

OPCON PTE LTD

Mr Edwin Yeo, aged 32, a graduate from Temasek Polytechnic, was armed with a Diploma in Mechatronics. Although he was eager to further his studies and offered a place in university, Edwin family's financial situation did not allow him to do so. Living in a four-room (1,000 sq feet) HDB government public housing with his father (a former senior technician) and his mother (a full-time housewife), his parents had no means to provide him the much needed funds for him to further his studies. Thus in a bid to finance his studies, Edwin started working to earn his keep.



He ventured into diving, his passion, and soon began his career. From 2002 to present, Edwin has been holding many positions associated with diving and is involved in the design of diving equipments. Due to his engineering and diving background expertise, he was able to apply both skills in his daily work, implementing underwater automation and robotics technologies to reduce the risks of diving.

After many years in the field, Edwin discovered a niche and decided to develop it further and thus Opcon Pte Ltd was founded. However, with no access to funds, Edwin still had to find work and struggled to look for sponsorship and investors during his free time. As his business plan was viable and well-thought through, youth charity Heartware Network's Youth Business Singapore (YBS) programme provided \$12,500 in interest-free loans and a mentor.



With the loan from YBS, Edwin would be able to grow his company, purchase the much needed equipment and staff to bring his business to greater heights. More importantly, this has already attracted investor interest to grow his business. Looking beyond himself, Edwin also gives back to his alma mater as a volunteer mentor to the younger students' projects.