

Governor's Message

Dear Rotarians,

While we are kept from having our regular meetings because of the SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), we must count ourselves lucky to have witnessed some important Rotary actions that spelt concern, effort, collaboration, and media recognition by the RC of Beijing (Provisional)'s fund-raising ball held on 29 March, 2003. The courtesy visits to the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Health as well as the official visits to the RC of Beijing (Provisional) and Shanghai (Provisional) are most fruitful.

During this "quite" period of abstinence, as Rotary leaders, are you contented to be as what it appears to be? The members and their leaders in the two provisional clubs have their missions of bringing and maintaining the Rotary Movements in China, you have the sheer mission of Sowing the seeds of love.

Do please maintain the momentum of your club by continuing your means of communication with your members, keeping up your means of fellowship, your discussion on the plans to carry out and finish off your club projects, continue on your Centennial Projects plans or proposal to the RI and most of all, be positive that you will join in your year of International Convention at Brisbane. You are President of your club only once, make it the best of your life experience! It would not be complete without being part of the International Convention.



I remember well mine when I was Charter President of RC of Queensway, attending with my Charter board members and our current Onto Brisbane Convention Chairman, PP Ronald Lu, my classmate president that year. We all were so inspired by the speakers, and felt so motivated afterwards, not to mention what and how it affected ourselves as a person and a Rotarian.

Finally I would like to reinstate that the cancelling of meetings does not signify our giving up the pleasure of the company of our great fellows, rather it gives us a chance to reflect on this year's accomplishments and areas that call for our efforts to finish off our plans—to leave a trace of history for your clubs and a significant milestone for you as a person and a leader in the world of Rotary.

Your Governor,
Gloria K P Chan

各位社友：

正當本區各社受「非典型肺炎」影響，紛紛取消例會之時，我卻有幸見證一個受媒體重視、強調關懷合作的重要扶輪活動——北京臨時扶輪社盡心盡力在本年三月二十九日舉行的艾滋病（港譯愛滋病）慈善晚會；而此行同時拜訪了民政部和衛生部，公式訪問北京臨時扶輪社和上海臨時扶輪社，可算收穫極豐。

在這人人自我禁閉的「非常」時期，作為扶輪領袖，你是否滿足於現狀？兩個在中國國內的臨時社就上下一心，竭力維護及發展中國的扶輪運動；你也有播撒愛心種子的清晰任務呢！

請各位社長務必與貴社社友保持緊密連繫，努力維持貴社的衝勁，繼續保持聯誼，並商討完成貴社的既定服務，當然切記向國際扶輪登記貴社的百年紀念計劃；而最重要的是要有信心出席本年度的布里斯本國際年會，讓你留下一生中最美好的回憶啊！沒有參與國際年會將會是通常只做一回的社長生涯中的一大遺憾。

昔日我就任君域扶輪社創社社長時，曾偕同各位創社理事和同屆的本年度出席布里斯本國際年會主席呂元祥前社長同往年會，至今歷歷在目。且不提如何影響我們的人生和扶輪生命，只就會上各位講者對我們的啟發和鼓舞，已經感覺受用不盡了！

最後，我想強調取消例會並不顯示我們放棄了同社友聯誼的樂趣，反而實在地給予我們機會，去回顧今年的成就，以至仍需努力的地方，好讓我們可以順利完成今年的計劃；俾貴社的服務得以傳承，而閣下作為扶輪世界的領袖，亦可感到不枉此生呢！

你的總監

陳麥愷斌

Beijing Rotary ball for AIDS *Black tie turn-out improves public awareness, raises funds*

北京社艾滋病慈善晚會

Saturday, 29/03/2003 星期六 Kempinski Hotel, Beijing 北京燕莎中心凱賓斯基飯店

The Kempinski Hotel in Beijing attracted a star-studded line-up on Saturday evening.

Senior government officials, business people, ambassadors, stars from sports and the arts, and other local celebrities walked and the red carpet to attend the Rotary AIDS Ball.

The Rotary Club of Beijing joined forces with seven other sponsors to dedicate the black tie gala dinner and ball to improving HIV/AIDS awareness and raising money in support of its prevention and cure.

On auction, the event raised 600,000 yuan (US\$72,464).

"Experience elsewhere has shown that only by involving high-level government officials, senior business leaders and celebrities can significant progress be made in raising awareness of AIDS as a critical public health issue," said Serge Dumont, president of Rotary Club Beijing (Provisional).

"By enlisting the support of such top-level influences, we hope to recruit the most effective persuaders available and rally them to this crucial cause," he added.

The ball began with China Philharmonic Orchestra's rendition of Dvorak's string quartet in F major and was hosted by Yue-Sai Kan and actor Pu Cunxin, ... China's first spokesman for AIDS prevention and cure since 2000.

Yue-Sai Kan read tribute letters from celebrities and government leaders including Vice-Premier Wu Yi.

Ma Xiaowei, vice-minister of the Ministry of Health, and professor Zeng

Yi, president of the Chinese Foundation for Prevention of STD (sexually transmitted diseases) and AIDS, gave speeches before dinner...

"In addition, we have not shown enough care for people with HIV/AIDS and we have not put enough money into the project," said Zeng.

It is estimated that 10 million people could be infected with AIDS by 2010 in China.

But if the disease is kept under control, 4 to 5 million people will be saved from the fatal illness.

Elizabeth Taylor, who was unable to attend the banquet because of a broken leg, sent a video message to guests.

Taylor said: "On behalf of the board of directors and staff of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, I would like to thank each of you for being with us this evening to begin raising urgently needed funds for China's efforts to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS.

"I know that China has the will and determination to overcome this deadly epidemic - as it has triumphed over significant health challenges in the past - by emphasizing prevention and health care."

At the ball, Martin L. Gordon, Chairman of Barry & Martin's Trust, presented the 2002 Barry & Martin's Prize to Dr. Xu Lianzhi from the Infectious Diseases Department of Beijing You'an Hospital. She was recognized for her kind and unprejudiced treatment of AIDS patients and for her establishment of the Home of Loving Care for AIDS sufferers.

The ball's entertainment programme

included Eric Vu-An, an acclaimed French modern dancer, who performed the solo ballet "Arepo," choreographed by Maurice Bejart.

Vu-An wore a red tight costume, incorporation the AIDS charity symbol of the red ribbon in his dance...

Peking Opera actress Zheng Zirou performed part of her newly-created "Jeanne d'Arc," a work fusing Chinese culture with a French story.

The climax of the evening was an auction of items donated by celebrities.

Chinese super model Hu Bing and star VJ Li Xia added excitement to the auction. Many stars of the entertainment world took to the stage to encourage guests to up the bidding for their donations.

The first item, a calligraphy scroll by Aisin-gioro Pu Ren, brother of Aisin-gioro Pu Yi, the last emperor of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), went to Anwer Islam, president of Rotary Club of Kingspark Hong Kong, for 50,000 yuan (US\$6,039).

Li Yifei, president of MTV China, went home with ex-Spice Girl Geri Halliwell's mini-skirt for 80,000 yuan (US\$9,662). Yue-Sai Kan paid 7,000 yuan (US\$845) for Michelle Yeoh's autographed bag. Serge Dumont paid 25,000 yuan (US\$3,019) for Hong Kong star Nicholas Tse's watch.

The most expensive item on auction is a painting "Lasting Charm of Tang Dynasty" donated by artist Liu Yuyi, which got a bid of 120,000 yuan (US\$14,493).

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芝加哥集訓隨筆——地域扶輪基金協調人訓練營

Hotel Doubletree, Skokie, Chicago 24 - 28 / 3 / 2003 芝加哥市斯高基雙樹酒店

三月廿三日的星期天，正在伊拉克戰事和非典型肺炎轉烈之際，懷着戰戰兢兢的心情踏上旅途。本來這次已經是第二次參加地域扶輪基金協調人訓練營，應該頗覺輕鬆，但跟着發生的事，令全程籠罩着不安。

訓練營設於芝加哥衛星市斯高基之雙樹酒店。今年出席人數略少，只得三十六人，來自全球不同的地方。

候任國際社長馬其約伯，率一眾基金保管委員 Trustees、各部經理與來自各地出席訓練營的協調人在到達當晚一齊見面和聚餐。馬侯任社長平易近人、溫文爾雅、深察民情，給大家很好的鼓勵。

時半就座，由總導師 Ron Burton 帶領，商討扶輪基金面對的各項困難、各地不同的問題、目前的挑戰和為未來應作出的準備等。

最有趣的討論要推由扶輪基金主席金樂詩前社長 RIPP Glen Kinross 領導三位總社前社長組成的扶輪基金保管委員小組講解基金財政狀況。可喜的是目前關於消滅小兒麻痺的年度籌款，已經收集到約五仟肆佰萬美元，不足之數，只要大家加把勁，應該可在六月國際年會時達到八仟萬美元的目標。至於基金投資方面，在扶輪基金約六億美元的各類資產中，因全球經濟不利的因素，證券投資連續二年都錄得損失，期望來年經濟好轉，可以為全世界有需要人士提供更多更好的服務。

在整整五天的訓練，大家都很準時於八

翌日，突然接到內子來電，原來數天前

共晉午膳之摯友劉君，不幸染上非典型肺炎病毒，已入住深切治療，同桌各同業遵醫囑須觀察十天，我即時心中一沉，很替他擔心！（附注）

訓練營的小插曲也有一則：原來去年集訓時僱請專業攝影師拍的合照沒有派送是因為攝影師忘了放菲林。奇事不止此，今年再請來同一攝影師拍合照；今次他帶備數碼照相機及傳統照相機各一部，費了不少勁拍了拾數幀照片，以為一切順利；到最後那天得到消息，沒照片。又一次失望！

來年，扶輪基金定下的目標應該最受歡迎，因為只有一個很簡單的目標，就是希望每一位社員，每年都作不少於一百美元的小小奉獻。

地域扶輪基金協調人楊宗謙前區總監

（附註：投稿時摯友劉君已不幸去世，望其家人早日康復，節哀順變。）



My Fight, My Words - From the District Governor Elect

我見我言 - 候任區總監本月見聞

When I was being announced as District Governor Elect for year 2003-04, many of my fellow senior Rotarians told me that everything should be going alright if I could recruit a group of good helpers and make good preparation. Now I can see that it is very true and I am lucky to have recruited a wonderful group of experienced Rotarians to work in my team and everyone of them doing a good job well prepared for what being requested.

Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) was one of several important seminars mandatorily required by R.I. for all incoming club presidents to attend. The incoming club secretaries are also needed to be there as appropriate. PP Sally Ho of RC of Bayview Sunshine Hong Kong was chairperson and RC of Bayview Sunshine Hong Kong was Host Club of the event. The seminar took place at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine on the 15th March, 2003.

District Trainer PDG YK Cheng has kindly invited RI Director P.C. Thomas as our Guest of Honour who spoke to us on a topic - Leadership n Rotary Leaders Among Equal which gave us a very interesting and inspirational message for how to build up our leadership among our fellow Rotarians.

The seminar started at 9:15a.m. sharp and finished at 4:00p.m. as scheduled. We had 109 participants including President-Elects, Incoming Club Secretaries and some District Officers. However, I felt a little bit disappointed as 7 President-Elects out of 51 clubs including 2 provisional clubs in China were absent for whatever reasons. As mentioned earlier, PETS is a seminar that all PEs must attend and now my team and myself have had to prepare an extra seminar for the absentees in a nearest weekend.

I must admit that this seminar was successful and all the PEs and incoming

club secretaries have been supportive. Lots of thanks must go to all the District Trainers. Group Discussion Moderators, Resource Persons, Advisors, Sergeant-at-arms, Secretariats, and most of all, RC of Bayview Sunshine Hong Kong, the Host Club, and the Sunshine Ladies.

On the same day, IPDG Johnson and his Rtnn. Jenny arranged a fellowship gathering in their newly renovated house at Kowloon Tong. 15 Immediate Past Presidents with spouses and two Assistant Governors of his year came to fill up his house which is quite spacious by all means. Jenny was the master cook who prepared huge amount of food enough to feed not only over 30 visitors, but another whole week for IPDG Johnson to clean up. Of course, IPDG Johnson would not mind to do anything for us as he appeared to be the happiest man in the crowd in that evening.

The same day happened to be Shirley's Birthday and also our engagement day. We did all the celebrations altogether at the same time and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Talk to you next time.

DGE Jones Wong.

Beijing Rotary ball for AIDS

北京社艾滋病慈善晚會

Saturday, 29/03/2003 星期六

Kempinski Hotel, Beijing 北京燕莎中心凱賓斯基飯店



Visit at Ministry of Civil Affairs, Beijing 拜訪北京中國民政部

31 March 2003 morning

The District delegation led by DG Gloria Chan, DGE Jones Wong, AG Prakash Kirpalani and CDS Peter Wan visited Ministry of Civil Affairs, Beijing, on 31 March, 2003. A cheque for HK\$150,000, raised from District 3450 for the victims of the recent Xinjiang earthquake, was presented by



DG Gloria to Vice Minister Yang Yan Yin who received the donation on their behalf.



Visit at Ministry of Health 拜訪北京中國衛生部

31 March 2003 afternoon



A ceremony was held at Ministry of Health, Beijing, on 31 March 2003 for the signing of the agreement between District 3450 and the Municipal Government of Handan, the first city chosen to be the beneficiary city under the Rotary Hepatitis B Project to immunize 1 million new born babies in China in the next ten years. DG Gloria and DGE Jones Wong signed the agreement on behalf of the District. Handan Municipal Government was represented by the Vice Mayor Xin Bao Shan. The signing ceremony was witnessed by representatives from the Ministry of Health and China Foundation for Hepatitis Prevention and Control. Over 10 District officers and Presidents and Past Presidents were also present.



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DG official visit to Rotary Club of Beijing (provisional) and Rotary Club of Shanghai (provisional) 總監公式訪問北京臨時扶輪社及上海臨時扶輪社

1 April 2003



DG Gloria and the delegation from Hong Kong and Macau paid the first official visit to the two provisional clubs after RI announced that they formed part of District 3450. The visits took place on the same day in Beijing and Shanghai over lunch and dinner respectively. DG Gloria Chan, DGE Jone Wong and CDS Peter Wan (who is now appointed to be the Assistant Governor for these two clubs) held a private meeting with the two clubs prior to their respective regular meetings. Both clubs had designated members to arrange for this visit. Both meetings were well attended by Rotarians and guests. The highlight of the meetings were the inspirational speech made by DG Gloria and the presentation of special award to President Serge Dumont and President Brinton Scott in recognition of their efforts in promoting Rotary in the Mainland China.



Presidents-Elect Training Seminar PETS 2002-2003 2002-2003 年度社長／秘書訓練班

Saturday 15-3-2003 星期六

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine 香港醫學專科學院





Condolences to
Dr. James T. K. Lau
悼念劉大鈞社友

DR. JAMES T. K. LAU died of SARS in Prince of Wales Hospital on 3 April 2003. While Rotary Club of Kowloon East has lost a Board member, a frequent 100 percent, a habitual donor of his expertise to service and keen supporter of the Rotary Foundation and club projects, we have lost a great friend and a wise, humorous but quiet scholar.

The Rotary Club of Kowloon East will dedicate a program in their regular meeting in memory of this outstanding paediatric surgeon, and a true "Rotarian" on 29 April 2003. The Life history of Dr. Lau will be presented by his Rotary sponsor - PDG Dr. Raymond Wong

九龍東區扶輪社社友劉大鈞醫生於4月3日星期四因感染非典型肺炎與世長辭，追悼會將於4月29日(星期二)之九龍東區扶輪社午餐例會舉行。其後事將於5月18日採用佛教儀式舉行，訃聞將於5月19日在蘋果日報刊登。

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29 April 2003)

Dr. James Lau
joined Rotary in 1984
Multiple Paul Harris Fellows
Board of Director, current

Served as Rotary volunteer at Diamond Jubilee Jamboree of Scouts, Rotary Volunteer at the 3rd International Abilympics, initiated many medical projects here and overseas; served in many social service outreach projects while in HKU.

Professional Qualifications: MBBS (HK),
Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Additional: PhD in Chinese, HKU, excellent writer in Chinese, had published several papers on history and also a few books.

PDG Raymond Wong

Rotaract News
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<http://www.rotary.org/programs/rotaract/news.html>

Greetings from Rotary International! The 15 April edition of Rotaract News is now available on-line at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/rotaract/news.html>. I encourage you to share this link with all interested Rotaractors in your club and district.

To submit news, projects, and photographs for possible inclusion in future editions please contact RI Rotaract staff at:

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All rotary events in this month are cancelled or postponed due to the SARS.
所有本月扶輪活動因非典型肺炎肆虐而取消或延期舉行

Announcement of Rotary Events **扶輪活動預告**

Date/Time 時間 / 日期	Events 活動名稱	Host Clubs 主辦社	Venue 場地
Postponed 延期舉行	District Assembly 地區講習會議	Kowloon East 九龍東區	Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel 九龍香格里拉酒店
2003/6/1(Sun.)	International 94th Annual Convention 第 94 屆國際年會		Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 澳洲布里斯本

Upcoming District Sports Events **地區運動項目預告**

Date 日期	Events 活動名稱	Host Clubs 主辦社	Venue 場地
Cancelled 取消	Karaoke Contest 卡拉 OK 大賽	Kowloon West 九龍西	Miramar Hotel 美麗華酒店
Cancelled 取消	Basketball Tournament 籃球賽	Kowloon Northeast 九龍東北	Harbour Sports Centre, Wanchai 灣仔道室內運動場
Cancelled 取消	Table Tennis Tournament 乒乓球賽	Kowloon West 九龍西	Comwall Street Indoor Games Hall 歌和老街室內運動場
Cancelled 取消	Colour Boat Race 彩艇賽	8 Clubs in Area 6 新界八社	Cheung Chau 長洲

Membership Attendance Report February 2003

2003 年 2 月社員出席報告

Area	Rotary Club of	Membership			Feb-03 Meetings	Attendance			Feb-03 District Rank	This Rotary Year	
		31-Jan-03	28-Feb-03	Change		Dec-02	Jan-03	Feb-03		District Rank	Average %
1	Guia	11	11	0	3	79.15%	65.61%	66.65%	16	8	73.80%
	Hou Kuong	22	22	0	3	72.62%	76.19%	68.25%	10	4	78.08%
	Macau	39	39	0	4	52.00%	50.00%	46.00%	44	42	48.75%
	Macau Central	28	28	0	3	63.00%	66.00%	74.00%	3	11	71.64%
	Macau Islands	10	10	0	4	45.00%	46.00%	50.00%	40	43	46.38%
2	Admiralty	37	36	-1	4	47.00%	49.00%	40.00%	46	31	58.63%
	Happy Valley	25	26	1	3	57.00%	76.00%	62.82%	23	12	70.37%
	Hong Kong	132	128	-4	4	53.26%	47.02%	46.35%	43	39	51.51%
	Hong Kong Harbour	25	26	1	3	56.00%	60.00%	63.00%	22	27	60.00%
	Hong Kong Northeast	54	54	0	4	54.00%	47.00%	38.00%	47	45	44.26%
3	Wanchai	35	36	1	3	54.00%	65.00%	62.00%	24	26	61.13%
	Hong Kong Island East	41	41	0	3	56.76%	60.81%	63.06%	21	30	59.21%
	Hong Kong South	40	40	0	4	65.00%	56.22%	66.00%	17	24	62.03%
	Quarry Bay	9	11	2	3	30.00%	33.00%	61.00%	27	47	41.13%
	Queensway	25	25	0	3	53.00%	61.00%	69.00%	7	23	62.25%
4	Victoria	27	27	0	3	56.32%	47.20%	52.00%	36	41	50.11%
	Bayview Sunshine HK	27	27	0	4	71.00%	63.00%	52.00%	36	20	64.38%
	Causeway Bay	25	25	0	3	67.00%	58.00%	68.00%	11	17	65.88%
	Hong Kong Bayview	19	20	1	4	65.79%	57.89%	67.50%	14	10	72.75%
	Hong Kong City North	17	17	0	3	67.00%	85.00%	76.00%	2	5	76.88%
5	Hong Kong North	38	38	0	4	53.00%	53.00%	47.40%	42	37	53.18%
	Kingspark HK	32	32	0	4	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%	51*	51*	46.50%
	City Northwest HK	19	19	0	3	64.00%	66.00%	65.00%	18	18	65.75%
	Hong Kong Island West	56	55	-1	4	62.50%	60.50%	62.00%	24	21	64.31%
	Hong Kong Northwest	37	36	-1	3	65.00%	63.00%	62.00%	24	19	64.88%
6	Mid-level	19	19	0	3	68.00%	66.00%	64.50%	19	16	68.69%
	The Peak	25	25	0	3	55.00%	52.00%	50.00%	40	36	54.00%
	Channel Islands	20	20	0	4	81.00%	64.00%	61.00%	27	7	74.00%
	Hongkong Sunrise	10	10	0	4	89.00%	70.00%	70.00%	6	2	83.94%
	Kwai Chung	36	36	0	4	92.60%	81.90%	66.70%	15	1	85.47%
7	New Territories	48	48	0	3	57.00%	57.00%	59.00%	32	33	57.50%
	Shatin	27	25	-2	3	37.00%	37.00%	58.00%	33	46	42.25%
	Tai Po	25	25	0	3	65.00%	60.00%	55.00%	35	28	59.78%
	Tolo Harbour	44	41	-3	3	77.93%	77.93%	68.69%	9	9	72.99%
	Tsuen Wan	31	31	0	3	57.70%	60.20%	60.25%	30	25	61.83%
8	Kowloon	73	71	-2	3	57.00%	62.00%	60.50%	29	34	55.66%
	Kowloon Golden Mile	55	56	1	4	73.00%	65.00%	68.00%	11	14	69.88%
	Kowloon North	36	36	0	4	52.00%	52.00%	52.00%	36	38	52.75%
	Peninsula	24	24	0	3	50.00%	45.00%	50.79%	39	40	50.98%
	Peninsula Sunrise	13	11	-2	4	82.00%	80.00%	68.00%	11	6	75.90%
9	Tsimshatsui East	22	22	0	4	62.50%	62.50%	62.50%	49*	49*	59.47%
	Peninsula South	31	31	0	4	80.65%	77.59%	78.45%	1	3	81.58%
	Kowloon East	45	45	0	3	71.00%	72.00%	72.00%	4	13	70.00%
	Kowloon Northeast	19	19	0	4	50.00%	39.40%	56.60%	34	35	55.51%
	Kowloon Northwest	22	22	0	4	60.00%	60.00%	60.00%	50**	50**	59.00%
	Kowloon West	45	45	0	3	62.96%	60.81%	63.96%	20	29	59.77%
	Kwun Tong	24	24	0	4	66.30%	50.00%	59.09%	31	32	57.92%
	Ulaanbaatar	37	37	0	4	56.10%	69.60%	71.60%	5	22	62.76%
	Khuree	38	38	0	4	85.00%	85.00%	85.00%	48*	48*	78.13%
	Beijing (Provisional) #	0	49	49	3			45.00%	45	44	45.00%
	Shanghai (Provisional) #	0	29	29	3			69.00%	7	15	69.00%
Total :		1599	1668	69		59.57%	58.03%	58.62%			60.07%

Report on the New Member Orientation Program Seminar 新社員迎新計劃研討會

16 / 3 / 2003 Sunday 星期日, The Dynasty Club, Wanchai 灣仔皇朝會

The New Member Orientation Program Seminar was jointly hosted by RC Hong Kong City North and RC Admiralty with 22 new members among 52 attendees. DG Gloria Chan, PDG Raymond Wong, PDG Vincent To, DGE Jones Wong, AG Peter Wong, AG T.O. Yip, CDS Peter Wan and DS Ada Cheng were present to share their views.

The Seminar was opened by DG Gloria Chan with a brief introduction of Rotary, Rotary spirit; this year's theme "SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE" and stressed on the importance of membership growth.

The keynote speech was delivered by RI Membership Zone 4 Coordinator PDG Vincent To. He reiterated the objective of this seminar and explained what an effective Rotary Club is. He gave a short story about Paul Harris founding Rotary in 1905 and reported that there were 1.24 million Rotarians in 31,250 clubs in 530 districts (163 countries) in the world. He stated that the RI had a membership target of 1.5 million Rotarians in the year 2005. He elaborated on the importance of membership retention and stated that successful retention depending on continuous Rotary education. Lack of commitment would eventually lead to members leaving or becoming RHINOs. Finally, he further explained what and how the Mentor System worked.

Then DGE Jones Wong gave a brief chronicle history of our District and emphasized the importance of having new members. He also encouraged Rotarians to learn more, share more and talk more about Rotary information and through which to find more members.

An Open Forum was conducted by President Eddie Hurip, RC Admiralty. A slide show for Rotary information about Rotary International, our District 3450, the service projects and fellowship activities conducted by the Clubs in our District and our Rotary practices was shown and discussed. An information sheet about each of the 45 clubs in our District was provided. A short quiz for new members was conducted to draw their attention to important facts of Rotary. Free luncheon coupons for make-ups at various Rotary clubs were given to quiz participants as prizes.

The next session was Q & A. Matters about attendance requirement (i.e., min. 60% at own club and 40% at others), how much money shall a Rotarian prepared to spend, the

qualifications and disqualifications for being a Rotarian were discussed.

The Closing Remarks was made by our Chairman for District Membership Development and Retention Committee, PDG Raymond Wong. He emphasized the three key points of a Rotary Club; i.e., represented a unit of RI; served the community; and supported RI and Rotary Foundation. He then explained the organization of Rotary. There were 34 zones in the world and our District 3450 was in Zone 4 with a total of 37,000 Rotarians. Zone 4 was further divided into: A) Japan and B) Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. A RI Director with a term of four years was elected from each Zone to report to the RI President. The qualification of RI President was mentioned. He also mentioned that the Rotary Foundation operated by 134-year term Trustees was separate from Rotary International and the RI head-quarter was in Illinois, USA facing the Lake Michigan. Lastly, PDG Raymond encouraged new members to think why they decided to join Rotary and what each individual member could do for his or her Club.

The meeting adjourn at around 3:45PM after a vote of thanks by the Sponsoring Clubs.

Rtn. Yvonne Hsin
Secretary, RC of Admiralty

Brief History of our District

1905 / 02 / 23	Paul Harris founded Rotary for Friendship & Fellowship; also introduced Classification system;
1919	RC Shanghai being the first Club in China;
1923	RC Tientsin chartered;
1924	RC Beijing chartered;
1931	RC Hong Kong chartered;
1932 - 35	RC Hong Kong, 11 Clubs in China and 3 Clubs in Philippines formed District 81;
1937	D81 regrouped to 3 Districts: D96 South China, HK and Philippines
	D97 Central China
	D98 North China
1938	Philippines taken out of D96: Macau added in without any clubs formed;
1941- 45	Due to World War II, most Clubs ceased meeting;
1946	RC Hong Kong active again;
1947	RC Macau chartered;
1948	RC Kowloon chartered;
1960	District 345 was formed to include 17 clubs in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan;
1987	D345 became District 3450 with a total of 27 Clubs in Hong Kong and Macau;
1995 / 01 / 10	RC Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia chartered;
2000/ 07	District 3450 included Mongolia with 42 clubs in Hong Kong, 5 in Macau, 2 in Mongolia.
2003 / 02 / 07	District 3450 has a total of 51 clubs: 42 in Hong Kong, 5 in Macau, 2 in Mongolia, and 2 in PRC;
	Two more clubs in Mongolia for next Rotary year.

