**Toastmasters members elect Sujit Sukumaran to International Board**

Dubai resident becomes new director of global educational organization

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Aug. 17, 2024** — Sujit Sukumaran, DTM, of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org), the world’s leading organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development. Sujit was elected to the 2024–2026 two-year term at the organization’s 2024 International Convention, held in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 14-17.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Sujit is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop and support the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

Sujit is the chief executive officer of Optimus Management Consultants and a lecturer at the University of West London and has worked in the consulting and academia industries for over 18 years. In his role at Optimus Management Consultants, Sujit manages business development and profitability, leads branding and outreach initiatives, and contributes to overall strategy.

Sujit earned a Master of Science degree in human resource management from the University of Manchester. He is currently working to earn a doctorate in strategic management from XLRI in India, expected to be completed in 2026. Sujit is a managing trustee for PRERANA, the largest disability advocacy group for the Indian diaspora in the Middle East. He was also one of the consultative committee members on the People of Determination Law for the Emirate of Dubai in 2007 and has been recognized for his work in the field of disability rehabilitation with the Zayed Inspirer Award.

A Toastmaster since 2006, Sujit is a member of his home club, Star of Arabia, in Dubai. He has held several high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

Reflecting on Toastmasters, Sujit says, “If someone makes the effort to come in for meetings, participate, take on meeting roles, or even listen and take notes, he or she will benefit from the collection of knowledge in the room.”

**About Toastmasters International**

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that builds confidence and teaches public speaking skills through a worldwide network of clubs that meet online and in person. In a supportive community or corporate environment, members prepare and deliver speeches, respond to impromptu questions, and give and receive constructive feedback. It is through this regular practice that members are empowered to meet personal and professional communication goals. Founded in 1924, the organization is headquartered in Englewood, Colorado with over 270,000 members in more than 14,000 clubs in 150 countries. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on X (formerly Twitter).

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