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Mr. Tan, known locally as Cikgu Tan, is a full-time upper high school teacher. In 1985, He began studying various styles and techniques of bonsai, as well as cultivating and training a few kinds of bonsai plants. However, his favourite tree species is still *Wrightia Religiosa* (Water Jasmine).

In 2012, he joined the Malaysia Bonsai Judging Organisation and began acting as a judge in bonsai contests around Malaysia. Since 2018, he has led the organising committee for the Penang Bonsai Show and Competition, as well as other bonsai events until present.

He has never been bored with his bonsai art, having created several hundred bonsai trees ranging in size from small to large. *Wrightia Religiosa*, Juniper, Buxus, Maba Buxifolia, Ficus, and Premna Microphylla are only a few examples to mention.

His bonsai were also exported to neighbouring countries such as Thailand, Singapore, and Indonesia. In 2019, his bonsai work was published in local media as well as in the international Bonsai Penjing magazine Flower Plant and Penjing China.

He feels that nurturing a bonsai tree is a continuous effort that could persist for decades or even a lifetime.