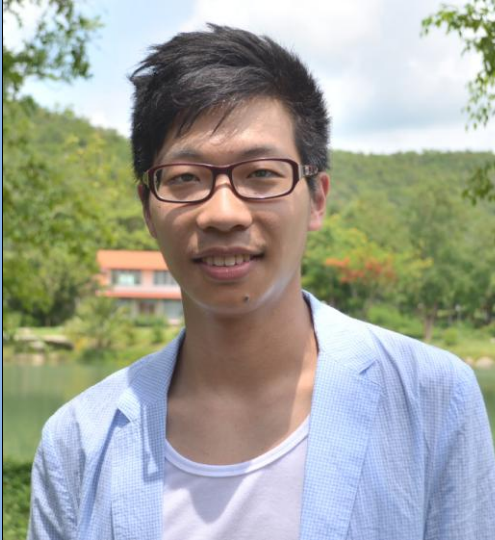# Mr. Marco Zheda Mai, (China)

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I am MarCo Zheda Mai from GuangZhou China, currently studying Engineering Science at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Applied Science. Since childhood, I have been crazy about math and engineering. Before my high school graduation, I indulged myself in math study, so in my mind, there were only numbers, graphs, and equations at that time. My story with peace began in 2011 summer. I found a job at the American Chamber of Commerce in South China (Amcham) where I worked as an event assistant, helping to organize the Youth baseball league in South China. When I saw the happy faces in the baseball field, I realized the pleasure and happiness of helping others especially children. Now, I realize that my world is not only about math and engineering, and apart from the society. This is why I should take the responsibility to make a contribution to our world. So in the summer of 2012, I participated in a volunteer program to teach English to children in the rural areas.

After this experience, my desire to apply what I am learning in order to help people, is extremely strong because I found out that any small thing we do can make a big difference for those in need. In my first year of engineering at the University of Toronto, my teammates and I worked in a project to improve the indoor exercises for low income children. In Toronto, obesity has become more and more severe among low -income children, so we want to design some cheap and fun facilities for them to do exercises. As an engineering student, I want to help those people in need in an engineering way, and make their life better.