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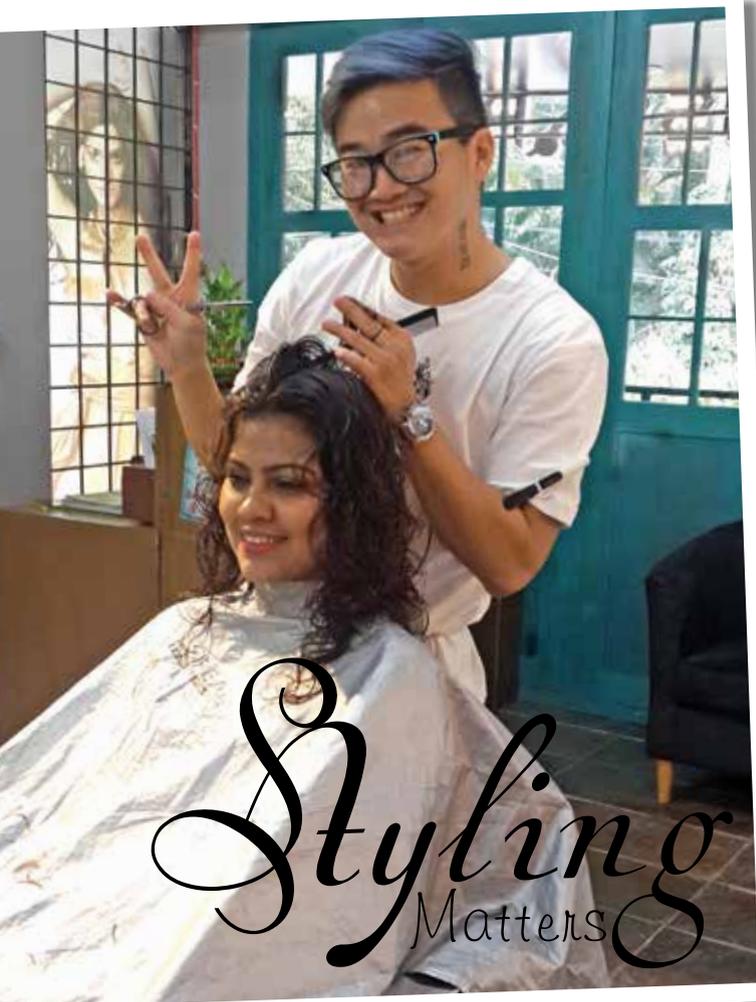
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StyleSpeak chats with Daniel Liao, on his journey in becoming a hairdresser

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He comes from a large family of hairdressers. In 2012, when Daniel Liao decided to convert his two bedroom apartment into a salon, his friends disapproved, but there was no regret for this youngster who made the transition from playing state cricket to cutting hair. At the age of 27, he owns Salon Rock Paper Scissors in Bangalore and has been successfully running it since the last 2 years. He trained and learnt the art of hairdressing at Colette Beauty Salon, under the watchful eyes of his grand aunt, Colette, whom he credits for what he is today.

How did you stumble upon a career like this?

I have always loved styling my hair during school and college days and in fact used to take all the trouble in the world to do so. So I said to myself if cricket does not work this will. After

playing cricket for Karnataka, I moved on and did my course with BBlunt Bangalore. During my course, I met Preeti Singh and in a partnership we opened, Rock Paper Scissors.

What do you like the most about your job?

I love the service industry. The skill that I can showcase in this field is something I cannot do elsewhere. Also, this profession allows me to give the clients the most honest advice they need in order to take good care of their hair. I love meeting new and interesting people and my job only makes it better!

Who inspires you?

My grandmother, Rita Liao and her passion, dedication and honesty has always inspired me. She is a passionate lady with 40 years of experience in hairdressing and works till date.

What were your initial challenges?

I had been into sports always, and the transition from sport to being gentle with hair was the toughest thing to do. I also learnt that I was wrong in assuming that it would be easy for me as I had it in my blood to be a hairdresser, but it is not easy at all. In fact it was a nightmare in the beginning, hitting the leather ball to gently combing a person's hair was nerve wrecking.

How important is make-up to you?

Make-up is one of the most important tools to enhance one's features, if done correctly. The key ofcourse, is to keep things simple.



Whom do you aspire to become like?

Sapna Bhavnani! She is such an inspirational human being and her carefree attitude is something I love.

What are the trends you are seeing in make-up?

Bold red and pinks in lipsticks, and amazing electric eye make-up are some trends to watch out for.

What are your future plans?

I would definitely like to start a 'Rock Paper Scissor Academy' and move to a bigger space from where we are now! **SS**