

## SPEAKERS' PROFILE



# PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN AUDITORY-VERBAL THERAPY

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### JASPAL CHOWDHRY

M.A, B.Ed., D.Ed., LSLS Cert. AVT

Jaspal Chowdhry is a qualified Psychologist and is the first LSLS Certified AVT therapist, in South Asia. She has collaborated with Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mumbai to run AVT Certificate Course for six years from 2008 to 2015 and served as Facilitator, Faculty, Examiner and Supervisor. At present, she is Hon. Expert Consultant, Guest Faculty, Examiner and Facilitator of Post Graduate Diploma in Auditory Verbal Therapy, at reputable educational Institution, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mumbai.

Jaspal Chowdhry is the Habilitation Manager of South Asia and has been with Cochlear India since 2005. She has more than 30 years of experience in the field of education of children with hearing loss and has the experience of working in Infant Centre of Education, Audiology and Research Centre, Mumbai from 1983 to 2004. She has conducted numerous training courses in key educational institution across South Asia and has led her team in conducting home training workshop for parents of children with hearing loss. She has successfully mentored professionals in India to become Certified Auditory-Verbal therapist.



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**LEAH M. LABRADOR,**  
M.S. Ed, LSLS Cert. AVT

Leah M. Labrador received her certification as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist in 2003. She has an undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology at the University of the Philippines and received her master's degree at the University of Southern California. She has more than 20 years of experience working with children and adults who have hearing loss with the last 15 years devoted in advocating Auditory-Verbal practice. She has conducted numerous workshops for professionals and parents in SEA and has worked as a consultant and as a faculty member in 2 key universities in the Philippines.

Leah is the Habilitation Manager for Asia Growth Markets. In the SEA region, she has been responsible for developing infrastructure including assisting centers in developing their re/habilitation program for individuals with hearing loss as well as establishing teacher training in Auditory-Verbal Therapy. She has led the AVT training program at Cochlear Training & Experience Centre (CTEC) in Jakarta and the AVT training program under the Thai MOE and MOH. She has mentored several SLPs in the region towards their certification in Auditory-Verbal Therapy.

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### BASYARIATUL FATHI OTHMAN

BSc. Speech (Hons)(UKM), PhD (Melbourne) in Deaf Education

Basyariatul Fathi Othman is a speech-language therapist with specializations in aural re/habilitation and family-centred practice. She sees both children and adults with hearing loss in her clinical practice. She graduated from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia with Bachelor in Speech Sciences (Hons), and from the University of Melbourne with PhD in Deafness Studies. Her previous experience includes working as a senior lecturer and a Deputy Director of Institute of Ear, Speech and Hearing (Institute-HEARS) of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). She was also a committee member of UKM Cochlear Implant Program, overseeing early intervention issues.

Dr Basyariatul is the Principal Speech-Language Therapist at Eartistic Hearing & Balance Centre, where she sees children and adults with hearing loss, delivered via conventional centre-based session, home and school visits, and also teletherapy. She is a Core Committee Member of the Ministry of Health National Cochlear Implant Program, a member of the Malaysian Association of Speech, Language and Hearing (MASH), and an affiliate member and advisor to Hear Me, a support group for parents of children with hearing loss. She still teaches part-time at public universities and is a regular speaker in events and training programs where she talks about early intervention, rehabilitation and teletherapy in hearing loss. Dr Basyariatul is also the Coordinator of the Professional Certificate in Auditory-Verbal Therapy program offered by UKM.



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**TEY SHI ROU**

Bsc (Hons), LSLS Cert. AVT

Shi Rou obtained her bachelor's degree in Speech Sciences from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), she is also a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist (LSLS Cert. AVT) as accredited by the AG Bell Academy, United States.

Shi Rou worked in Institute-HEARS, UKM from 2015-2019 and had been a member of UKM Cochlear Implant Team. Currently she is running her own private practice – Speak2Me, providing Auditory-Verbal Therapy, via in-person and teletherapy session to support the listening and spoken language development of children with hearing loss. Apart from that, she also provides support in school, training to parent and professionals, and supervision to UKM undergraduate students in their Aural (re)habilitation clinic. She has done numerous workshops/seminars in Malaysia and other Southeast Asia countries.

