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**Jchanet Tan Receives Child Passenger Safety International Instructor of the Year Award**

*Her determination to shift the culture leads to the passage of CPS regulations in Malaysia*

Presented with a place to stand and a cause to believe in, Jchanet Tan set out to shake the earth and shift the culture in Malaysia. Her journey to the passage of the first child passenger safety legislation in her country started more than five years ago.

Tan put her baby in a child safety seat and went to a “mommy group” gathering. This simple act captured the attention of everyone as few had ever seen a child safety seat before. At that time, 10 times as many children were dying in car crashes in Malaysia than in the U.S. She spoke about the basics of crash dynamics and the need for change.

Babies were riding on their mother’s laps in the front seat of vehicles. Overloaded vans carried unbelted children to school. Images of deadly collisions were depicted regularly in the media. In January 2020, Jchanet’s determination to make a difference came to fruition when the Parliament of Malaysia passed the country’s first child passenger safety law.

Tan is recognized today for her efforts as the International Child Passenger Safety Instructor of the Year by the [National Child Passenger Safety Board](#). The award is sponsored by [Toyota Motor North America](#).

In 2017, Tan self-funded a trip to the U.S. to attend a National Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Certification Training course. She built a lasting relationship with representatives from the hosting body, [SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.](#) By March 2018, Jchanet climbed to the ranks of Instructor. Not long after, she helped to deliver the first National CPST Certification Training course in Malaysia. To date, through her efforts, 77 Technicians, including 12 in Singapore, have been trained.

In addition, she started the first non-governmental organization in her country dedicated to keeping children safe on the roads. The associated Facebook group, which includes professionals and caregivers, has grown to more than 27,000 followers. She launched “Pit Stop” for quick road-side car seat checks, the “Save to Purchase” program to verify the authenticity of car seats and “Rent to Buy” to meet the needs of low-income caregivers.

“Changing an entire country’s way of thinking about child passenger safety is the legacy of Jchanet Tan,” said National Child Passenger Safety Board Chair Lonny Haschel. “She took it upon herself to become a Technician and an Instructor. She is a difference-maker and has demonstrated there are no limits or boundaries in the world of child passenger safety.”

### **About the National Child Passenger Safety Board**

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, a program managed by the National Safety Council, seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training. The program is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board’s website at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)