

ASC Recall interview by Fellow ASHRAE member Matthew Ngan
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1	How did you become an engineer? Was it your childhood ambition?	After my graduation from the Mechanical Engineering faculty, I joined a Consultancy Company as an Engineer. No, I wanted to be a sailor or pilot.
2	Tell us briefly about your career as an engineer.	I worked as a Design Consultant in a M&E Consultancy Company and have done the design of several major international projects. I join a developer recently and involve in a mega size project.
3	When did you become an ASHRAE member and when did you become active in the local Chapter and the Region XIII? What were some of the main events that you've contributed?	I become ASHRAE member since 2005 and become active in the Singapore Chapter since 2010. I was the RP Chairs, Secretary, President-Elect, President, Chapter Admin, BOG members, etc. of ASHARE Singapore Chapter (ASC). I have represented ASC to attend some international conferences and conduct some technical talks.
4	What do you think how ASHRAE can contribute to society especially with issues like energy efficiency, indoor air quality and global warming?	I think ASHRAE can carry out more studies, research and prepare some papers / standards which is practical and effective for energy efficiency, indoor air quality and global warming, especially suitable for different climate zones, e.g. hot and humid weather in Singapore.
5	Green buildings and green technology are current topics of interest. How can Singapore improve in these areas?	Singapore Government is taking the lead to adopt green buildings and green technologies. It can be improved if there are more funds / supports for the research, incentives for private developers / owners, etc. Education and promotion to the public are also important.
6	Are you proud of being an engineer? Describe how ASHRAE has enhanced your career.	Yes, I am proud of being an engineer, able to resolve problems and design M&E systems for projects, especially mega size projects. ASHRAE provides design standards, research papers, etc. which are very useful for my design.
7	What is your advice for young engineers?	Explore more, find something you like to do and go for it. Initially it can be quite tough and demanding, just bear with it and overcome it.
8	Finally, what advice can you give to the present and future BOGs of ASC?	Teamwork and communication are important. Be committed and try your best. Ask for help if you cannot cope with it, instead of not doing it. I remember that during my terms as the ASC President, all of us were committed and worked hard. We worked past midnight for a few times to organize the Annual Dinner and we were able to hold 89 tables which is the record for ASC so far.
9	Any other comments you would like to make?	Enjoy the journey to serve ASHRAE, make some friends and it will be a good memory and achievement for yourself.

To make the interview most comfortable for you, please feel free to add-to, re-fashion or delete any of these questions. THANK YOU!