

# It's no child's play

**pornsak prajakwit**

PLEASE do not Google Pornsak Prajakwit's first name on the Internet.

The jovial host of Campus SuperStar (below) says with a laugh: "It's really a common name in Thailand. Either you get people who are not me, or you'll be led to some undesirable sites."

His name has become more recognisable, as he co-hosts Campus SuperStar with former radio DJ Dasmond Koh.

The 25-year-old Thai-Chinese was a former radio jock too. Formerly with Radio 100.3FM, he was trained by veteran DJs Anna Lim and Huang Wenhong after graduating from the Singapore Management University.

He crossed over to TV early this year and has become one of the newest TV hosts in the

MediaCorp stable of artistes.

Barely six months into the job, he already has two shows under his belt – Campus SuperStar and variety show Stars Beat It!. The former is his first foray into live studio shows. The first episode was a nerve-wracking experience, he says.

"When the lights were on me, it was so scary it almost killed me," he says.

But it helped that the live audience of over 600 comprised mostly school children.

"They are very spontaneous and are very supportive, not just of the contestants, but of the hosts as well."

He came to Singapore when he was 10. His father, who is a machinery spare parts wholesaler, brought him here on what he thought was a family Christmas holiday. "Then, they started to shop for school uniforms and books. Only then did I suspect something was amiss," he says.

He says he enjoys working with the young contestants, who range from secondary school to junior college students. "They are taking part in the competition for the sake of fun and not really for the prize. So there isn't any mean competitive streak in them."

Hosting the show has given him the chance to understand the minds of tweens and teens.

He says: "Because of the interaction, I get to understand what they are learning and thinking. Without the show, they would be just some kids you see outside the shopping malls on weekends."

