



BIODATA: DR. V. SIVAPALAN (Ph.D)

Dr.Siva comes from a diverse background of 25 years of regional entrepreneurship in manufacturing, corporate consulting, corporate finance, venture capital and Entrepreneurship consulting in Asia.

He holds a Ph.D in Venture Capital studies from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland; an MBA (with Distinction) from University of Hull, UK; an LLB (Hons) from University of London and is also a qualified Chartered Secretary. He is also a certified Trainer for the Kauffman Foundation 'FastTrac' program. Dr. Siva is also the Founder & Past President of the Technopreneurs Association of Malaysia (TeAM) and currently its Advisor.

Dr. Siva is known for his candid and unconventional views on entrepreneurship, business and the economy and is a popular moderator, speaker, panelist and writer. He has spoken at conventions and seminars across the world from Asia to the USA including such distinguished institutions as the University of San Francisco and University of Texas (USA), Universities of Edinburgh, Nottingham, London City University in the UK, Gent (Belgium) and at universities in Malaysia and Thailand on the topics of Entrepreneurship, Venture Capital, Strategy and Business.

He has taught Entrepreneurship to Nottingham University MBA students and Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship to students at University of Edinburgh.

Dr.Siva is also an active member of several Government & Government Agencies policy committees including:

- The Securities Commission / Bursa Malaysia Committee on the revamp of the Malaysian Exchange and the formation of the Unified Board with specific emphasis on the ACE Market
- Ministry of Finance Special Working Committee on reviewing the funding ecosystem in Malaysia
- SMIDEC Working Committee on SME Innovation
- MIGHT/MOSTI Working Committee on the Strategic Science and Technology Initiative and Action Plan for 2020

He regularly thinks 'out-of-the-box' and has proposed many unique ideas on business and entrepreneurship to industry and the government. Among his notable achievements are :

- first Malaysian to hold a Ph. D in venture capital
- started the first Association for entrepreneurship in Malaysia (TeAM)
- under his leadership TeAM was the first organisation to present a White Paper on Entrepreneurship to the Government of Malaysia, which included the then Prime Minister of Malaysia Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamed
- first to organise a technology networking event in Malaysia in 1999 (cocktail@3Capital) before networking became a fashionable word in Malaysia.
- spent a month in the USA at the invitation of the US State Department as a visiting scholar under their International Visitor Programme to study the impact of the New Economy on Business, Education and Government. Visits and meetings included dialogues with academia in Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke University and University of Texas among others and included Government organisations as well as Corporations and Entrepreneurs.

Siva also contributes regularly to Malaysia's No. 1 business magazine, "The Edge" with a column entitled 'Money and Entrepreneurship'.

His main interest is in mentoring startup companies, strategy, venture capital finance, Angel investing and Entrepreneurship. He is currently the Managing Principal of Ventura Partners Sdn Bhd, a boutique consulting firm and a mentor to three companies in the field of new media, intellectual property and Internet higher education marketing. He is also an Entrepreneur Coach and Evangelist and has coached MSC and Cradle Fund companies.