



**INTERVIEW: Calvin Tan -
Green Interior Design**

1. You have an outstanding video series 'ASK ME ANYTHING'. What inspired you to start this series and which aspect of sustainability does it strongly feature?

I started these videos to share the different ways to save and be sustainable so that my clients can have a better understanding of Green interior design when I go thru the different ways of savings during renovation and selection of materials or products. I think the videos strongly tells how can we be green when doing the whole house renovation. What to take note of and what to be mindful about when selecting even appliances to use in the house.

2. How would you reach your target viewers and share your love for our city with the series?

I think Social media is the way to share and it can reach out to not only viewers in Singapore, but other parts of the world as well.

3. How would you encourage other interior designers to express their love for their cities?

I believe most of the interior designers do know and have the knowledge of going Green, just that they have to keep sharing this information to their clients, also they have to find a way to explain to home owners, going Green doesn't mean the renovation cost will be higher, as I think most people have this misconception.

4. How did you find out about COLA and what attracted you to apply for it?

I got to know about COLA from a friend and I went to read more about it and decided to apply since my videos are in line with COLA.

5. What advice would you offer to potential applicants who are keen to start their projects?

It's not difficult to go Green or be sustainable, follow your heart, you be able to do it.

6. As an interior designer, what do you hope to see transform in Singapore to become an even more lovable city?

Most of us doesn't have the habit of sorting out our rubbish before we throw, and Sadly Singapore doesn't emphasize on that much either. We are so used to using plastic bag to wrap up our rubbish and throw away. I hope more recycling works can be done, and alot less plastic bag to be used especially at supermarket, so we can have a greener environment to live in.