

MODEL WORKER

Ban Kum Cheong

Taxi Driver

Strides Taxi Pte Ltd

Nominated by the National Taxi Association

Ban Kum Cheong was the first few to volunteer to drive an Electric Vehicle (EV) when it was first introduced. With the push for Singapore Green Plan 2030, he took on the task of trying it himself despite the uncertainty. After understanding the pros and cons of EVs, he became an ambassador for EVs and actively shared tips to get around charging to minimise lost time at work. These sharings are helpful as more drivers are now willing to drive EVs.

During the second half of 2022, Brother Kum Cheong stationed himself almost every day at the self-initiated helpdesk, helping other members apply for U Care Grant applications. With the implementation of fully digital submission, he stepped up to be a volunteer for six weeks, assisting members in checking through their documents and helping to submit them online through the OneCare portal. As most members are above 60 years old and not digitally savvy, Brother Kum Cheong led the team and even taught the more senior members to operate their own smartphones. Brother Kum Cheong was very patient and ensured that members could successfully apply for the grants, despite just recently learning to use the system.

He also taught older drivers to use their smartphones to equip them with skills to navigate the different apps better, which helped improve their work prospects as they became comfortable taking on jobs via various platforms. In addition, Brother Kum Cheong is the chairman of his branch and hence has been actively explaining the national and Labour Movement agenda to the members.