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**Dear Rotary Leaders,
My Presidents 2000,**

As I write this message I would like to send to you all greetings from Buenos Aires. It has indeed been exciting to attend all the different sessions of the 91st RI International Conference here in Buenos Aires. We have experienced the emotional opening session chaired by Captain Carlo Ravizza as he took time to thank his crew 2000 for all the work done during the year. The following day we heard President Elect Frank Develyn call to action his Governors as they got ready to take control of their Districts on July 1st 2000.

It was a great sight to see the many Rotary 2000 Governors in their distinctive color jackets as they stood side by side with the equally many, if not more, Action Governors in their own eye-catching jackets. The Convention has brought out in me many emotions as it emphasizes that our year together will be soon over. It has also made it clear to us that with the changing of the guard a New Rotary Year filled with hope and new visions will soon begin. Such is the uniqueness and strength of our organization. Yes, it was clear that the change of guard in our Rotary world was truly in process.

Yet it seems like only yesterday when we gathered together at our President-Elect Training Session and began our quest to lead our clubs into the new millenium. In a mere flash more than

eleven months have passed since that beginning and now within a few short weeks we will have together successfully completed this task.

As I write this my last message to you I would to thank all of you for your help and support throughout this Rotary year. I am proud of each and every one of you as have led your clubs forward through this historic year.

You have achieved much as you have taken great efforts to promote consistency and credibility in your clubs. Our year together has been historic in many ways more than one. Our District has successfully hosted our first ever-Presidential Conference. It was even more historic, as it was the first Presidential Conference held by Rotary International in this new millenium.

Our District Conference was also historic as it was the first one held in Macau as it became a special Administrative Area of China. All these historic events would not have been successful without the support of all your clubs. You have made all this possible with your strong leadership. I thank you for this.

Yet another historic event for our District has happened when the Rotary International Board approved our petition to include as of July 1st 2000 the Country of Mongolia into our District. Besides a territorial gain this decision opens up great service opportunities for us to

initiate in this impoverished area. As a start I have authorized the Rotary Foundation to release US\$5000 from our District Designated Fund towards the Disaster Relief notice issued by RI for the devastation caused by the recent severe winter in Mongolia. I am sure you will all agree with my decision.

As you all now prepare to hand-over to your president-elect I would like to once again emphasize our commitment to continuity. It is important that you give all the help necessary to these incoming presidents as they take up the challenge to lead us on to the next milestone in our District's history. There is no better way to demonstrate this support by ensuring a maximum attendance of all your club members at our District Installation on June 29th 2000. I also hope you have by now identified and properly passed the new member for induction into your club on this historic evening. Your help and support in this matter is truly appreciated by me.

In closing Renuka joins me once again in thanking all of you for your support through out the year. We look forward to many more years of fellowship and service with you. May God bless you.

Yours in Rotary,

Dipo C. Sani

Continuity

AND THE WORLD WOULD BE BETTER FOR THIS



(June 2000 Issue)

By Governor-Elect John Wan

I would like to begin with what I said at the start of my main speech last District Assembly. I said, "The Object of Rotary has not changed in the last 95 years. Great things never change: the northern star, the centre of gravity, motherhood, love of God, friendship and so on. It is the conviction that Mother Nature would not change that has encouraged ages of men and women to continue their search for knowledge, the secrets of Nature, the principles of intellectual truth, and above all, the knowledge of oneself. Similarly, it is the unchanging desire to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a worthy enterprise that has spurred generations of Rotarians in search of the best methods and processes through which they can put more Rotary into Rotarians, thereby enabling Rotary to be more relevant and useful to Mankind."

My friends, this is how I would interpret Rotary, and this is what I expect of every club and Rotarian in the District, in Hong Kong, Macau or Mongolia: to put more Rotary into Rotarians, to be relevant, and to make the world a better place in which to live, for ourselves, but more importantly, for those who need our service.

Doing good has never been easy; and the road to godliness has never been straightforward. Take cleanliness, for example, which Dickens said is next to godliness, the welfare, livelihood and health of countless poor children could be enhanced by quanta and their misery appreciably alleviated, if only each child is given access to clean water and a small bar of soap. Many Rotary clubs in Asia have been working on clean water projects and have made good progress, but there is still so much, so much more to be done.

I told you before and some of you would recall the video in which Frank Devlyn warned us that our journey with him next year would surprise us, delight us, challenge us, and even exhaust us, but above all, change us. This will be the challenge ahead, and may I add, not only for the next 12 months, but also for the rest of the lives of those who have Rotary in them. This is the Continuity I have been talking about for the last year.

Frank Devlyn has urged us to be proactive. Yes, we must be proactive. We must be proactive with membership development and extension; we must be

proactive in improving Rotary's public image, our image in the community; and we must be proactive in the use of latest information technology and the Internet.

My response is summarized in the District Goals I presented at the District Assembly. Once again, these goals are not ends in themselves. Rather, they are means to achieve Rotary's objectives, which are to develop effective clubs and to promote Rotary. Accordingly, we are planning to increase our membership number to 2001 by mid 2001, but without forsaking the high and consistent standards and quality in the membership. We are planning to provide more Rotary training so as to prepare our members to take up leadership roles beyond the club level. We are planning to encourage every member to contribute towards the Rotary Foundation. Above all, we are planning to be relevant in our community, by taking their problems head on and taking action together with them and our partners in service.

I quoted Dr. Martin Luther King at the District Assembly. Let me quote again, "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand at times of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy." Our incoming Action Presidents and Team Members will not be unaware of the challenge that lies ahead. Frank Devlyn has challenged us to create awareness and take action. He has warned us that it won't be easy. He likens it to the mission of Don Quixote seeking his impossible dream, except that Don Quixote was a man without vision. Don Quixote was not a Rotarian. Our Action Team members will be Don Quixotes with a mission to create awareness and to take action in our club, in our community and in our world, and the world would be better for this.

AG' S REPORT

HK AREA 1 (Assembled by AG Louis Thomas)

The C cubed year for Area 1 was a revelation for me, a newcomer to district responsibilities, and having not only Kowloon Golden Mile to attend but also seven other clubs led me to ask, "How on earth do DGs ever cope? Seriously though, apart from anything I might have contributed, the experience of those visits has been a most rewarding and enriching experience. They were my highlights of the year. But let's get to those of the clubs themselves. Much more exciting!

ADMIRALTY once again successfully held the Outstanding Disabled Persons Award, the eighth time in ten years, in co-operation with the Joint Council for the Physically and Mentally Disabled. This year the distinguished panel of judges selected five individuals from Hong Kong and two from China for the award. Professor Sir Harry S.Y. Fang once again acted as the Honorary Advisor. As in previous years the award presentation ceremony received much media coverage. Other *Community Service* included the Community Chest's Year of the Dragon Walk and the donation of toys to the Hans Andersen Club to help under-privileged children. Under *International Service* the Club was proud to achieved 100% attendance twice during the year - in November 1999 and May 2000. It is believed that this is a first in District 3450. These high attendance months were held in support of the Rotary Foundation, resulting in five Paul Harris Fellows. R.I. and District 3450's appeals for help for the victims of natural disasters in Taiwan, Turkey, and Mozambique were also responded to. For *Vocational Service* club members took part in the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's Confluence Dinner, sharing their personal, education and work experience with about 200 students in attendance. Under *Club Service*, 6 new members will have been inducted by the end of the Rotary year, representing a growth of 18 percent, while attendance at District functions has been high. The main fellowship this year was a dinner to celebrate the club's 11th birthday. To be both efficient and environmentally friendly in keeping members up to date the President sent weekly emails to members in place of printed newsletters making the Club, possibly, the first in the District with all members regularly using e-mail.

HONG KONG, the father of all clubs with a membership well over one hundred has had it's usual busy year, details of which could no doubt fill this letter. International Service has included 18 Paul Harris Fellows, the hosting of several GSE students from the United States who visited the club in April and arranging for a group of 30 students from Erasmus University in Holland to come to Hong Kong. Once here arrangements were made for the visiting students to meet their counterparts and the faculties of the Baptist College. Under *Community Service* the Club organised an essay competition to determine a winner to attend the Enviroschool 2000 of the Rotary Club of Lincoln New Zealand. The student will learn environmental issues and bring back a wealth of knowledge. In addition a project was undertaken with the Benevolent Concord Foundation, a Hong Kong based non profit charitable group providing relief and supplies to impoverished communities of Southern China. Still in China, funding was initiated for a video presentation of suitable rehabilitation programmes, with the objective of finding other donors for these worthwhile projects, prior to seeking a Rotary Foundation matching grant. Finally in this category the Club's International Service Award was given to Sally and Malcolm Begbie of Crossroads International, a volunteer, non profit making organisation that collects usable items to give to needy communities and countries. The Community Service fund raising Gala Premiere of the film "Toystory 2" generated much publicity for the Rotary movement. Under what could be described as *Club and International Service* PDG Dom Vessigault wrote in the Club's Quarterly Bulletin about the Council on Legislation. PE Vernon Moore drafted a proposal on attendance requirements which was approved by the Board and members, brought to the District Assembly and now await submission to the Council on Legislation. During the year Club Assemblies were held every month.

HONG KONG SOUTH had a busy year. For *International Service* a matching grant for a Madras Eye project with a Club in India is being pursued and in several months when the project is finished about 12 Paul Harris Fellows credits will have been earned. The project for Lepers in Sichuan Province is HK South's biggest multi-year activity. Their effort has already built road access, electricity and water supplies to the Leper

colony. Thanks to the President's and the Board's leadership, many *Community and Club Service* functions have been strengthened. The annual Southern District Sports Day and Sandy Bay Duchess of Kent Hospital Fair were successfully sponsored last year while the major fund raising event, Club 888, has achieved most of its target which is in excess of HK\$300,000. Several joint meetings were held with sister club Quarry Bay. The web site and bulletin have been updated regularly. The former, has been voted by the District web site as one of best in 3450. During the year efforts have been made to recruit younger members thereby hoping to lower the average age of the membership. Looking to the future, a succession plan for next year is ready.

QUARRY BAY Club can be visited day or night provided you go to their excellent web site (www.rotary.org.hk/quarry-bay). The experience is much better however if you go to their extremely comfortable meeting place in Butterfields, a Club in Taikoo Place. You can also have a look at the September issue of the Magazine by the same name, which waxes eloquently about Rotary and QB. It is therefore surprising that membership has proved a worry during the year although the distance to Quarry Bay has probably a lot to do with it. Membership development (*Club Service*) has in consequence been high on the agenda for the year with quite some success. In March the club, in conjunction with Hong Chi Association, an organization assisting mentally handicap children, and the Canadian International School Cubs participated in a tree planting activity (*Community Service*) in the Tai Mo Shan Country Park. There were about 60 children all together. This activity provided a good opportunity for the children to get together and learn more about protecting the environment. It is one of their yearly functions where the Canadian cubs (younger Boy Scouts) can get together with the Hong Chi children to foster friendship and understanding among the children. This month a collection of first aid kits is being organized for Crossroads International. These kits are currently being gathered for Uganda. This activity is in process at the time of writing and will continue for the next few weeks.

QUEENSWAY has had a very busy *International Service* year:-

- (a) continuing the Hepatitis vaccination of new born in Henan, Dai Fen (since 1994) and initiating the same in Hezeshi, a remote area of the Shang Dong Province,
- (b) phase II of the Mongolia Vaccination Project, the development of a cell culture system for making influenza vaccine (Children's opportunity grants)

(c) donation of more than a thousand children's story books to kindergardens, child care centres and children's prison via the Mongolian Red Cross to Ulaanbaatar in collaboration with Crossroad International and Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar, and

(d) a mobile clinic for earthquake victims in remote areas of Taiwan including an ambulance with equipment to treat and transport patients. Queensway are the overseas primary sponsor for the project initiated by Sister Club Fu Jung in Taipei

For *Community Service*, sponsorship has been given to set up a Cancer Patient Training programme. Regarding fund raising a Gala Premier was held in November of the film "Not One Less" and a joint May ball held with the Rotary Clubs of Happy Valley and Victoria. Both events provided excellent fellowship enjoyable and were financially very successful.

VICTORIA has seen a net increase of 5 in active membership, attendance and commitment (*Club Service*) this the year, doubtless due to the move to a bigger venue with improved facilities for visiting speakers. One should not of course omit mention of the wider selection of menu at the Island Shangrila Hotels Victoria Club. For *Community Service* the Club has gone for Continuity by participating in the Flag Day

for Ronald Macdonald Home for parents and families of chronically sick children as well as visiting the home frequently to take part in various activities. Another continued project is the support for Crossroads International, an organisation providing goods and support to refugees in Hong Kong, China and elsewhere. The Paul Harris Fellow (*International Service*) target for the year was exceeded by 33% while the joint Annual Ball with Queensway and Happy Valley was both a financial and fellowship success. Watch this space.

WANCHAI has experienced another year of remarkable progress. During the year (*International Service*) an approach was made to the Taipei Hwa Yueh Rotary Club of Taiwan with a view to setting up a sister club agreement. For *Community Service*, despite the depressed economy, the Club was able to raise over \$400,000 this year from various charity functions including a film premiere in October 1999 (The General's Daughter) and the fund raising ball in April 2000. This year's ball carried the hottest theme in town, "high-tech" and was named "Cyber Fantasia". The hard-earned donations were put to very meaningful use including disaster relief for earthquake victims in Turkey and Taiwan as well as various community and public service projects in Hong Kong and the mainland of China. Under *International Service* the largest single project to date that has been

undertaken was the donation of a new school in a remote location in Guizhou Province, China. The school is named Mengzhou Primary School and was officially opened in November 1999. The Club has given some \$100,000 to the school and a delegation from the Club visited the students there in March 2000. This year a donation was made to the St James Settlement for a rehabilitation project for the elderly in Wanchai district and to the "Family Quarterly News", a regular newspaper for the family. Total donation was about \$60,000. One of the organisations, which have been supported by the Club for many years, is the Vocational Training Council (TDC). Each year the Club sponsors and helps organise a competition amongst the students at the TDC. This year was web site design contest for hospitality students. The Club again contributed to the bursary fund of the Open University of Hong Kong to benefit prison inmates. Club members handed out cheques and and spent an afternoon talking to them.

Footnote: I should explain that most of the material above was composed for me by kind and caring Rotarians in the different clubs of Area 1. I have inputted here and there and of course had to alter the wording for conformity of presentation and to make it sound as if it was coming from me. If you look closely you might see a few bits I overlooked. LFT.

HK AREA 2 (Assembled by AG Lawrence Lam)

There has been a marked loss of the Rotarian membership in recent years. Besides attributing the loss to the bad economy and emigration, the noticeable decline of membership participation and the lack of enthusiasm among members is also a major contributing factor that cannot be underestimated. My personal observation is that owing to the whittling down of fellowship functions and the lack of comprehensiveness in Rotarian services in some Clubs, their

members no longer view with pride the fact that they are Rotarians. Some felt that anyone with an I.D. card just walk in and become a Rotarian and this has exacerbated the member loss problem.

To bring back the sense of belonging and spirit of fellowship among members with a hope that the Rotary fellowship may be further extended to members' families, the community services that Rotary Clubs

participate in must be such that would make their members feel proud to be a Rotarian. Second, one must not ignore the importance of continuing Rotarian education and communication among inter-club and inter-club Rotarians. My feeling is that if Rotarian rules and regulations are continued to be loosely enforced special for these new Rotarians, the Rotary system of order will further deteriorate and crumble. To maintain the high standard of Rotary, fellowship, service and education will take the most important rule.

My responsibility is to cover Seven Clubs in Kowloon Area 1.

The Clubs have strong leadership with steady and healthy membership growth, goods fellowship, strong ties with Sister Clubs and Active Participation in District Functions.

Six Rotary Clubs have already set up websites. The seventh one will be set up before

KLN. AREA 1 (Assembled by AG Larry Parmanad)

the end of this Rotary year. This means that all the Rotary Clubs in Area 1 have their own websites. This is a great achievement.

Talking of achievements, the Rotary Club of Peninsula South has achieved over 89% attendance in our District, making them the

Number One Club in Attendance.

I like to thank all the Presidents and Office Bearers for their assistance and contribution.

I have had a great time sharing Rotary with them.



Clubs within Kowloon Area II have had a fruitful year and accomplished most of the targets set earlier in the beginning of this Rotary year. Many community services involved local as well as China projects. District events were actively participated. Fellowship activities were even countless. As a brief summary, only those major service events and District involvement within this area were listed as follows:-

1. Rotary Club of Kowloon East

- Co-host the District Mahjong Competition on January 15, 2000 in World Trade Centre, Causeway Bay
- PDG Raymond Wong chaired the Presidential Conference 2000 Hong Kong on February 25-27, 2000 at the Regent Hotel
- Donated HK\$30,000 to Airport Fire Service Department to recognize their brave act in rescuing the crashed China Airline plane in Chek Lap Kok Airport
- Disaster relief to Turkey, Taiwan, China and Study Grants to many schools in China
- Donated 32 computers to The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers

2. Rotary Club of Kowloon West

- Co-host the District Mahjong Competition on January 15, 2000 in World Trade Centre, Causeway Bay
- "Chinese New Year Fun Fair for the Elderly" on March 5, 2000 at Yau Kam Yuen Secondary

KLN. AREA 2 (Assembled by AG Fong Ping Ching)

School, City One, Shatin. Over 100 elderly enjoyed a day of games, buffet lunch, shows (singing, play, karate) and gifts presentation.

- Sponsored "Kowloon West District Health Committee's Primary School Pupil Drawing Competition - Live on Healthy Diet"

3. Rotary Club of Kowloon Northeast

- Donation to two primary schools in Guilin, China for maintenance and furnishing of school premises.
- Co-organized a health information seminar for new immigrants from China in which health professionals were invited to educate them about nutrition and disease prevention. Simple urine test and blood pressure measurement were provided.
- A full Cantonese opera singing contest was organized for the elderly community.
- Sponsored a scheme for awarding outstanding graduates of Council for Training of worker in Construction Industry
- Overall champion in District Basket Ball Tournament and overall 1st Runners up in District Sports Day

4. Rotary Club of Kowloon Northwest

- Hosted District Basketball Tournament at the Western Sports Hall on April 16, 2000

- Sponsored Rotaract Club in the "Walkathon atop The Centre"
- Career dinner talk to students in the Hong Kong Science and Technology University in November 1000

5. Rotary Club of Kwun Tong

- Donated a service van worth HK\$300,000 to Haven of Hope Hospital in Tseng Kwan O.
- Co-hosted the 40th District Assembly with Rotary Club of Peninsula South at the Hotel Miramar on May 6, 2000
- With the help of sister clubs in Philippines and Japan, sponsored opening of drinking wells in Philippines.

6. Rotary Club of Kingspark HK

- Joint research project with HK City University coded "Controlling Domestic Violence and Wife Abuse in HK"
- Joint project with sister club in Thailand in providing artificial legs to patients in Thailand
- Vocational service to the Hong Kong Children's Spina Bifida Support Group in providing auditing and law consultancy.
- Organized the President Elect Training Seminar for the incoming Presidents and Secretaries in Hotel Miramar.

NEW TERRITORIES (Assembled by AG Kenneth Chow)

To begin with the summary on the achievements made by the clubs in N T Area, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Presidents for their co-operation rendered to me during the year of "Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity".

The achievements made clearly symbolized the support from club members to the Presidents and District 3450 was enormous.

In general, the achievements accomplished by N T Area can be summarized as below.

Attendance

In average, Shatin gave the best performance. District Ranking position was within the top 10th.

Membership Growth

Highest members inducted in NT Area

Tai Po

Unfortunately, the NT Area achieved the highest membership loss in the District.

District Events

Rotary Foundation Seminar (September 1999)

59 registration

Presidential Conference (February 2000)

56 pre-registrants

District Conference (April 2000)

97 registration

Membership Development Intercity Meeting

80 registration

District Appointments as Host Club

Rotary Foundation Seminar (September 2000)

New Territories

Tree Planting & Fund Raising Walkathon

N T Area

RYLA

Tolo Harbour

Badminton Tournament

New Territories

Bowling Tournament

Channel Islands

Table Tennis Tournament

Tsuen Wan

District Achievement

Best China Project

Hong Kong Sunrise

Cultural Award

Tolo Harbour

District Sports Day

Tai Po - Overall Champion

Claire Mak - Ladies Overall Champion

N T Area - Inter-area Champion

Basketball Tournament

Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Chung - 1st Runner-up

Bowling Tournament

Channel Islands - Overall Champion

Golf Tournament

Rtn. S Tensaka (Tai Po) - 1st Runner-up

PP Ricky Wong (N T) - 2nd Runner-up

Rtn. Ronald Leung (NT) - nearest the pin

Badminton Tournament

N T - Overall Champion

Rtn. Peter Ho - Men's Single Champion

Rtn. Peter Ho/ Jerry Cheung - Double Champion

Football Tournament

Tolo Harbour - 2nd Runner-up

Tree Planting

N T Area - highest registration area

Rotary Foundation Contribution

Paul Harris Fellow 39

Benefactor 2

Sustaining members 15

All Rotary Clubs in N T Area contributed

Presidential Citation

All clubs submitted the Citation Certificate to DG Dipo Sani before closing deadline.

Fellowship Activities

- Golf Tournament and Tennis Tournament sponsored by AG Kenneth Chow were held in September 1999.

- Football match of the Dream Team comprised of Rotarians from NT Area vs. Kowloon Area II.

Joint Activities/ Service Project

- Joint President Installation on 5th July, 1999 at the Great Eagle Hotel.
- Project X - Tuen Mun Anti-Juvenile Delinquency. Volunteers are students from the Lingnan University.
- Youth Jamboree - All Clubs supported the project by contribution of HK\$3000.00 to sponsor the tents bearing the Rotary Logo.
- Vocational Expo on 14th May, 2000.

To conclude my report, I wish all the Rotary Clubs in N T Area continue to grow with success and prosperity in fellowship and service.



"CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS"



WINNERS OF THE "WEB SITE CREATION COMPETITION" - A ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.



WINNERS OF THE "OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS AWARD 2000" - A ROTARY CLUB OF ADMIRALTY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.



GROUP PHOTO OF THE JUDGES AND WINNERS OF THE OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS AWARD COMPETITION.



OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS AWARDEES AT THE AWARD PRESENTING CEREMONY NEWS CONFERENCE.



MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE RE-HABILITATION SERVICE BUS TO THE HEAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE.



PICTURE OF THE RE-HABILITATION SERVICE BUS PRESENTED - A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG.

"OFFICIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION VISIT TO BEIJING - MAY 18TH-20TH 2000"



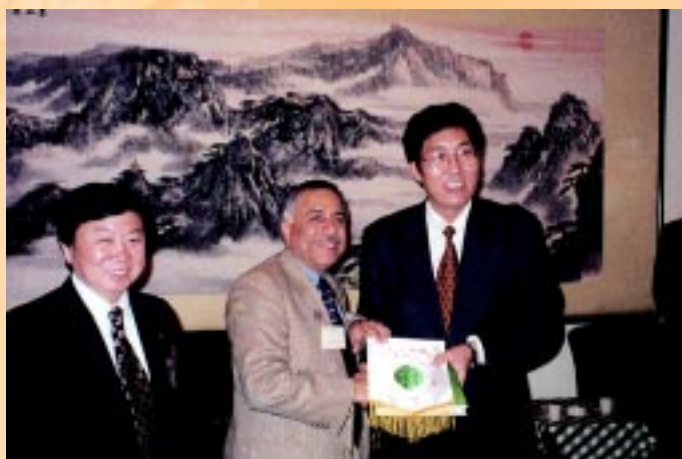
SOUVENIOR PRESENTATION TO VICE MINISTER XU RUIXING OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS IN BEIJING.



DELEGATION GATHERS TOGETHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS.



OUR DISTRICT LEADERS HEADING UP OUR DISTRICT DELEGATION - PP STANLEY MOK; DGN JOHNSON CHU; DGE JOHN WAN; PDG MOSES CHENG AND PDG Y.K. CHENG.



DG DIPO SANI AND DGE JOHN WAN ACCEPTING SOUVENIOR FROM BAYIN CHAOLU, PRESIDENT OF THE ALL-CHINA YOUTH FEDERATION.



OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO OF DELEGATION WITH BAYIN CHAOLU, PRESIDENT OF THE ALL-CHINA YOUTH FEDERATION.



OUR GROUP BEING HOSTED BY ZHANG TINGHAN, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE UNITED FRONT WORK DEPARTMENT OF THE CPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

GSE Team Leader for NJ District 7470

Dear DG Dipo, and all Club Presidents,

Hi, this is your Indiana Jones again, the GSE Team Leader for N.J. District 7470, this year 1999/2000.

I am very pleased to give you a report of my mission as a GSE Team represented our District

We had altogether 12 different club meeting all joined with 4 to 6 Rotary clubs within their own area, and 15 vocational days and a 3-day district conference held in Hershey of Philadelphia. The Rotary meetings were held in different restaurants in their designated areas within District 7470, Northern New Jersey. The attendance in every

30-minute talk with slide show background introducing to the floor all about the past, the present and the future of Hong Kong and Macau and once again we received a very good response by the hundreds of audience in the conference. Thanks to the 4 team members who worked very hard to achieve all the successes.



GSE Team visited N.J. photo taken with District Governor Bradley Jenkins of District 7470, GSE members: Yasmin, Gary, Siritina, PP Jones, & Albert

3450 Hong Kong & Macau to District 7470 New Jersey USA. The entire mission was for one month from April 26 to May 26, and the whole team was consisting of 4 non-rotarian members and 1 rotarian team leader.

We, the team member Yasmin from Macau, Siritina, Albert, and Gary all from Hong Kong, and myself Indiana Jones, departed Hong Kong on April 26, by EVA airways FT.852 to Taipei and transferred to FT32 arrived Newark Airport at late evening the same day. We were immediately welcomed by District Governor Bradley Jenkins together with 3 host families who took us all back to their houses separately with a lot of greeting. Everybody of us felt so relieved after having a long flight of over 20 hours from Hong Kong to New Jersey. We were now staying in our new homes in a new country for a period of 30 days.

The first club meeting was combined with a welcome dinner hosted by 5 Rotary Clubs with over 60 members participated at a nice restaurant on April 27, immediately the next day of our arrival. All fellow Rotarians including their DG, PDG, and PPs and many with spouses were very friendly and nice to us. This evening was the first time for us all the 5 to start our presentations which we have well prepared and trained by our previous and experienced GSE subcommittee advisors. From the reaction of all those on the floor, we felt we were successful.

meeting was quite satisfactory to us and to their own clubs. The turn up was about 40, 50, 60 to 70 members in some meeting. This would encourage us the visitors to do a better job on our presentation and we did.

The vocational visits were including New York stock exchange head office, Edison Laboratory & Museum, Caldwell Municipal House, Montclair State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Seton Hall University, WRNJ Radio Station, Police Stations, Warren County Planning & Engineering, Seeing Eye Campus (Dogs Trained To Help Blind Persons), U.S. Golf Association, Warren County Community College, Grane's Mill Lifecare Retirement Community, The Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research & Education Corp., and many many more.

The 43rd Annual District 7470 Conference was held in Hershey on May 18 - 21, 2000. As a GSE Team Leader, I was requested to speak to the Conference all about and around "Group Study Exchange" Program in Rotary Foundation and I did it with big applause on the floor on the first day. On the second day of conference, the whole GSE Team presented a

The farewell dinner was held on May 23 the day before our departure. Over 60 fellow Rotarians including DG Brad, RI Director Robert A. Coultas and spouse, PDG Richard Wallace, PDG Sven Johnson, PDG Richard Drukker, PDG George Kaiser, and PDG George Mitola, and many past and current presidents with their spouses, came to say good-bye to us. When we presented our "Last Talk" individually with tears in our eyes, all the host families came forward with big hugs wishing us all safely home and keeping goodwills both in Rotary and friendship.

As in my speech in the farewell dinner, we thank the Rotary foundation giving us this great program to giving us this opportunity to bridge up the two different culture from two different countries. We also thank our two different district governors, DG Dipo Sani of District 3450, and DG Bradley Jenkins of District 7470, who paired the two of our Districts with a good and wonderful choice. We would not forget to thank all the Rotarians and host families, and many volunteers who got involved with the whole program, both in Hong Kong & Macau, and in New Jersey. The mission is hard, but not so hard. The mission is easy, but not so easy. But we all enjoy it from the bottom of our hearts.

Once in a life time, GSE program is a great one! Please support it and act with consistency, credibility, and continuity.

PP Jones Wong
GSE to N.J. 1999/2000
Chairman & Team Leader

P.S. Any club wants to hear GSE Team Members' Report of the trip, please contact Team Leader PP Jones by phone 94921190 or by fax 23885173 to arrange meeting time.



GSE Team of Rotary Club of Newton, N.J. meeting, May 10, 2000. Left to right: Team Leader PP Jones, Member Yasmin, Siritina, Presidents of R.C. Newton Pres. Tom Brodhecker, Gary & Albert.

OUTSTANDING DISABLED PERSONS AWARD 2000

The Outstanding Disabled Persons Award (ODPA) is a community service project organised by the Rotary of Club of Admiralty, jointly with the Joint Council for the Physically & Mentally Disabled. The objectives of the ODPA are:-

1. to give formal recognition to disabled persons who have not only shown outstanding efforts in overcoming their own disabilities, but have demonstrated distinguished contribution and commitment to the community;
2. to raise the community's awareness of the contribution of disabled persons;
3. to provide incentives to disabled persons to seek further advancement in the areas of personal achievement and public service.

This is the eighth time this project has been held, since its inception in 1990. This year, we were very honoured to have the following persons forming our panel of judges:-

The Hon. Ms. Elsie Leung, JP - *Secretary for Justice, HKSAR Government*

The Hon. Miss Christine Loh - *Legislative Councillor*

The Hon. Mr. Bernard Chan - *Legislative Councillor; Deputy Managing Director, Asia Financial Group*

Mr. Benny W.L. Cheung, MBE - *Management Committee Member, Joint Council for the Physically & Mentally Disabled*

Mr. Dipo Sani - *District Governor 1999/2000, Rotary International, District 3450*

Mr. Herman Hu - *Charter President, Rotary Club of Admiralty*

Mr. Tony Choi - *President 1999/2000, Rotary Club of Admiralty*

Prof. Sir Harry S.Y. Fang, Chairman of the Joint Council for the Physically & Mentally Disabled, once again acted as the Honorary Advisor of the ODPA 2000. He conceived this project with Admiralty's Past President Peter Pun, and has been a staunch supporter ever since.

Close to eight hundred nomination forms were sent to various organisations and self-help groups registered with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, with nomination deadline set on April 25, 2000. The judges met on May 5 and selected five worthy Hong Kong individuals to receive the ODPA 2000 awards. Two individuals from China were selected by the China Disabled Persons' Federation.

The award presentation ceremony was held over a lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Admiralty at the Furama Hotel on May 26, followed by a press conference. The lunch was well attended by many Rotarians, distinguished guests, the winners and their families and friends. Many reporters were also present to cover the event enthusiastically. Each award recipient received a trophy, a certificate of merit, and HK\$10,000.

Charter President Herman and President Tony will be presenting the awards to the two PRC winners on June 17 in Beijing. Representatives of the China Disabled Persons' Federation, government officials from various Ministries, the HKSAR office in Beijing, Hong Kong & Macau Office, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong's Beijing Fellowship Group, and members of the press will all be invited to attend the ceremony.

The Rotary Club of Admiralty would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the judges, the Joint Council for the Physically & Mentally Disabled, China Disabled Persons' Federation, DG Dipo, District 3450 and all district officers, Past District Governors and other Rotary Club Presidents for their invaluable support and guidance throughout.

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於五月廿日，列位嘉賓及社友們，在百忙中抽暇出席靈實協會之復康巴士移交儀式。其後更參觀該會轄下之老人中心(胡平頤養園)及影相留念。

儀式完畢，其中有33位嘉賓接受邀請，參加林芬前社長安排之「深珠澳」兩天遊，景點與眾不同，享用團餐，略具特色。惟恐旅遊途中招待不週，敬希原諒。是次團費一切開支，均由本社七位社友贊助，故此團費全免。

此次旅遊，隨得各位嘉賓熱誠參與外，更蒙各嘉賓大力支持，途中再次樂捐善款，所得善款將撥交觀塘區基督教勵行會，購買一輛日產25座位私家牌「流動穿梭巴士」，將為再培訓職業服務之失業人士及新移民家庭成員到中心學習服務之用，該車約值三十六萬元。是次認捐行動經已全部完滿結束，功德無量，堪以告慰。本年八月初，此小巴將舉行獻車儀式。



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靈實協會胡平頤養院門前留影

Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West

1999 - 2000 Website Creation Competition

By Allan Aw,
Director & Community Service Chairman

On May 27, 2000 at 10:00 am, we were honoured to have D. G. Diplo Sani join us for the Website Creation Competition Awarding Ceremony, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West. During this exciting occasion, we were very pleased to meet the Headmaster and Technology Co-Ordinator of the Hong Kong International School, namely Dr. Jim Handrich and Mr. David Elliott respectively, the Assistant Principal and Computer Instructor of the St. Stephen's Girls' College, namely Mrs. Margaret Chan and Mr. Mak Yiu Kuen respectively, and the IT Director of Marymount Secondary School, Mrs. Shirley Fu. They had all come to demonstrate their support for our project, which they all agreed is truly meaningful and consistent with the global trends of the New Economy. We were also particularly grateful that the two judges, Ms. Judy Lau from Chinadotcom Ventures Ltd. and Dr. Richard Chen of the City University of Hong Kong, were able to join us in spite of their busy schedules. Finally, we had the student participants from the four Schools, namely Hong Kong International School, Lingnan Secondary School, Marymount Secondary School, and St. Stephen's Girls' College. Fellow Rotarians from our Club were also

there to demonstrate their support for this Community Service Project.

We began the Ceremony with Rotarian Allen Au acting as the Master of Ceremony and introducing all the important guests and judges. Next our President Christopher Leong explained to our guests the background of this Community Service project as follows:

"The concept of the Website Creation Competition was really an idea that some of us Rotarians under Community Service had started to consider back in August last year. To further explore the viability of this concept, we met with Dr. Jim Handrich and Mr. David Elliott. It was really through that particular meeting that we had decided to go ahead to sponsor this Website Creation Competition. The intention behind this competition is threefold. First, we wanted to raise the level of awareness in the Hong Kong community that we are now indeed in the New Economy and we all need to know more about the internet and how this can affect our daily lives. Second, we also wanted to have the opportunity to help teach students more about the internet, especially how to create a website. Third, through this competition, we wanted the students to utilize what they

have learned to help non-profit organizations that lack the resources to develop their websites to have their own websites. Through this project, we believe, in many ways, we have achieved all of these objectives, and our Club will continue to organize this meaningful project next year."

President Chris went on to thank all the participants, and in particular to the Hong Kong International School for being a most gracious host in accommodating the students to attend the Website Development Training Classes sponsored by our Club, and in providing them with the necessary computer hardware as well as classroom space.

The highlight of the event was the prize presentation, with the winning school, St. Stephen's Girls' College representative very capably explaining to us the background of their Website creation process. Indeed they were most creative and diligent in their effort and deserved to be the winner of this competition. As for the other student participants, we say that it is not so much who is the winner but the spirit behind the participation that matters most. We are indeed grateful to everyone's support and involvement.

ROTARY 2000

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DATES

JUNE 29TH 2000

DISTRICT INSTALLATION
GALA DINNER

VENUE-HK CONVENTION CENTRE.

RI DISTRICT 3450 - MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE REPORT 4-2000

Rotary Club of	Code	Area	Membership			Apr-00	Attendance			Apr-00	This Year		
			1-Jul-99	Apr-00	Change	Meetings	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	District Rank	Accum %	District Rank	Average %
Admiralty	1	HK1	31	38	7	3	44.00%	44.00%	44.00%	46	524.00%	45	52.40%
Hong Kong	2	HK1	156	163	7	3	58.00%	61.00%	56.00%	36	671.00%	14	67.10%
Hong Kong South	3	HK1	41	42	1	4	67.40%	68.00%	59.00%	28	672.70%	13	67.27%
Quarry Bay	4	HK1	18	13	-5	3	38.50%	42.30%	28.00%	48	433.47%	48	43.35%
Queensway	5	HK1	29	27	-2	4	55.20%	54.04%	56.48%	35	519.96%	46	52.00%
Victoria	6	HK1	32	33	1	3	54.44%	55.30%	53.54%	39	569.09%	39	56.91%
Wanchai	7	HK1	32	35	3	3	68.00%	69.00%	70.00%	12	707.50%	6	70.75%
Bayview Sunshine HK	8	HK2	23	23	0	4	60.20%	48.00%	64.00%	21	540.09%	44	54.01%
Causeway Bay	9	HK2	34	33	-1	3	54.00%	63.00%	54.00%	37	576.86%	36	57.69%
Happy Valley	10	HK2	35	33	-2	3	51.00%	51.00%	61.00%	27	560.75%	43	56.08%
Hong Kong Bayview	11	HK2	26	21	-5	4	66.46%	67.80%	53.70%	38	634.63%	25	63.46%
Hong Kong Harbour	12	HK2	35	36	1	4	55.00%	85.00%	50.00%	43	593.25%	33	59.33%
Hong Kong Island East	13	HK2	50	49	-1	3	51.92%	62.06%	50.68%	41	563.88%	42	56.39%
Hong Kong Northeast	14	HK2	60	57	-3	3	48.00%	45.00%	42.00%	47	525.70%	35	58.41%
City Northwest HK	15	HK3	28	27	-1	4	65.00%	68.00%	64.00%	20	640.30%	21	64.03%
Hong Kong City North	16	HK3	21	21	0	3	51.00%	57.00%	57.00%	34	611.90%	28	61.19%
Hong Kong Island West	17	HK3	56	59	3	3	58.00%	64.00%	65.00%	18	662.00%	15	66.20%
Hong Kong North	18	HK3	30	31	1	4	54.70%	59.04%	58.75%	30	593.89%	31	59.39%
Hong Kong Northwest	19	HK3	40	41	1	3	62.00%	67.00%	67.50%	15	648.00%	18	64.80%
Mid-level	20	HK3	31	28	-3	4	64.00%	65.00%	63.50%	22	626.50%	27	62.65%
The Peak	21	HK3	34	33	-1	3	58.00%	62.00%	58.00%	32	568.00%	40	56.80%
Kowloon	22	KLN1	75	74	-1	4	62.00%	67.00%	62.00%	25	645.00%	19	64.50%
Kowloon Golden Mile	23	KLN1	54	55	1	4	70.00%	75.00%	62.75%	24	636.00%	23	63.60%
Kowloon North	24	KLN1	26	31	5	3	54.00%	62.00%	47.00%	44	573.80%	38	57.38%
Peninsula	25	KLN1	28	32	4	3	47.50%	62.50%	77.08%	5	604.59%	29	60.46%
Peninsula South	26	KLN1	28	32	4	4	91.34%	93.13%	83.59%	3	885.58%	1	88.56%
Peninsula Sunrise	27	KLN1	16	13	-3	4	68.50%	71.44%	66.45%	16	724.55%	5	72.46%
Tsimshatsui East	28	KLN1	23	22	-1	3	100.00%	67.05%	93.94%	1	738.54%	4	73.85%
Kingspark HK	29	KLN2	24	29	5	4	81.36%	81.38%	68.96%	13	766.17%	2	76.62%
Kowloon East	30	KLN2	55	53	-2	3	70.00%	71.00%	71.00%	8	706.00%	7	70.60%
Kowloon Northeast	31	KLN2	27	25	-2	3	65.30%	64.64%	61.00%	26	635.59%	24	63.56%
Kowloon Northwest	32	KLN2	21	29	8	4	61.10%	61.40%	58.25%	31	637.90%	22	63.79%
Kowloon West	33	KLN2	41	43	2	4	72.55%	57.06%	70.59%	10	644.60%	20	64.46%
Kwun Tong	34	KLN2	19	19	0	4	36.84%	40.00%	44.74%	45	460.32%	47	46.03%
Channel Islands	35	NT	32	27	-5	3	64.00%	72.00%	68.00%	14	649.60%	17	64.96%
Hongkong Sunrise	36	NT	22	19	-3	3	65.28%	82.61%	83.93%	2	673.81%	12	67.38%
Kwai Chung	37	NT	34	34	0	4	62.43%	74.63%	70.48%	11	602.47%	30	60.25%
New Territories	38	NT	63	52	-11	3	65.00%	57.80%	50.00%	42	593.80%	32	59.38%
Shatin	39	NT	27	26	-1	4	64.00%	76.00%	63.00%	23	695.65%	8	69.57%
Tai Po	40	NT	30	32	2	3	51.51%	58.33%	57.00%	33	564.54%	41	56.45%
Tolo Harbour	41	NT	27	29	2	2	75.00%	72.32%	72.23%	6	694.66%	9	69.47%
Tsuen Wan	42	NT	36	36	0	3	76.00%	57.80%	65.62%	17	629.26%	26	62.93%
Amagao	43	Macau	14	17	3	3	73.53%	73.53%	58.82%	29	651.75%	16	65.18%
Guia	44	Macau	18	16	-2	3	54.00%	54.00%	72.00%	7	575.40%	37	57.54%
Hou Kuong	45	Macau	21	27	6	3	63.00%	82.67%	82.67%	4	762.54%	3	76.25%
Macau	46	Macau	40	45	5	4	62.80%	77.50%	52.70%	40	589.35%	34	58.94%
Macau Central	47	Macau	30	29	-1	4	58.93%	65.00%	64.00%	19	692.90%	10	69.29%
Macau Islands	48	Macau	12	13	1	5	61.20%	61.60%	70.80%	9	691.10%	11	69.11%
Total / Average:			1685	1702	17	165	61.71%	64.52%	61.97%		628.52%		62.97%

"91ST ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - BUENOS AIRES"



DG DIPO SANI AND RI PRESIDENT CARLO RAVIZZA - BOTH SMILING AND LOOKING RELAXED.



PAST PRESIDENT RAJU DASWANI AND DG DIPO SANI WITH INCOMING RI PRESIDENT FRANK DEVLIN ALL WEARING THIS YEAR'S JACKET PROMOTING CONTINUITY AT THE RI CONVENTION.



FURTHER CONTINUITY - DG DIPO SANI AND PP RAJU DASWANI WITH RI PRESIDENT NOMINEE (2001-2002) RICHARD KING AT THE BUENOS AIRES CONVENTION.



PDG JASON YEUNG AND FORMER FIRST LADY REBECCA COVERING THEIR SERVICES BOOTH PROMOTING "CHILDREN AT RISK" AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - BUENOS AIRES



MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 3450 DELEGATION ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP AT THE CONVENTION IN BUENOS AIRES.



ATTENDING THE ZONE 4, 5, 6 AND 7 FELLOWSHIP "ARGENTINA TANGO BREAKFAST".



PDG JASON YEUNG; PDG PETER HALL; MRS. REBECCA YEUNG; MRS. GARY HWANG; DG DIPO SANI; MRS. RICK KING; RI PRESIDENT NOMINEE RICK KING; INCOMING RI DIRECTOR GARY HWANG AT THE BREAKFAST.