

Governor's Message 總監的話

Dear Rotarians,

We all join Rotary for a similar reason—to serve, perhaps in different ways and capacity, according to the circumstances we sail through our life-paths. One of the sure ways to achieve changes with a difference is through the programs delivered by the Rotary Foundation. It has done wonders in the past few decades and is going strong.

The experience that people gain through the programs of Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian and Education program leave a stamp that marks the extraordinary highlight in one's life; be it an Ambassadorial Scholarship, a Youth Exchange program, a Group Study Exchange program, Cultural Exchange, or World Peace Scholarship etc. aiming at bringing people together, to achieve the otherwise impossible to achieve, to give opportunity for dreams to come true, in so doing, very often make it possible for better understanding, tolerance among peoples and nations. These are means to reach the highest level of humanity and that is why this timeless principle continues to work well for Rotary.

Let us put into action towards what we believe in-support the Rotary Foundation. We are the ones who continue to make it work for humanity and the world. We need to Sow the Seed of Love in order to make the world go round!

Your District Governor,

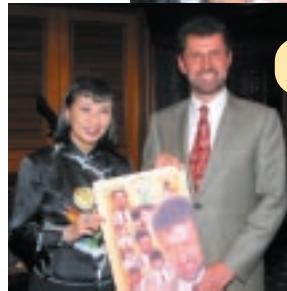
Gloria KP Chan



Her Excellency Oyunbileg Azadsuren receive souvenir from DG Gloria Chan District Conference
總監年會上頒贈紀念品予蒙古國第一夫人



Farewell PP Bill Benter to New York
歡送 Bill Benter 前社長赴紐約



Banquet for the first lady of Mongolia
宴請蒙古國第一夫人



各位社友：

我們參加扶輪社都懷著一個類似的目標——為人「服務」。大家也許因應不同的人生際遇，在不同的崗位和路向上為人「服務」，但透過扶輪基金的各項計劃，確實可以令到我們的「服務」得到脫胎換骨的改變，在過去數十年間屢創奇蹟，而且勢頭愈來愈大。

人們在扶輪基金的人道及教育計劃上得到的經驗，無論是大使獎學金計劃、青年交換計劃、團體研究交換計劃、文化交流計劃或世界和平獎學金計劃，都往往在他們的一生中留下特別深刻美好的烙印；這些計劃的

目標都是要把人連結一起，去實現其他計劃無法達致的成果，令人有夢想成真的機會。這些計劃往往可以令民族和民族、國家和國家之間的認識加深，寬容更大；人道主義的提昇，令扶輪這些計劃屢屢成功，成為停不了的長壽項目。

讓我們本着信念而為——支持扶輪基金，令扶輪基金可繼續為人道主義和世界服務；我們需要播撒愛心的種子，讓世界走向大同。

你的總監
陳麥愷斌

Speech Delivered At The Macau District Conference

43 屆澳門地區年會上講話 20/10/2002

*"Social Dimensions of Human
Development in Mongolia:
The Intervention of The
Foundation for Human Good"*

**「蒙古國人類發展社會近況—
人道基金介入之影響」**



蒙古國第一夫人

OYUNBILEG AZADSUREN 閣下

Her Excellency OYUNBILEG AZADSUREN,
The First Lady of Mongolia

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, let me express my sincere gratitude to the officers of the District 3450 and especially to the District Governor, Mrs. Gloria Chan, for inviting Mongolian delegates to the District Conference and for the opportunity to address to the honored audience.

I believe that you all know that our Motherland - Mongolia, is a land of blue sky and wide steppes, located at the heart of Asia. There are many characteristics of my country that I can mention: it has a vast territory, underdeveloped infrastructure, small population, and it is land-locked between two great states, China and Russia.

In the 1990's the process of radical reforms in political, economic and social spheres has started simultaneously, and is irrevocably continued. At present, Mongolia is a country with democratic governance, respecting human rights and a developing market economy.

In the course of transition from central-planned to market economy there were many difficulties in the social sphere. Many issues to be solved were accumulated. Therefore, along with the development issues, the state is giving much attention to the consideration of social problems. Mongolian state sticks to considerable importance to establishment of an equality atmosphere encouraging human development in society, improvement in quality and availability of basic social services, diminishing unemployment and poverty, raising the living standard of the citizens.

Mongolian state, recognizing the importance of coupling the state policy and efforts with a broad public participation, have been supporting and encouraging initiative and diligence of non-governmental organizations and private persons in resolving social problems. Therefore, when in the beginning of the 1990's the Rotary movement started its creative activities in Mongolia it was welcomed with support and appreciation. Since its establishment the Ulaanbaatar Rotary Club implemented many projects, worth of USD200,000 in all humanitarian spheres, meeting gratitude and respect of many Mongolians. The onset of Rotary movement in Mongolia overlapped with the years of transition, when the living standard of population sharply went down and people were ousted by the difficulties of economic transition, losing their trust in themselves and in others. The Rotary's optimistic approach and way of thinking, policies and activities encouraging benevolence and service helped many of our citizens to recover their lost trust in society. If in the beginning the Rotary movement was mainly based on the initiative and leadership of foreigners, nowadays along with maintaining its core qualities the movement become more Mongolian, it firmly rooted in our soil. The definite example of this is the establishment in 2002 of a new "Khuree" Rotary Club, launched on the initiative of Mongolian citizens. In this way the Rotary International movement is expanding in Mongolia with every year, and its vision is deeply penetrating into minds of Mongolians. The Rotary movement show a pattern to active, incipient layer of the society, desiring to assist others and make every contribution in their power for the advancement and development of society. It substantially influenced, inspired and envisioned the formation of the belief that Mongolians by their own effort can support and uplift each other. Therefore, while evaluating the work of the movement in Mongolia, one should not look only at the amount of assistance funds, number of implemented projects, members who joined the movement, but also its positive influence on the cordial public has to be taken into account.

Mongolian state values and appreciates that the Rotary Club

helps the poor one, supplies medicines to the sick one, provides children and young people with the opportunities to study, covering by its activity different layers of the society. I am confident that in the future Mongolian Rotary Clubs in cooperation with the Rotary International will broaden their activities in our country and will continue to spread their benevolent endeavors enjoying the wide public support.

As a person, who like Rotarians pays a lot of attention to the humanitarian activities in Mongolia, I would like to share my opinion on some issues, which have to be taken into consideration when planning assistance projects and programs in Mongolian social sector.

In the last decade average annual population growth rate has significantly fallen down. The decrease in the population growth is explained by low birth rates and increased immigration to foreign countries, and this is in turn connected to the negative economic and social phenomena of the transition time. For our country with the traditionally small population the decrease in the population growth is an occurrence, which bears many negative consequences, that is why finding a way to overcome this situation is an important policy goal.

Therefore it is necessary that the Mongolian Government in the frame of its demographic policy develops and implements a long-term social and economic strategy to facilitate population growth and support birth giving.

National programs aimed at improving the status of women, enhancing the healthcare and social protection system for elder people, bettering the position of handicapped and establishing an appropriate education and upbringing system for youth undertaken by the Mongolian government within the frame of its demographic policy started giving results. By announcing one year as the year to support elders and handicapped, initiating certain activities, the Government created a favorable social atmosphere and positive social psychology to gain support for those people from governmental and non-governmental organizations, private sector, citizens and businesses.

The state and public organizations organize a lot of activities to support handicapped citizens by providing them with proper living and working conditions, giving them jobs and thus involving them into social life.

Mongolia is the country of youth and children 35.2 percent of total population are children under 16 and 36.8 percent are young people under 35. Transition to the market economy caused multiple negative influences on child development. In the beginning of the 1990's school drop-outs become an often case. Also the number of homeless children in the capital city grew up. In the recent time, however, these negative phenomena have moderated. The cooperation of national and international organizations aimed at creating conditions for children, which will enable them to live a normal life within the family has become intense and broad. As the result the funding of all programs and project for children started to increase. Mongolian state attaches particular importance to extent activities for child well-being and conditions for child development based on the support of family and public. To coordinate the national policy on child issues with the world-wide tendencies and activities we entered the worldwide movement under the motto "Say yes for Children". In this way we created for us a favorable conditions to actively participate and cooperate in the international undertakings.

The state attaches particular attention to ensure the right of children and youth to learn and acquire education.

Education in our country is proclaimed to be a priority sector. The state is taking consistent actions to keep up with this objective. Government bears the costs of dormitories of general education schools. It started to issue free textbooks and stationery to third and over children of the vulnerable group families and families where may children study simultaneously. A project to computerize general education schools and install internet is in progress. As the outcome of these activities the secondary school attendance is significantly growing. If two or more children of poor or herder's family are studying at the same time in domestic university or college, the state bears responsibility for the tuition cost of one.

The goal to provide education to children and young people dropped out of school and to drastically decrease illiteracy its being met by properly combining non-formal education, distant learning, and short-term specialization courses. A policy is implemented to support and encourage private investment in educational sector. The Foundation for Human Good, headed by me provides help and support for the development of educational sector. Our foundation invests in electrification and increase of information access of primary schools in bags - the smallest administration units of Mongolia - where children of the countryside herder's study. Also we aid by providing computers to the countryside schools, textbooks and stationery to pupils. We have been issuing inscribed stipends and covering tuition costs of academically excellent but poor university students. Also we sponsor publishing of some children's books. I am happy that the Rotary Club supports Mongolian educational sector. To mention only one example, the Ulaanbaatar Rotary Club together with some private companies installed 120 computer, 30 printers, 30 scanners worth of 45.6 thousand dollars in 30 schools of the capital city, organized establishment of computer labs and internet connection, thus earning gratitude of students and teachers.

We wish that in future the Rotary Club implements projects to develop information technology in Mongolia, establish computer laboratories and install internet in schools. Although the educational sector financing grows every year, the budget funds cannot meet the growing demands of all-level schools and kindergartens, due to this there is still a necessity for additional financial source to enlarge old or construct new buildings for overloaded schools in the capital city and some provinces, repair buildings of countryside schools, renew textbooks, teaching accessories and technical facilities.

Protection of the population health, formation of healthy living environment, and improvement of quality of medical services are decisive in human development. In recent years in our country much attention has been paid to laying down new legal environment for the healthcare sector. Step-by-step measures have been taken to introduce and than perfect health insurance system. Transition to the family doctor network brought health services closer to the population and made them relatively faster. Certain difficulties exist in providing countryside people with specialized medical services and there is a lack of modern diagnostic and treatment tools and equipment. Many national projects are successfully realized in the healthcare sector. The budget funds allocated for basic medical care are increased each year.

The work is going on to establish an immunization fund, to step-by-step diminish and eventually abolish contagious diseases using preventive vaccination. Medical services are free to those in the vulnerable group i.e., elders, female-headed households with many children, minors, handicapped. Many activities with the help of donor countries, international and non-governmental organizations are going on within the frame of a program for protection of maternal and infant health and decrease of maternal and infant mortality. It started giving certain results. Mongolia eliminated poliomyelitis and received a proving certificate. This can be honored as a huge progress in the protection of child health. Since the start of its activities in Mongolia the Rotary Club has allocated its major attention, provided assistance and cooperation to the healthcare sector. Support and productive cooperation of the Rotary Club in healthcare sector remains as important now as it was then. There are many opportunities for possible cooperation, inter alia, strengthening countryside hospitals, supplying necessary premises, diagnostic and analytical equipment, arranging training courses for the doctors and medical workers.

The Foundation for Human Good spares no effort to assist the healthcare sector. We provided equipment to some

hospitals, check-up tools and other accessories to doctors, issued grants to medical students, presented wheel-chairs to hospitals and to disabled people, assisted doctor to improve their qualification overseas, invited doctor teams from abroad to provide medical treatment to poor. We tried to give the healthcare a prime importance on our agenda. If the Rotary Club expresses its desire to collaborate with in healthcare projects in Mongolia we are ready for fruitful, creative cooperation.

The State, to the extent of its possibilities, organizes activities and takes gradual measures to reduce poverty and increase social welfare and protection. The role of non-government organizations, foreign assistance and charity institutions is remarkable as well. However the poverty rate in Mongolia does not noticeably diminish. According to the 1995 World Bank selective survey conducted, the poor comprised 36 percent of the total population. This figure has not significantly improved until now. Poverty is created not only by decreased incomes, but also by increased unemployment, regression in health, lowering of educational level and increased divorce rates. Unemployed, elders, women heading households, children, pensioners, and herders with few or no cattle become victims of poverty more often than others. Projects to reduce poverty are being planned and implemented. For example, in 2002 the Government together with the Asian Development Bank is executing a program for the social security sector development.

In the frame of this project 16 million dollars will be allocated to social insurance, social care, employment agencies and establishment of specialized training and production centers. Also the World Bank financed program for sustainable livelihoods, with the budget of 60 million dollars is going on. Its goal is to protect from poverty vulnerable people and families near to or under the poverty line. Furthermore, agriculture sector development project financed by loaned of the Asian Development Bank and the project for sustainable decrease of poverty in countryside financed by loan of the International Agricultural Development Foundation started in some other provinces.

Our foundation, considering the policies and the efforts of the state and the international organization makes every effort to assist the poor, elders, disabled and female-headed households.

Our work is done in two directions. First, we help to find jobs to those who are able to provide for their living if employed. Second, we distribute food, clothes, footwear, and cash to absolutely poor people, provide textbooks and stationery to their children. Each of these activities meets gratitude of our citizens. In Mongolia there is a good possibility to uplift living and escape poverty by doing agriculture, growing greenery and vegetables.

However, before this can be done there is a vital necessity to educate people how to cultivate the land, provide seeds and small circulating capital. If non-governmental and charity organizations provide their support on these issues than many families will be able to increase their income and add to their food reserves by their own hands. We wish that in this and other ways the Rotary Club hands its cooperation and assistance to reduce poverty in Mongolia.

Our main principle in decreasing poverty is to raise employment. The national program to support employment in the coming decade was approved and now being executed by the Mongolian government. In the end of the 2001 40.3 thousand people were registered in employment agencies, the unemployment rate was 4.6 percent and the percentage of active workforce was 62.2 percent. To positively change these figures it is appropriate to organize different public-enrolled activities to support small and medium enterprises, cooperatives, expand possibilities for self-employment, increase availability of small credits. I believe that it will be of great help in solving pressing social problems if the Rotary Club implements an employment-supporting project.

I shared with you my observation on human development and social conditions in Mongolia, and acquaint you with the activities of the Foundation for Human Good, headed by me.

Let me note that in the future there is a wide field for cooperation with the Rotary organization.

I am confident that support of all of you will be an important contribution to be improvement social situation in our country and to the resolving of many human development issues.

I wish success to the activities of the District Conference. Thank you for your attention.

Nominating Committee for District Governor 2004-2005 (DGN) **2004-05 年度地區總監提名委員會**

The Balloting Committee for Membership of the Nominating Committee for District Governor 2004-2005 (DGN), convened and chaired by District Governor-elect Jones Wong, met on 15th October 2002 and returned the following members and alternates for the respective areas -

Area	Member	Alternate
1	Barrie Chu (Hou Kuong)	Nil
2	Joop Litmaath (Hong Kong)	Tony Wong (Happy Valley)
3	Patrick Purnell-Edwards (Quarry Bay)	John Kwok (Hong Kong Island East)
4	Sally Ho (Bayview Sunshine HK)	Ted Ho (Kingspark HK)
5	Peter Chau (Hong Kong Island West)	Johnny Fan (City Northwest HK)
6	Vito H C Lee (New Territories)	Kenneth Wong (Tai Po)
7	Daniel Lam (Kowloon)	Charles Chang (Peninsula)
8	Leung Hoo Lau (Kowloon East)	Peter Choy (Kowloon Northwest)
9	Ch. Ganbold (Ulaanbaatar) (appointed)	Nil

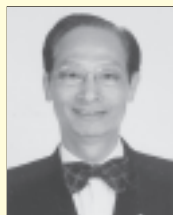
In accordance with Procedures adopted for the District for nominating DGN, these nine members elected or their respective alternates, will attend the DGN Nominating Committee meeting to be held on 6th December 2002, and together with nine Past Governors present, nominate the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve as District Governor for the year 2004-2005.

Nominations for District Governor Nominee 2004-2005 will be closed on 13 November 2002.

cc DGE Jones Wong, CDS Peter Wan (for Distribution to DMC members)

Yours Sincerely,

Gloria Chan



My Sight, My Words
Form the District Governor Elect

我見我言 - 候任區總監寄語

One quarter of the year is now over, and we have only three more quarters left to complete the many noble tasks that we have set... This is the beginning of a letter from RI President Rattukul in the October issue of ROTARIAN.

Yes, time has gone fast. Having started my duty as District Governor Elect, this is my fifth message to you. This month we had 13 DG visits with 18 clubs (a joint meeting with 2 clubs and another joint meeting with 5 clubs); 10-12 different meetings for district business; a District Rotary Foundation Seminar; a District Swimming Gala; a fund raising ball, and a 6 day / 5 night trip China Visit. Although I have been so busy with the district, I attended and participated my own club's meeting and programs for at least 3 times.

District Rotary Foundation Seminar was a good and successful one with 183 registrations. We heard many good feedbacks from new and old fellow Rotarians. There was a common and arguable question on the same subject of the hours taken for such an important seminar in Rotary, which should be sufficient time of 4 to 6 hours like this time, or 6 to 8 hours. I will have to think it over seriously in my Rotary year.

China visit started from the 8th to 13th September with some 29 Rotarians and spouses. We visited six ministries including the Ministry of Health, the United Front Work Department, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Hong Kong & Macau Affairs Office, and the All-China Youth Federation. In these official visits, we were met by the Vice-Ministers of individual ministries and departments and were received in friendly manner. During the visit with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, DG Gloria presented a cheque in HK\$100,000 to Vice-Minister Ms Jiang Li as a donation for the China Flood Disaster Relief, on behalf of District 3450. In the conversation exchanged, DG Gloria mentioned to the Ministry of Civil Affairs that Hong Kong is going to bid for the RI

2009 Hong Kong Convention and would appreciate it if the Ministry of Civil Affairs could help by writing a letter to support this rare and important event to R.I.. Vice-Minister Jiang Li was very nice and promised to do so.

When meeting with the Ministry of Health, DG Gloria explained our new project of Hepatitis B immunization in China to be launched soon and a Gala Premiere for fund raising to be held in Hong Kong on the 7th October 2002. Vice-Minister Dr. Huang Jie-Fu was invited to attend the Gala Premiere Opening Ceremony in Hong Kong. Eventually, Director General Dr. Qi Xiao Qiu, Director Wang Li-Ji of Ministry of Health, and also Vice President, Professor Wang Zhao of China Foundation for Hepatitis Prevention and Control accepted the invitation with pleasure.

Our China trip included a visit to RC Beijing (Provisional) on the 10th September at the Kempinsky Hotel Beijing and a visit to RC Shanghai (Provisional) on the 12th September at the Regal International East Asia Hotel in Shanghai. Our meetings with these two clubs were short, but we had a feeling that both clubs would very much like to attach to our District in order to enable that we can share with each other more Rotary information and more Rotary Service. And of course, both clubs are longing to the day to be officially recognized by Chinese Government as an ordinary Rotary Club in China.

Swimming Gala was another great event in the District. We had over three hundred registrations including Rotarians and their families. The day was good and the fun was there. A lot of medals and prizes were given out to the winners. This was the 3rd Swimming Gala in the District and the only time I could not get a prize because I am not young anymore.

DGE Jones

Hepatitis B Immunisation Fundraising Movie Premiere, TUXEDO

「乙型肝炎疫苗計劃」慈善籌款首映禮

The Hepatitis B Immunisation of 1 million newborn infants Project kicked off on October 7th 2002 with the Movie Premiere of the top selling movie hit, "Tuxedo" which stars the Chinese Icon Jackie Chan. The event started with a brief cocktail, the traditional signing of the movie poster with Jackie Chan, and ended with speeches from DG Gloria, Chairman of Fund-raising David Harilela, and our Guests of Honour from the Ministry of Health, China.



If a problem can be solved, at least to the best of our abilities and knowledge, then we as human beings must do nothing less than our best to provide a better and safer world for our children to live in, by protecting our children from this dreaded disease which kills off almost 280,000 people in China every year. What we achieved as individuals by buying a HK\$1,000 ticket is save 50 lives. Isn't that amazing?

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of prizes to the best dressed Gentleman and Lady in attendance. Everyone waited with bated breath to learn who the winners were. These prizes were kindly donated by Sam's Tailors (a HK\$10,000 custom-made tuxedo) and Harilela's House of Pashmina (HK\$6,000 worth of Pashminas). A further thank you goes to Holiday Inn Golden Mile who provided the accommodations for our guests of honour from China.

We were indeed lucky to have had Jackie Chan also attend this gala premiere event which was attended by the top socialites and stars of HK. The attendees list reads like a who's who and included



socialites such as:

Eunice Lam, Shirley Li, several members of the Harilela Family, Sally Lo, Perveen Crawford, Harriet Tung, Richard and Kathryn Lee, Albert Yeung just to name a few.

Stars in attendance included the Twins, Josie Ho, Mandy Chiang, Koey Wong, Kenny Kwan, Maggie Lau, Stephen Cheung, Mary Cheung (Miss Asia Pacific and star of radio), and Samantha Teoh (Miss Malaysia and an upcoming new singing star).



We almost filled up the total capacity of the 2 theatres of the HK Convention Centre and it was a profitable night for us as we raised approximately HK\$600,000 from this event alone and we had only 3 weeks to sell these tickets off. We have also received, to date, donations totaling a further HK\$600,000 approximately which includes 1 major donation of HK\$500,000 from a benevolent donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

This represents only the kickoff event as DG Gloria has asked us to come up with HK\$2 million for this cause so further work, help and donations are always welcome.

This was a supreme event in that it was an excellent high profile exposure for Rotary in HK and over 75 press people were in attendance and it was extremely difficult to get close to Jackie Chan, who had kindly agreed to attend this event to show us his support.

This successful event would never have materialized if not for my 12 (Non-Rotarian) Angels who helped me to sell over 300 tickets for this premiere and the wonderful work of my fellow Rotarians from my club, Kowloon Golden Mile and specifically I must applaud the personal efforts of Diana Chou, Neerja Sujjanani, Elissa Cohen, Tim Wong, Jane Singer, Ashok Kripalani, PP Ebe Tung and the energy and guidance from CDS Peter Wan and District Secretary Ada Cheng. Last but not least, by any means I want to personally thank all of you, my fellow Rotarians, for your kind support and attendance.

Let us all work together towards the final eradication of Hepatitis B from the shores of China and let us continue to show the world Rotary Cares enough to help make this happen.

My happiest moment of the evening was to be able to meet up and take a photograph with the 50 children from the Hong Kong Sports Association for the mentally handicapped that we had provided free tickets to for this event. Their happy faces reflected their pure and utter joy at being able to attend such an event and to be able to preview this brand new movie, and having had the opportunity to see a superstar close-up for their first time.

I remain,

Yours In Rotary,

David Harilela,
Chairman Fundraising for
Hepatitis B Immunisation Project

DG Official Visit 總監公式訪問

Area 5
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香港東北

HK Island West
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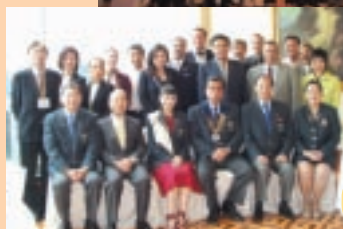


Kowloon
九龍

The Peak
大平山



HK Northwest
香港西北



Wanchai
灣仔

Up-date on Hepatitis B Project 乙型肝炎計劃最新報告

District Conference, Sunday, 20/10/2002 星期日 地區年會

Introduction

1. I have been asked to up-date you on the progress of our "Hepatitis B" District Project. You will recall that it has always been our aspiration to undertake a major District project in China that will serve the aim of:

- A. providing significant Rotary service that will have an impact on those in genuine need ;
- B. advancing the objectives of Rotary in China ;
- C. enhancing the image of Rotary and public relations.

2. It is our fervent hope that this Project will have both the scope and the sustainability to make Rotary better known in China, in the same way the Lions achieve prominence via their SightFirst project.

Events

3. The idea of such a project has been mooted for quite some time. During our previous annual District visitations, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Ministry of Health and the All China Youth Federation had all encouraged us to undertake long-term projects. The District China Committee expressed its full support to the Project proposal in September 2001, and there has been close liaison with our collaborating partner, the Ministry of Health.

4. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between our District and the Ministry of Health in Beijing on 16th April, 2002. I urge you to read the speech given by Dr. Zhang Wen-kang, Minister of Health, on this occasion which is in our website. We visited the historic Handan County in Hebei in April 2002 to assess project feasibility. We were deeply touched by what we saw. The Project was officially launched by the then District Governor Johnson Chu in May 2002. The Addendum to this MoU signed by District Governor Gloria Chan and Dr. Qi Xiao-qiu representing the Ministry of Health in Hong Kong 2 weeks ago signified a further step forward. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm that all of you have exhibited towards the Project.

5. Inspired by Polio Plus, this Project will be a wonderful opportunity for us to consolidate our effort, labour and hope. It is the culmination of the work of many dedicated Rotarians in our District. It builds on the success of a similar project enjoyed by the Rotary Club of Queensway. It will facilitate participation by Rotary clubs all over the world for a truly humanitarian cause in China, act as a springboard for



collaboration with other relevant organisations, and showcase the spirit of "Service Above Self".

Why Hepatitis B?

6. Why Hep B? The answer is that Hep B virus infection is highly endemic. Its dire consequence of cirrhosis and liver cancer are health problems of the most serious nature, and its control is vital for a healthy China. The issue is critical to world health as over 1/3 of the world's Hep B carriers are in China. Statistically, of China's population of 1.3 billion, 128 million, i.e. some 10%, are Hep B carriers. An estimated 280,000 persons die each year in China owing to Hep B related diseases. With polio having been completely eradicated in China, the Ministry of Health has placed Hep B prevention and control among its top public health priority.

7. Hep B vaccination plays a key role in prevention, especially in reducing the prevalence of chronic Hep B virus infection. China's goal is to reduce the carrier rate among the general population to 1% after two generations, mainly by means of extensive Hep B vaccination. Considerable work still has to be done. Immunization is not, however, provided entirely free of charge. The need to pay for the cost of vaccine, distribution and service fee very often has adversely affected vaccination coverage which is much lower in the poorer and remote provinces.

Approach

8. China is working very closely with many international partners for the purpose of Hep B immunization which include the World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF, World Bank, and GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines & Immunization), the Bill Gates' organisation. China is such a huge country that no single agency can do it alone. Our Hep B Project will complement on-going

activities, an example being GAVI who is covering the vast western provinces. In so doing, we are helping China to fully integrate Hep B vaccination into its Expanded Programme on Immunization.

9. The Project will be using Hep B vaccines commercially available in China and accepted by international authorities. We keep an active dialogue with GAVI's representatives in Beijing, and we compare notes very often. For our Project, we aim at maintaining a quality of vaccine and an approach to immunization similar to that adopted by GAVI taking into full consideration of cost on the one hand, and adequacy and efficiency on the other. Remember, we are talking about mass immunization! As I have indicated on many occasions, the medical aspect is the least of my concern. WHO keeps a close eye on the technical aspect, and I should like to think that if they are comfortable with the quality and methodology, we are doing fine. You will notice that in the entire Polio Plus program, RI does not put their hands into the technical aspect. As Rotarians, we create awareness, take a humanitarian stance, and provide service.

10. Our initial goal is to immunize **1 million newborn babies within 10 years**. This is a challenging goal, yet we consider it perfectly realistic and achievable. It goes without saying that without challenge, there will be no achievement.

Site Selection

11. Site selection for immunization depends on many factors. Naturally, the need in the more affluent coastal provinces is not high. Poverty level, birth rate, population density, immunization rate, availability of international support, accessibility and the organisation of the local partners are all criteria for consideration. Our intention is that after accomplishing our mission for a particular location, and leaving our Rotary legacy behind, we move on to another location. In this way, we will be able to cover many geographical locations. The Addendum I referred to earlier set out the

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criteria and goals in the implementation stage. District Governor Gloria Chan will lead a delegation to Handan to kick-off of the Project later this month.

Funds

12. As in any project, fundings are crucial and important. The rate of coverage of the Project depends on the availability of funds. We now have some HK\$1.3 million in the kitty; thanks to several major donors including IPDG Johnson Chu who took the lead. I congratulate the District Committee for the successful fund raising gala premiere, and I will thank them formally in due course after they turn in their cash. No amount is too small, and whatever you give, it will be thankfully received and very definitely faithfully applied.

Administration

13. To organise ourselves for the challenges that lie ahead, an entity entitled "CHINA SERVICES (HEPATITIS "B" IMMUNISATION) LIMITED" has been formed and legally registered in Hong Kong. Within this umbrella, there is a Council under PDG Moses Cheng which oversees things as well as an Executive Committee under myself to deal with every aspect of the Project ranging from funding, implementation, monitoring, operation, public relations all the way to evaluation, giving ample opportunities for participation by volunteers within and outside Rotary. The work of the Council and Executive Committee is likened to a marathon race, indeed a 10-year marathon. They work closely with the District Committee whose

composition is on a yearly basis in line with District appointments and the operational styles of the Governors.

Sustainability

14. I have earlier used the word "sustainability". To ensure that the Project produces the desired impact, there is a need for it to be on-going for several years. RI has no objection that a project extended beyond one Rotary year - of importance is that the time frame to plan and complete it is a reasonable one. Centennial Projects proposed in the 2002 International Assembly are to be projects starting this year in readiness for celebration of Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005. This literally allows clubs and districts a span of 2 to 3 years for project completion. District Governor-Elect Jones Wong has lent his total support to the Project, and I see no problem with his successors giving similar support in the future.

15. It is my sincere wish that you will leave this Conference with an appreciation of our united endeavour. Please keep your club members informed, and request that they do so likewise to their friends and colleagues. The word will spread, and news of the Project will be transformed into an irresistible cascade reaching all levels and corners of our community, and indeed our international community.

Thank You

16. RI President Bhichai Rattakul talks about "bottoms upwards". Yes, it is the individual Rotarian that matters. We do not need the so-called professionals in Rotary. Don't

forget - it was an amateur called Noah who built the Ark, the Titanic was built by professionals. I say this because before I conclude, I should like to thank in particular 2 persons for the Trojan effort they have rendered in initiating the Project and seeing to it that it takes shape. Past Presidents Amy Chan of Queensway & Stanley Mok of Hong Kong Sunrise deserve our respect for their visionary and pioneering effort. Both of them are only ordinary in the sense that they have never been RI officers. They are extraordinary in the way they have steered the Project forward. They are the real backbones of our District.

Bones

17. Talking about backbones, the membership of a Rotary club or district is perhaps made up of 4 kinds of bones:

The Wish Bones who spend most of their time wishing someone else would do all the work;
The Jaw Bones who do all the jawing and very little else;

The Knuckle Bones who knock everything apart and provide obstacles to progress; and

The Back Bones who get under the load, and do all the work.

Finest Hour

18. Fellow Rotarians, we are determined to make this Project a resounding success, and we know that we will be successful. I am equally certain that you will give it your fullest support. We look forward to the day when we reach the 1 million children mark; that will, I am sure, be our District's finest hour.

PDG Y.K. Cheng

Announcement of Rotary Events 扶輪活動預告

Date/Time 時間 / 日期	Events 活動名稱	Venue 場地
2002/12/19(Fri.)	Inter-City Meeting for RI President Bhichai Rattakul 國際扶輪社長埠際會議	Inter-Continental Hotel 國際洲際酒店
2003/2/22(Sat.)	District Team Training Seminar 地區領袖訓練研討會	To be announced 待定

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
2002/11/3	Ten-Pin Bowling 地區保齡球賽	New Territories 新界	Mei Foo Super Fun Bowl 美孚保齡球賽
2002/12/1,15	Tennis Tournament 地區網球賽	Tolo Harbour 吐露港	Shuk Kip Mei Park (Tennis Courts) 石硤尾公園(網球場)
2003/1/12	Sports Day 地區運動日	Kingspark Hong Kong 港京	Stanley Ho Sports Ground, HKU 香港大學何鴻燊體育中心
2003/1/18	Mahjong Competition 地區麻雀大賽	Mid-Level 半山區	World Trade Centre Club 世界貿易中心會
2003/2/23	Badminton Tournament 地區羽毛球賽	Hong Kong 香港	To be announced 待定

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Membership Attendance Report September 2002

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Area	Rotary Club of	Membership			Sep-02 Meetings	Attendance			Sep-02 District Rank	This Rotary Year	
		31-Aug-02	30-Sep-02	Change		Jul-02	Aug-02	Sep-02		District Rank	Average %
1	1 Guia	15	15	0	4	92.00%	80.00%	80.00%	4	3	84.00%
	1 Hou Kuong	18	19	1	4	79.69%	85.29%	79.17%	6	6	81.38%
	1 Macau	40	40	0	4	45.00%	41.00%	38.00%	49	47	41.33%
	1 Macau Central	26	26	0	3	77.50%	73.10%	70.50%	12	12	73.70%
	1 Macau Islands	10	10	0	4	50.00%	45.00%	45.00%	45	45	46.67%
2	2 Admiralty	35	35	0	4	63.00%	61.00%	66.00%	22	23	63.33%
	2 Happy Valley	29	29	0	4	81.67%	72.50%	68.00%	16	11	74.06%
	2 Hong Kong	135	133	-2	4	57.90%	51.80%	49.23%	42	39	52.98%
	2 Hong Kong Harbour	29	29	0	4	51.00%	69.00%	69.00%	14	24	63.00%
	2 Hong Kong Northeast	54	54	0	4	42.10%	40.00%	40.00%	47	48	40.70%
3	2 Wanchai	36	36	0	5	60.00%	58.00%	65.00%	25	28	61.00%
	3 Hong Kong Island East	41	41	0	4	53.41%	59.72%	59.03%	34	34	57.39%
	3 Hong Kong South	39	39	0	4	52.00%	64.00%	67.00%	18	28	61.00%
	3 Quarry Bay	10	9	-1	5	38.00%	35.00%	44.00%	46	49	39.00%
	3 Queensway	25	25	0	4	54.00%	54.00%	63.00%	26	35	57.00%
4	3 Victoria	29	29	0	5	49.17%	47.40%	52.00%	41	43	49.52%
	4 Bayview Sunshine HK	24	24	0	3	62.00%	66.00%	67.00%	18	21	65.00%
	4 Causeway Bay	24	24	0	4	75.00%	58.00%	67.00%	18	17	66.67%
	4 Hong Kong Bayview	19	19	0	4	86.84%	86.84%	82.89%	3	2	85.52%
	4 Hong Kong City North	20	21	1	4	91.00%	80.00%	62.00%	28	8	77.67%
5	4 Hong Kong North	32	32	0	4	60.00%	53.00%	53.00%	39	36	55.33%
	4 Kingspark HK	29	29	0	4	53.00%	50.00%	48.00%	44	42	50.33%
	5 City Northwest HK	21	21	0	4	66.00%	64.00%	66.00%	22	20	65.33%
	5 Hong Kong Island West	58	58	0	4	65.00%	66.00%	68.00%	16	18	66.33%
	5 Hong Kong Northwest	39	39	0	4	64.00%	66.00%	67.00%	18	19	65.67%
6	5 Mid-level	20	20	0	4	68.00%	71.00%	73.00%	10	14	70.67%
	5 The Peak	25	25	0	4	55.00%	56.00%	55.00%	36	36	55.33%
	6 Channel Islands	22	23	1	4	70.00%	78.00%	79.00%	7	10	75.67%
	6 Hongkong Sunrise	10	10	0	3	100.00%	92.50%	90.00%	1	1	94.17%
	6 Kwai Chung	36	36	0	4	91.43%	80.60%	79.90%	5	4	83.98%
7	6 New Territories	49	49	0	5	64.00%	58.00%	53.00%	39	30	58.33%
	6 Shatin	26	26	0	4	45.00%	40.00%	40.00%	47	46	41.67%
	6 Tai Po	25	25	0	5	55.20%	57.00%	60.00%	30	33	57.40%
	6 Tolo Harbour	44	44	0	5	82.35%	75.89%	70.59%	11	9	76.28%
	6 Tsuen Wan	31	31	0	4	72.12%	60.58%	60.50%	29	22	64.40%
8	7 Kowloon	73	73	0	4	45.00%	55.00%	55.00%	36	40	51.67%
	7 Kowloon Golden Mile	53	53	0	4	71.00%	66.00%	79.00%	7	13	72.00%
	7 Kowloon North	33	33	0	4	42.00%	45.00%	60.00%	30	44	49.00%
	7 Peninsula	29	28	-1	4	55.50%	54.46%	49.11%	43	38	53.02%
	7 Peninsula Sunrise	13	13	0	4	85.00%	82.20%	75.00%	9	7	80.73%
9	7 Tsimshatsui East	21	21	0	5	52.38%	44.05%	56.19%	35	41	50.87%
	7 Peninsula South	33	33	0	4	82.81%	81.29%	83.87%	2	5	82.66%
	8 Kowloon East	45	45	0	4	81.00%	61.00%	69.00%	14	15	70.33%
	8 Kowloon Northeast	17	18	1	4	60.29%	63.20%	62.50%	27	25	62.00%
	8 Kowloon Northwest	22	22	0	4	56.00%	56.00%	60.00%	30	27	57.33%
9	8 Kowloon West	44	44	0	4	61.11%	57.64%	54.17%	38	31	57.64%
	8 Kwun Tong	24	25	1	4	60.80%	52.73%	59.34%	33	32	57.62%
	9 Ulaanbaatar	29	29	0	4	68.20%	50.90%	65.80%	24	26	61.63%
9	9 Khuree	34	34	0	4	70.00%	70.00%	70.00%	13	16	70.00%
	Total	1595	1596	1		64.56%	61.95%	63.18%			63.23%

italic = last month report

Report on The 43rd Annual District Conference

第43屆澳門地區年會報告

Macau Tower & Convention & Entertainment Centre 澳門旅遊塔會展娛樂中心

Saturday to Sunday, 19-20 / 10 / 2002 星期六至星期日



The 43rd Annual District Conference was held on 19th and 20th October 2002 at the Macau Tower, Convention and Exhibition Centre. This was the first time for District 3450 to hold the Annual District Conference in the first half of the Rotary year as a result of the recently adopted Rotary International practice. Such arrangement aims at facilitating Rotarians to have more time to develop projects throughout the year according to the Rotary International theme and District goals.

A total of 482 persons including 304 Rotarians, 116 Rotaractors/Interactors/Rotary Scholars/GSE team members and 62 partners/guests registered for the Conference. Participants enjoyed motivating speeches, updated with Rotary information, shared experience and renewed friendship. The Conference was honored to have the presence of Past RI Director Rafael Hechanova as Rotary International President's Personal Representative. His words of wisdom and knowledge in Rotary inspired all those present. The Conference was also honored to have Dr. Chui Sai-on, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Macau Special Administrative Region and Madam Oyunbileg, First Lady of Mongolia to deliver keynote speeches.

Apart from attending the busy programme, participants also enjoyed the Pre-Conference Golf Fellowship Tournament and visited the Magdelene Elderly Centre and Macau Tower. They also had an enjoyable evening of entertainment and fellowship at the Governor's Banquet.

I would like to thank District Governor Gloria, Past District Governors and Rotary Dignitaries for their invaluable advice and guidance. I would also like to thank members of the Organizing Committee, dedicated Rotarians and all those who had made this event a success for their sterling support and enormous effort. Last but not least, I would like to thank all those who had



participated in the Conference. I am sure you all will become a better Rotarian to Sow the Seeds of Love after attending this meaningful Conference.

PP Peter Chau
District Conference Chairman

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