

## Biography

### Mr. Kai Kuramoto Founder Cleanbodia

With a degree in Finance from the University of Richmond in the United States, Kai built a career in management of events and technology. Upon moving to Siem Reap in 2014 with a passion for the environment, Kai was struck by the lack of alternatives to single use plastic. He started his own social enterprise, Cleanbodia, as an innovative response to plastic pollution in Cambodia by introducing biodegradable bags made from cassava. Kai remains an active member of Clean Green Cambodia and GoGreen Cambodia, which promote environmental education and activity in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh.

**Cleanbodia** was founded in 2015 in response to the plastic pollution problem in Cambodia. To combat the 4,000,000 plastic bags used every hour in Cambodia, Cleanbodia provides a variety of biodegradable bags to hotels, restaurants, schools, offices, and NGO's . These bags, made with cassava starch, fully degrade in under 6 years which drastically reduces their impact on the environment compared to traditional plastic which takes hundreds of years for degradation. Cleanbodia was awarded as a finalist for the ASEAN Impact in 2016 and now distributes biodegradable bags to over 300 customers across the Kingdom.

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