

# Invaluable importance of getting to know oneself to prepare for self-employment

Youth self-employment: what do we need to do?

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#### Presenter Introduction



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- B.S. in MGT/CSE at UNIST
- M.S. in Industrial Engineering at UNIST
- · Research for Al-based anomaly detection
- CEO at THYROSCOPE INC.

#### Company introduction

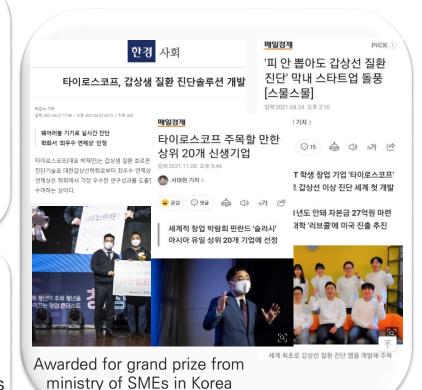
THYROSCOPE INC. founded in Apr. 2020.

#### Performance & Funding

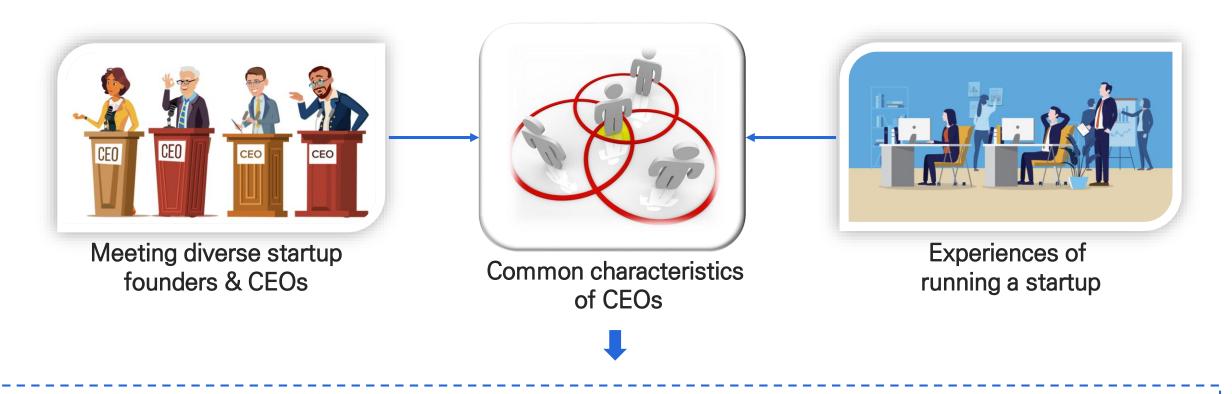
- ✓ Attracted 3 VC investments
- ✓ Conducting 4 National R&D Projects
- ✓ Grand prize in startup competition at digital healthcare area for 20s held by the Ministry of SMEs in Korea
- ✓ Passed 2021 Slush Semi-final round

#### Technology Development

- ✓ 6 Research publications and presentations
- ✓ 9 Patents registration & application in 5 regions
- ✓ US FDA and MDFS(Korean) approval procedures



## The Learning from Working as a CEO at a Startup



Sharing two things which I learned throughout startup experiences

- 1) How did make CEOs decide to start businesses?
- 2) What was helpful for working as a CEO at a startup?

## Concerns of Beginning a Startup

Can I manage people?
Can I run a business?
Can I be a CEO?



➤ When having difficulty of whether to go or not, an answer might be 'do it, and regret it', rather than 'not do it and regret it'!

#### Common Characteristics of CEOs



How did make CEOs decide to start businesses?

How different aretheir decision makingsfrom how I made the decision?



Joining diverse startup events and meeting diverse CEOs from startups of early to late stages

#### Common Characteristics of CEOs

1) How did make CEOs decide to start businesses?

Most of the CEOs who I have encountered have no special differences to start businesses.



- The answer I found lies on whether they did or not.
  - ➤ Nothing really special for making the decisions, but they just took actions for what they want to do.

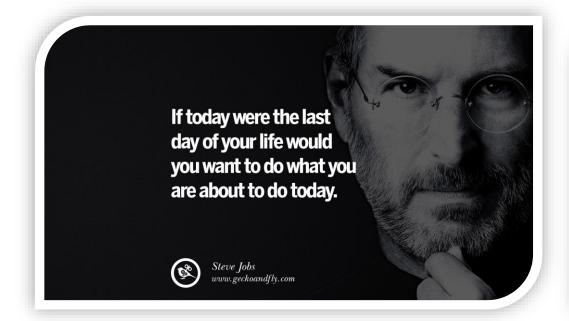
#### A General but Essential Problem

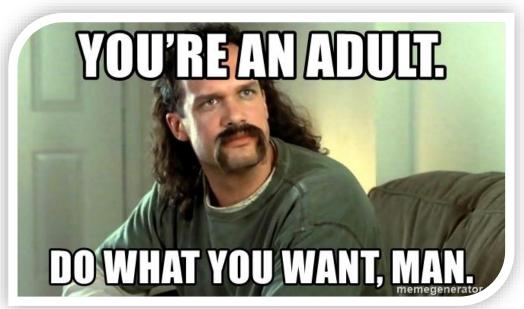
✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Learning from Working as a CEO at a Startup: "Trials and Errors"



- As I have grown up, I had contemplated on what I will do for jobs.
- In reality, there are numerous sayings regarding how to select a job.

## What I Want to Do?





- > Truly inspiring words... "But I don't get what I want to do?"
- ✓ What I had tried was: "So, let's try what I like to do one by one"



1) Fashion
I liked fashionable people,
and being dressed up.

- → Trying fashion designs
- → But I realized I do not really have sense of it.



2) Education

I was good at private tutoring, and wanted to develop an education system.

- → Participating in developing education system
- → Different from what I expected



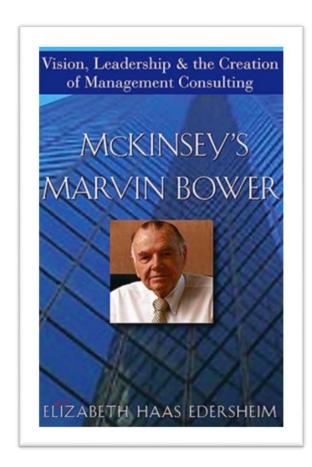
#### 3) Stock investment

I liked to learn macro-economic forecasts.

- → At the beginning of the investments, I earned 250% profits.
- → With the Brexit at that time, I closed it with -50%.

> Even though they were just trials and errors,

I could expand the scope of learning, and eliminate what I do not want to do, thanks to them.

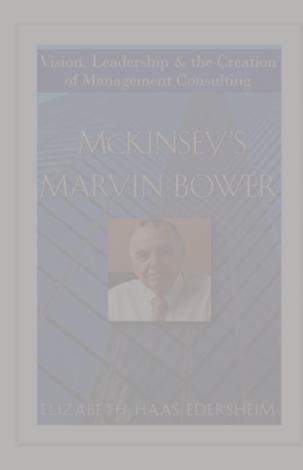






4) Consulting

- I happened to know the Mckinsey & company, and read the book by chance.
- → Truly hooked up with the consulting
- → For every field with any problems, even for US government, the consultants were involved in the project and developed solutions for the situations.







#### I truly want to experience

consulting projects!

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## Establishing UNIST Consulting Association(UCA) which is connected to other universities abroad

- UNIST had run student consulting program with UIUC, KTH, Nanyang Tech Univ.
- Established more consolidated student-led consulting association, with advisory professors from each university.
- Attracted consulting projects from a hosting university for each of the semesters.
- Conducting business consulting projects with company's C-level officers from all over the world.

#### Major clients:













Learning useful frameworks for handling business problems

Limitations of the role in providing directions not actions

Starting the startup



Even though I turned to the startup, experiences of consulting projects were truly helpful for diverse problems and solving in startups.



#### Importance of Trials and Errors

## Numerous Problems encountered

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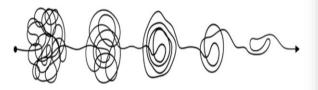


Previous experiences of trials and errors



- Education
- Investment
- Consulting

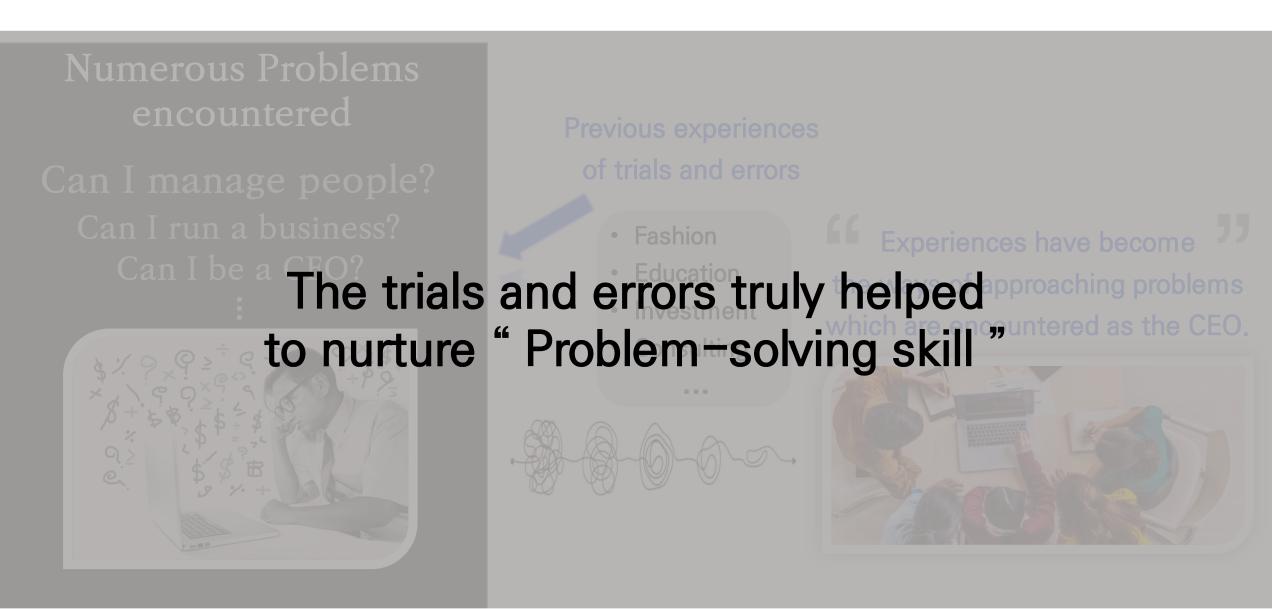
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Trials and errors laid foundations for approaching problems which are encountered as the CEO.



#### Importance of Trials and Errors



### **Nurtured Startup Business Environments**



Startup Business Environments are now well developed.



Many of the risks are mitigated by various support systems.

> The nurtured startup business environments in Korea and wide perception of it will lead to steady increases in self-employment in Korea.

#### Consulting-based Learning

#### Alumni of UCA



• Starting own business
THYROSCOPE
INTERX
PURIMEDI NCOPO

Working in startup ecosystems
 X mashup kakaoventures
 in startup ecosystems

Utilizing Business consulting projects for nurturing students' entrepreneurship

Great way of learning Business Problem-solving skills and preparing for starting own businesses



#### Thank you

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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