Interview to: Michael G. W. Wong



10 questions to **Michael G. W. Wong**, aquascaper award-winning in the most important international Aquascaping Contest. We discover his history, his philosophy and his technique of management.



1. Hi Michael, would you tell us something about you? (where you live, what's your job, when and how you started to be interested in aquariums...).

I was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. My Father was the one who actually got us into fish keeping. He bought us our very first aquarium when I was very young. I can tell you many fish died in our care the first few years. I even remember going down to the ponds and catching my own guppies. We kept all sorts of fish but the most exciting times we had were feeding live bait to my 60 piranhas. As we grew older, party time, girls, and of course education were more important and we lost interest in aquarium keeping. I moved out to Hong Kong early 90's and worked in the HiTech industry. Life was good for awhile until the "bubble" burst. It was hard to find work at the time so we (my brother and I) decided to open an aquarium shop to past the time. Our little business venture was meant to be short term until the markets picked up again. We opened shop in 2003, and almost nine years later we are still doing it. Having said that, our shop has come a long way to where we are now. When we first started out, I never heard about planted aquariums before. We didn't start selling plants until late 2005. Once we got the hang of growing plants well then we started aquascaping and entered into our first AGA contest in 2006 (no awards that year but it was fun to join for the first time).

## Some photos of the shop of the brothers Michael and Kam Wong (Kam is another great Aquascaper)











