



SENIA 2018 ADVOCACY WINNER

DR. TOH TECK HOCK

Congratulations to **Dr. Toh Teck Hock, from Malaysia**, in winning the 2018 SENIA Advocacy Award. This award honours an individual who creates awareness and advocates for children and youth with disabilities in Asia.

Dr. Toh is a passionate paediatrician working in Sarawak, Malaysia who advocates for children with disabilities and families who care for them. He is working to change the perception of children with disabilities through his work in the Agape Centre. This non-profit organisation supports not only children and parents but also teachers with training on how to support students with disabilities. Within the building, there is a medical clinic, a specialist centre for students with dyslexia, Special Olympics for athletes with intellectual disabilities, a rehabilitation and mobility manufacturing workshop, and a resource library for families. Additionally, the centre is expanding to provide vocational training for adults with disabilities.

Dr. Toh is a leader in the local and international community through his voluntary work with the Agape Centre, Sarawak Early Childhood Education Council, Special Olympics International, and the National Early Childhood Intervention Council. He has published over 50 scientific papers and ADHD parenting-teacher handbooks. He has won the prestigious "Outstanding Young Malaysian" award for his contribution to children. Dr. Toh has raised awareness and helped lead the way for early intervention and acceptance in Sarawak. His goal is to support parents, teachers, and children in developing their environment to make each child's life more meaningful, functional, and healthier. Through his dedication to improving the lives of children with disabilities, Dr. Toh is definitely an example to be followed. **CONGRATULATIONS, Dr. Toh Teck Hock! We are looking forward to hearing you speak at EARCOS/SENIA 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand!**