

Emily Lam Ho Biography

Emily Lam Ho is an internationally recognized changemaker for sustainability and women leadership. She is the CEO and Co-Founder of *EcoDriveHK*, a charity organisation based in Hong Kong, striving to promote awareness and reduction of single-use plastics through community education and collaboration with corporates and schools. She also recently launched *8Shades*, a purpose driven lifestyle platform to promote sustainable living. Emily is a sought-after speaker, lecturer, and advisor on entrepreneurship and sustainability. She has been featured as both speaker and moderator on numerous panels from HSBC, BNP Paribas, Eco Expo Asia, Christie's, Allbright collective, to many schools including Harvard University and Columbia University events.

Emily sits on a number of government and higher education institution boards. In 2018, Emily was invited to join the Women Leadership Board of *Harvard University's Kennedy School*, focusing on driving gender equality through policymaking. In Hong Kong, Emily was reappointed for a third consecutive term by the government as a council member of the Hong Kong Women's Commission advising the administration on female supporting initiatives. She was also reappointed as member of the council for *Lingnan University* (ranked no.1 Liberal Arts College in Asia) and serves on its career development and tender board. As the Vice President of Columbia University Alumni Association of Hong Kong, Emily has founded and launched a series of women panel talks with women leaders from a wide range of fields. Most recently she was invited to be a board member at *The Nature Conservancy* on their Asian Pacific Leadership Council.

Professionally, Emily is an avid social-impact investor. As the founder and CEO of *Empact28*, she leads her team to focus on funding female entrepreneurs and start-ups that make positive social or environmental impact. She also has deep connections in the media industry globally. Emily served for 6 years as Director of Business Development at Sing Tao News Corporation (1105 HK) which flagship publication is the renowned Chinese international newspaper *Sing Tao Daily*, one of the world's most widely read Chinese newspapers, along with many more publications, like the English newspaper the Standard and East weekly magazine. Previously, she was also Vice President of *Media Asia* (8075 HK), overseeing movie production and talent management.

As the ambassador for the global charity *Habitat of Humanity Hong Kong*, she helped to launch the "Women Build" program serving to empower women in Hong Kong by renovating their living space to provide strength and stability through shelter for the past 3 years. Emily was also named as first ever Hong Kong Ambassador by *Togetherband* in support of UN sustainability goals, joining other global influencers including Naomi Campbell, David Beckham, Michelle Yeoh.

Emily holds double bachelor's degree from the *University of Southern California* in East Asian studies and in Communications. She also has two-masters degree from *Columbia University*, one in East Asian studies from its Weatherhead Institute, and the other in East Asian Language and Culture. She currently lives in Hong Kong with her husband Kent and their 2 children.