



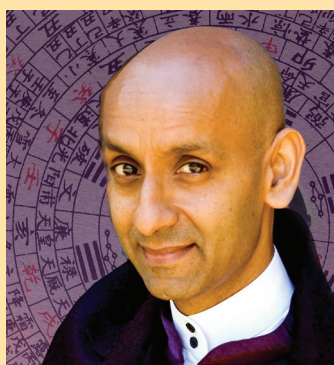
World Change Starts With  
Educated Children™



Room to Read is an innovative global non-profit which seeks to transform the lives of millions of children in **10 developing countries** in Asia and Africa by focusing on **literacy** and **gender equality in education**. Since it was founded in 2000, Room to Read has built more than **1800 schools**, established over **17,000 libraries**, published **1000 new children's books** in 28 local languages, and supported over **30,000 girls** in its Girls' Education Program. Over **9 million children** have benefited from increased access to educational opportunities.

# Nury Vittachi

## Writer Ambassador for Room to Read



► Nury is a popular author and columnist based in Hong Kong, with millions of readers every month across Asia. He has a special place in his heart for children, so works hard to make science, history and other subjects fun.

► He even wrote a book once about a child who had to save his community using his maths homework.

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Room to Read's writer ambassador program was first established in Australia, where writers have helped to extend the organisation's reach into schools and also built connections to publishers, booksellers, bookclubs and literary festivals. They make perfect ambassadors for Room to Read. There is no one better able than a writer to understand the importance of reading.

*As Nury says, 'Reading does things to your brain that NO OTHER PROCESS does: scientists have proved that. Booklovers know it instinctively. Getting into a good book is simply the most powerful way to supercharge your thought processes. AND it's fun! What more could anyone ask for? Room to Read is ensuring that millions of children learn to read and to love reading.'*

Room to Read, through its award-winning local language publishing program, aims to open the world of books to millions of children throughout Asia and Africa—to teach them to develop the habit of reading, to become lifelong readers.

We need your help to extend our reach even further.

Room to Read has active chapters in Tokyo and Singapore as well as in Hong Kong. If, like Nury, you would like to become involved, please contact Jennie Orchard: [jennie.orchard@bigpond.com](mailto:jennie.orchard@bigpond.com).

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