



# Inspiring others single-handedly

> For this motivational speaker, disability is not a hindrance

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**PETALING JAYA:** Born with a deformed right hand, MyHero Award 2.0 winner Ong Boo Siong took his condition as a challenge to not only be independent but to inspire others around him.

For Ong, disability does not mean reliance on others. Instead, the motivational speaker took advantage of his situation to spread positivity with an aim to make the country a better place.

People from all walks of life who hear his talk are awestruck by the

way he motivates them to lead a better life.

Ong usually combines his own experiences and knowledge from growing up in the tough world to promote positivity.

"Life is meant to be lived with a positive and optimistic view in facing everyday challenges," he said, adding one must make the best of his/her life every day.

To date, Ong has visited more than 1,000 schools to deliver his motivational talk, and has inspired thousands of students to believe in their own capabilities.

"We do not have the ability to choose our condition when we are born, but we can control our



destiny as long as we keep our positivity."

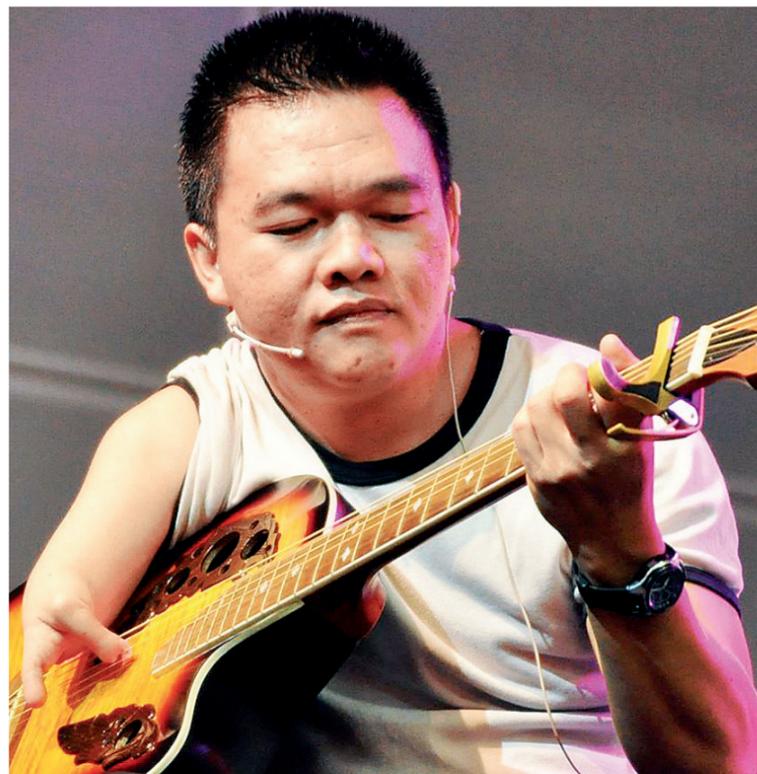
Ong, who faced low self-esteem due to his disability, later learned to accept it and be grateful.

"To change the environment, we must first change ourselves, and to change ourselves, we must change our thoughts," he said.

Ong always challenges his limits by participating in sports, such as swimming and cycling, to prove that being disabled is not a hindrance.

"I was born with a disability but this inherent condition will serve as a motivation for me to do better."

To Ong, his right hand is not a sign of disability but rather a symbol of victory in climbing through the struggles of life.



Ong, who was born with a deformed hand, plays the guitar.

## Three lucky winners hit Sports Toto jackpot totalling RM54m

**PETALING JAYA:** A total of RM54 million Sports Toto Jackpots were won within a week by three lucky winners from Sabah, Johor and Selangor.

A Sabahan won RM37 million Power Toto 6/55 Jackpot in the Sports Toto special draw on Oct 4. The retired teacher said he had

been playing Sports Toto games for almost 30 years.

"I won RM37,000 when I was young. I must be blessed that God gifted me RM37 million in my old age," he told Sports Toto.

The 72-year-old said the winning set of numbers - 18, 20, 33, 51, 52 and 53 - were derived from his

mobile phone number.

The System 8 ticket he bought has not only won him a whopping RM37,181,388.25 but also an additional RM40,200.

He said he will share his newfound wealth with his children.

Meanwhile, a 55-year-old printing industry employee from

Johor won the RM14 million Toto 4D Jackpot 1 on Oct 9.

He said he is not a frequent player and only plays Sports Toto games when the jackpot is high.

"I have been betting my car number and my favourite number - 8800 and 9577 - for six years. I am happy to have won the winning

pair of 4D numbers for the Toto 4D Jackpot 1.

He bought a System 5 ticket which won him RM14,358,412.20 and an additional RM1,008.

Another winner from Selangor partially won RM2,208,986.45 from the Toto 4D Jackpot 1 and an additional of RM620.40 on Oct 9.

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