity of EMPOWERED's mission can be spread wider and this would help to reach out to more people in need. Fundraising should be an ongoing thing instead of just an incidental event, although I do understand that it is really tough work. What I mean is that fundraising should be ongoing to include more people to help out EMPOWERED's mission".



When asked what he feels about EMPOWERED's mission and work, Tiong energetically replied, "This is a really noble cause. I really admire Dr. Christina Ng for what she has done and what she is doing. There are many out there (including myself) who want to do something good but do not carry out their intention or do not know where to start. I salute Dr. for founding EMPOWERED and for continuously doing this for years".

We asked Tiong if he would be interested to be part of our future events, and with one word, "Definitely"! secured us a MC for our future EMPOWERED events!

Tiong's hope for EMPOWERED's future:

"Like how Dr. has mentioned, cancer is not a rare disease anymore. Awareness is really important to save lives. A lot of people actually passed away because they do not have the correct information and knowledge about cancer. I would like to urge whoever is reading this to spend a few minutes and get to know EMPOWERED. If you can't do anything at this moment, it is okay. Just keep us in mind and I believe there will be a suitable time for you to join our mission".



Tiong Button (far right) Host. Photographer. Architect.

Thank you Tiong for being one of EMPOWERED's angel!

