



### **Jason Dela Cruz Gavina**

Jason serves as the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's representative in the Philippines and is the Project Manager of the TouchStone Leaders Platform being built by SEER Technologies Inc. In 2016 Jason served as the first delegate to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 12<sup>th</sup> Leadership Summit. His presentation featured best practices of Sustainability in the Philippines. Using Design Thinking tools, he co-designed the Institute's Sister Island Partnership Project between Hawaii and the Philippines. His photo essay is published on the Institute's website.

Jason leverages his background in economics and community work to develop innovative and impactful Corporate Social Responsibility programs. His CSR projects included: establishing seven Centers of Excellence in early childhood education in Zambales and the Values Formation and Education program (leading a team of 18) in implemented across six learning centers in the Rizal, La Union, Pampanga and Davao.

Jason aims to revolutionize the way companies do CSR in the Philippines and ASEAN. He is certified in Sustainability Reporting Specialist and has trained under the Global Reporting Initiative's program in Manila.

In 2015 Jason led a team engaging youth in agriculture at Mindmap, a start-up social enterprise driven to promote inclusive growth by accelerating the growth of local enterprises. In 2016, he is developing a project that engages youth in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals by implementing community action projects.

As a millennial, Jason's goal is to create a vibrant community of local leaders with diverse backgrounds who come together to develop impactful projects in their community. With the Institute's Platform Jason will facilitate the training of these young leaders in leadership skills they need to implement their community action projects.

Jason graduated in Economics from University of the Philippines, Los Baños. He was a Kainan University Scholar in Taiwan with the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO). In 2011 the British Council recognized Jason as a Global Changemaker at age 19. In this capacity, he represented the Philippines in various forums including Global Youth Summit in London, the World Economic Forum and the APEC Summit in Hawaii.

In 2009 the Ateneo School of Government and the World Bank chose him as one of the 100 Young Leaders for Knowledge and Development. As a student-leader, Jason founded the Philippine Junior Jaycees in Los Banos, and spearheaded the first ever National Youth Leadership Camp of the University of the Philippines Junior Executive Society. At the Students for the Advancement of Global Enterprise (SAGE) Global, Jason helped organize business competitions for teenagers. Jason has also facilitated trainings on project management, communication, and leadership to various organizations. He has published in *Manila Bulletin* Youth Section, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer's* Youngblood, and the book *Kaya Natin* (Vol.2) published by Ateneo Press.

As a Filipino and the son of a former Overseas Filipino Worker, his dream for the country is to make the Filipino Dream no longer about leaving home. He sees the burgeoning of the Philippine economy as an opportune time to engage companies in the business of social development and innovative CSR programs for a sustainable economy.