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Governor's Message



The 2003-2004 Rotary Foundation Annual Report shows that the financial position of the Foundation has got back to a healthy state for the second consecutive year with an increased surplus of US\$77M compared to US\$27M in 2002-2003. Non-polio related annual program contributions also showed a significant increase from US\$56M to US\$71M. Same as last year, roughly 1/3 of the expenditures go to humanitarian grants, 1/3 to education programs and the balance to Polio Plus.

In our District, we have allocated roughly 50% of our District Designated Fund (DDF) to Scholarships and 50% to District Simplified Grants and Matching Grant Sponsored Portions, so our utilization of our DDF falls very much in line with the expenditure pattern of The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

I have received some criticisms from Rotarians as to why we spent so much money on scholarships. I submit that this money is well spent, having regard to its success in developing future leaders for our society. If we compare the caliber of a scholar before and after his scholarship study, we will notice that it is considerably enhanced through the ambassadorial role undertaken by him doing his overseas studies. In fact, it is this ambassadorial exposure that changes our scholars and makes our scholarships different from the other scholarships.

In this connection, I recall the casual remark by a fellow Rotarian that HK\$19M spent by us on scholarships over the past ten years is peanuts compared to those offered by other institutions. I hope that the views of this Rotarian will change if he takes into account the cost incurred by us for each scholar in providing the invaluable time and efforts of the Sponsoring Counsellor to guide him before he goes overseas and that of the overseas Host Counsellor to take care of him during his studies and to make sure that he receives

the maximum exposure to both the Rotarian and the Non-Rotarian environment in the foreign country, through the many speaking assignments and participation in Rotary activities arranged for him.

As an example, I believe that we still recall seeing the excellent article written by Hanny Wan on our tsunami efforts that was published in the Rotary News Basket of the RI web-site. Hanny Wan is only a scholar who completed her studies this year, but the quality of her article matches that of a professional journalist. Indeed, during our interview of Mrs. Fanny Law, Permanent Secretary for the Bureau of Education and Manpower, she received a lot of compliments from Mrs. Law for her brightness and presentability.

In this connection, I am sorry to advise that our World Peace Scholar for this year had failed to get a pass mark in the TOEFL examination and hence had to relinquish the scholarship. This is a great pity, since this is the first of such scholarships we managed to get after two years of unsuccessful nominations to the Rotary Foundation. May be in the future, we need to make sure that our Mongolian candidates have the capability of passing this English examination before nominating them to the Foundation - something we can think about.

I hope that you are also convinced of the value of our GSE program when you see the high quality of our GSE team members going to Perth this year. For example, one of their team members, Reddy Leong from Macao, initiated and helped in the collection of 500 tons of daily necessities including water from the Macao public and shipping the same to the tsunami victims in Indonesia, with the help of Indonesian Rotarians identified by her through her Rotaract network! Needless to say, this program is a valuable tool in enhancing the relationship between the two exchanging districts, let alone in the training of the team participants and in sourcing new Rotarians for us.

On the humanitarian programs, although we succeeded in approving 18 district simplified grant projects with a total outlay of US\$47,350, we did not manage to use much of the US\$50,000 of our DDF which we set aside for the purpose of supporting the matching grant projects of our clubs. Let us hope that these applications are on the way to us, so that we do not have to use all this money to support the matching grant projects of other districts, as we have often done in the past.

Talking about matching grants, I would like to take this opportunity to compliment our six Mongolian clubs for their big matching grant project to provide in South Gobi a windbreak forest belt to combat dust storms coming from the Gobi. Other than the grant from TRF, this US\$360,000 project is mainly funded by contributions from the Rotary clubs in all the 17

districts in South Korea. The project will culminate in May 2005 when a group of about 200 Korean Rotarians will travel to South Gobi to help our Mongolian Rotarians to plant the 100,000 young trees. This is very well done indeed, my fellow Mongolian Rotarians, but I am afraid that you have set a very hard example for our other Rotarians to follow.

Still on the subject of the Foundation, I hope that you will agree that this is a very exciting year for the District, with so many VIPs coming to visit us from this great charity. In August, we had Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Alfredo Pretoni. Then, in March, Rotary Foundation Trustee Theodore Griley will grace our district conference in his capacity as the RI President's Personal Representative; and this is not enough; through the help of PDG Dipo Sani, Rotary Foundation Chairman Carlo Ravizza has also agreed to pay us a visit in May. How I wished that we can return the favor of his visit with an announcement that all our Rotarians in the district have contributed at least US\$100 to the Foundation this year!

Talking about fund-raising for the Foundation, I would like to compliment PP Kenneth Chow for his great Foundation presentations made to clubs. I attended one of these presentations and was amazed that it led to an amount of more than \$30,000 being raised for the Foundation that evening.

Moreover, few will know that ten Rotarians/clubs from our district have contributed amounts varying from US\$25,000 to US\$500,000 to the Foundation in the form of endowed funds to date. The earnings of five of these funds are applied to our SHARE and thus end up as part of our DDF every year. The earnings of two of them are used for ambassadorial scholarships, whereas those of the remaining three are for support of the World Fund.

During some of my private visits to the clubs, I received many requests from clubs to give them more interesting Foundation seminars. As a result of this, we held two Foundation seminars this year, one in Hong Kong and one in Macau, in the form of small discussion groups. I am happy to report that the Rotarians who participated in these seminars found them interesting and very productive.

Since the Foundation is a very important part of Rotary, I hope that we can escalate our support to this great charity through more active participation in its programs and also bigger financial contributions to support its very worthwhile humanitarian and educational programs.

Alexander Mak,
District Governor.

The District 3450 of Rotary International provides support to the humanitarian services of 53 Rotary clubs: 42 clubs in Hong Kong SAR, 5 clubs in Macao SAR, 2 provisional clubs in Shanghai and Beijing respectively, and 6 clubs in the country of Mongolia. More information may be found on Website: www.Rotary3450.org. This Governor's Monthly Bulletin is for internal circulation to members only and is not for sale. It is published by the Information Coordination Group. Any enquiry, comment, proposal, suggestion, contribution, or contrast to the contents are welcome by the Managing Editor, WONG Chi Foon 黃智寬 (Tolo Harbour), Tel: (852) 9866 1696 / Email: cfwong@chinatone.net.



Peter Wan
尹錦滔

DGE Message 候任總監寄語

Over 50 presidents-elect and district officers of 2005-2006 attended a cocktail reception hosted by DGE Peter Wan on 12 November. This was the first gathering of the 2005-2006 class for the purpose of, according to DGE Peter, connecting all the presidents-elect and officers as early as possible, thus enabling them to prepare together for their year as leaders of the district. The following are extracts of the key messages DGE Peter delivered to the participants in his welcome speech:

a) On his philosophy of leading, DGE Peter said:

"I like you to know more about me. I want to share with you my philosophy of leading. You will be working with a Governor who:

- focuses on **priorities** knowing that our time and resources are limited
 - leads by **example** and gives **motivation** to achieve
 - provides **direction & guidance** but not holding your hands
 - is **committed to serve** Rotary, but still has to work to earn his livings
 - expects his team members to **take ownership** of tasks given to them
 - likes **teamwork** and **encourages collaboration**,
 - emphasize on **accountability**, which is part of my own professional training
 - keep things **transparent**
- I understand the district team I have

chosen also subscribe to this philosophy"

b) On planning for the coming year, he told the participants that he had a district plan substantially in place which he would share with them during the PETS. Nevertheless he mentioned briefly on two areas on which he will be focusing with a new approach and emphasis:

i) Rotary image

"Often times, we have heard Rotarians complaining that the status of Rotary is much lower than before and that is cited as one of the reasons that we fail to increase our membership. I do not agree with this statement, but indeed public awareness of Rotary movements has diminished. We, Rotarians, are at fault in not proactively bringing our good deeds and our success stories to the public. We operate very much on our own. We are not connected deep enough with the Government, service organisations, professional bodies, chambers of commerce, etc. All these organisations are same in status and are all contributing to the communities with their own expertise and resources. Rotary should therefore get a fair recognition. With this objective in mind, I am going to set up a Rotary Image Committee. The committee will focus on publicizing the Rotarian contribution to our communities and raising the profile of Rotary at both local and international level. I want our Rotarians to be proud of being a Rotarian and that we are proud of being the leaders of our Rotarians."

ii) Training

"I am going to set up a Training Committee. You will say that it is no big

deal and we have a Training Committee each year. The difference is that the Training Committee will be made up of more than 10 dedicated and knowledgeable Rotarians. We will change the approach in training by giving what the club needs and not just what we want the clubs to learn. We are going to build up a library of training materials and a team of qualified trainers and will make them available to clubs. Only those in need will have them. Training will be tailored made for clubs. So, you may start identify your club's own training needs now."

c) He urged his presidents-elect to prepare:

"There is an effective way to drive away fear - prepare, **prepare and prepare**. Do your preparation by supporting your club president of this year. By working alongside with your club president, you will get to know more about your club, its strengths and weaknesses, what works and what doesn't. You will know who can work with you and who can assist you better when you are the president. Appoint the right people in your club team and appoint them early and involve them when preparing your club plan. Communicate your concerns and ideas as you move on. Consult other club members where necessary."

All present in the party were in high spirit and had made full use of the opportunity to socialize and get to know each other. DG Alexander Mak also came and gave his words of encouragement to the participants. It looks like the class of 2005-06 have made a good start and with proper mentoring and adequate preparation we can reasonably expect the presidents-elect will do well.



Youth Exchange Recent reports

12 June to 7 August, 2004 - A student from Wah Yan College, HK studied in Hawker College in Canberra of Australia. It was a reciprocal short term exchange between 2 Rotary Clubs and 2 schools and he was our outbound student in exchange for a student from Canberra who had studied in Wah Yan College, HK stayed at Hong Kong in December 2003. The program was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kingspark HK.

12 July to August, 2004 - A student from Belilios Public School went to South Africa for a short term exchange program and an inbound student from South Africa will be hosted by the family of our outbound student in Hong Kong in 2005. The program was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Peninsula South.

20 November, 2004 - A Youth Exchange workshop was held at the Rotary Information Centre to introduce the Youth Exchange program in our District. The workshop was attended by more than 25 persons.

District and Rotary Clubs seeking long term exchange students

Our District is seeking local young people who are interested in attending secondary school overseas for one year as part of an international student exchange program.

To qualify, a student should be between the ages of 15 and 18, in the upper-third of his or her academic class, of good character and emotionally stable, and be in good physical condition. Most importantly, he or she must be able and willing to be a good ambassador.

The student, or the student's family, is expected to pay travel and insurance costs, as well as provide some spending and emergency money. Room, board, and schooling are provided by the host Rotary Club and family.

Annually, 7,000 students from more than 80 countries take part in exchanges sponsored by Rotary Clubs worldwide. We are introducing the Youth Exchange program to the Rotary Clubs of our District. Our District is also interested in finding host families for incoming students and is also inviting Rotary Clubs to sponsor outbound students and hosting inbound students of the exchange program.

The first available long term exchange for our outbound student is to study in Brazil in August 2005 and the exchange opportunities are also open to the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, South Africa, etc. subject to our agreement with the related Districts.

Seeking short term exchange students

Our District is seeking students of ages between 15 to 18 to participate the short term exchange for 1 to 8 weeks with the Philippines, the U.K. and South Africa and our District is inviting Rotary Clubs to sponsor the outbound students and host the inbound students as well.

The student, or the student's family, is expected to pay travel and insurance costs. Room, board and schooling are provided by the host Rotary Club and family.

The time for the exchange will start from 2005, most likely during the Easter holidays, summer vacation and the Christmas or any period linked to the long holidays, tailor made to the need and convenience of all parties.

More information

For more information please contact our District Youth Exchange Chairman, Dominic Ko, on dominic.ko@ualpha.com.

Dominic Ko
Youth Exchange Chairman 2004/05

The Rotary Club of Happy Valley Meeting

Date: November 15, 2004
By : AG Ramesh Chugani

I was invited by President Rebecca to attend the induction ceremony of a lady member that evening and I would like to share my experience with all the Rotarians in District 3450. I really enjoyed the meeting very much all the members were very cheerful and welcome me, since I can speak Cantonese fluently I enjoyed talking to some in Cantonese and some members in English.

I also enjoyed the talk and power presentation given by Mr. Dennis Fung Director of Sola Sunlens,

The induction ceremony of now Rotarian Rita went very well, she just received PhD in Social Science and is a Assistant professor & Fieldwork Co-ordinator at the Hong Kong Baptist University in the Department of Social Work.

I look forward to such meetings where you meet all wonderful Rotarians and their guests and have an enjoyable meeting.



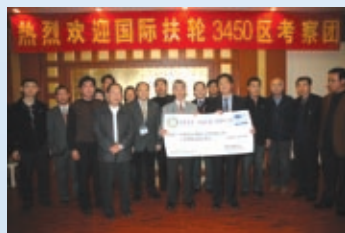
Youth Forum 2005 - Media Kaleidoscope *Opening and Workshop 1: Introduction to media industry* 青年論壇 2005-文化多媒「睇」 開幕禮及工作坊一：傳媒工業簡介

青年論壇 2005-文化多媒「睇」由國際扶輪 3450 地區及香港青年學院主辦，開幕禮及工作坊一：傳媒工業簡介已於11月6日圓滿結束。當日大會請來著名傳媒工作者、《頭條新聞》主持林超榮先生為參加者介紹傳媒工業的運作，林超榮以幽默生動的表達方法，向參加者講解了傳媒產品的四大要求：娛樂性、資訊性、藝術性及教育性，亦提醒學生應選擇第一手資料作研究，以確保資料未被扭曲，使參加者獲益良多。

Youth Forum 2005-Media Kaleidoscope was jointly organized by Rotary International District 3450 and Hong Kong Youth Institute, and the opening and workshop 1: Introduction to media industry was held on 6th November. We were honored to have Mr. Lam Chiu Wing, host of RTHK TV program "The Headline" to be the guest speaker of workshop 1: Talk on Media Industry. Mr. Lam introduced the 4 principles of media products (entertaining, informative, artistic and educative) and the importance of using first hand information with many vivid examples, which benefited the participants on both media literacy and expression ability.



Delegation of R.I.D 3450 Visited Hon Dan 國際扶輪 3450 地區邯鄲考察團 ~ 2004.11. 27-29



Macau Sports Day~ 2004. 11. 14

澳門運動日



The Heartiest Congratulations to DGE Peter Wan Achieved The HKICPA 2004 Outstanding Accountant Ambassadors Awards



The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) organized "Outstanding Accountant Ambassadors Awards" to recognize the HKICPA Accountant Ambassadors who provide voluntary services with dedication, commitment and significant contributions to the community, and to promote the "Accountants Care" and the good corporate citizen spirits of the accountancy profession. The Programme also supported by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service and Rotary International District 3450 as Supporting Organizations.

Members of the Judging Panel are: The Hon. Bernard Chan, JP (Chairman), Dr. Eric Li Ka-Cheung, JP, Mr. Paul Tang, JP, Mr. Roger Best, JP, Dr. Rosanna Wong Yick-ming, JP and Mr. Kennedy Liu Tat-yiu (Secretary).

The Judging Panel was most impressed by the exemplary, long-standing and dedicated voluntary services of the six accomplished Outstanding Accountant Ambassadors Awardees 2004. Many of them have spent their last 15 to 20 years initiating and serving unceasingly in a wide array of voluntary projects for a

variety of non-profit organizations spanning social service, charitable, educational, rehabilitation and environmental protection sectors, etc., in addition to the HKICPA Accountant Ambassadors Programme.

DGE Peter started to serve Heep Hong Society in 1989 as Honorary Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee. He has also served as member and chairman of the Finance Sub-committee and Investment Sub-committee. In 1999 he was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, a position he is still currently holding.

DGE Peter is, of course, a dedicated Rotarian active in his own club, the Rotary Club of Tolo Harbour, and in the district level. He was the Chief Secretary of the R.I. District 3450 in 2002-2003 and Assistant Governor in 2003-2004. He has been involved in many projects for the local and international communities in health, literacy and education, and youth development, etc.

Furthermore, Peter is a member of the 2004-2005 Board of Director of the Poi Oi Hospital. He has also served the HKICPA in a number of committees including the Community Services Committee in 2002-2003.

DGE Peter has donated his prize money of HK\$10,000 from the HKICPA Outstanding Accountant Ambassadors Awards equally to the Heep Hong Society and the Rotary International District 3450 Charitable Fund Ltd.

備忘錄 / Reminder

2005.01.08

Interact District Conference
扶少團地區會議

2005.01.15

*Rotary 100 years celebrating
Drama Festival*
扶輪百週年慶典戲劇節
Venue: Macau Cultural Centre
地點: 澳門文化中心

2005.01.16

Sports Day
地區運動日

2005.03.16

*DGN 2007-2008
Deadline to Submit
Application form*
2007-2008 區總監提名人
截止報名

2005.03.19-20

*2005 Rotary Centennial
District Conference*
2005年扶輪百周年地區年會
Venue: Inter Continental Hotel
地點: 洲際酒店



Membership Attendance Report September 2004

2004 年 9 月社員出席報告

Area	Rotary Club of	Membership				Attendance			This Rotary Year		
		31-Jul-04	31-Aug-04	30-Sep-04	Change	Sep-04 Meetings	Jul-04	Aug-04	Sep-04	District Rank	Average %
1	Guia	11	11	11	0	4	86.84%	86.84%	86.84%	4	86.84%
1	Hou Kuong	31	31	31	0	4	60.58%	59.23%	65.38%	22	61.73%
1	Macau	43	44	44	0	5	36.00%	37.00%	37.00%	50	36.67%
1	Macau Central	31	30	31	1	4	60.00%	52.00%	63.00%	29	58.33%
1	Macau Islands	9	9	8	-1	4	72.00%	69.00%	67.00%	19	69.33%
2	Admiralty	36	36	36	0	4	62.00%	62.00%	62.00%	30	62.00%
2	Happy Valley	27	26	26	0	4	65.00%	61.50%	65.00%	23	63.83%
2	Hong Kong	118	118	119	1	4	40.50%	41.30%	36.50%	51	39.43%
2	Hong Kong Harbour	28	28	27	-1	4	69.37%	55.36%	66.67%	20	63.80%
2	Hong Kong Northeast	51	51	51	0	4	50.00%	49.00%	45.00%	46	48.00%
2	Wanchai	31	31	31	0	4	76.00%	76.00%	76.00%	10	76.00%
3	Hong Kong Island East	37	37	37	0	4	48.00%	47.70%	54.41%	38	50.04%
3	Hong Kong South	38	38	39	1	5	48.00%	52.00%	43.00%	48	47.67%
3	Quarry Bay	8	8	8	0	4	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	13	75.00%
3	Queensway	22	22	22	0	4	48.00%	62.00%	76.00%	10	62.00%
3	Victoria	22	22	22	0	4	54.55%	53.64%	53.64%	40	53.94%
4	Bayview Sunshine HK	22	22	22	0	3	68.00%	58.00%	62.00%	30	62.67%
4	Causeway Bay	26	26	26	0	4	52.00%	45.00%	45.00%	46	47.33%
4	Hong Kong Bayview	18	18	18	0	4	74.00%	80.00%	74.00%	15	76.00%
4	Hong Kong City North	15	15	18	3	4	68.00%	64.00%	72.00%	17	68.00%
4	Hong Kong North	35	35	35	0	4	64.93%	64.93%	64.93%	25	64.93%
4	Kingspark HK	36	36	36	0	5	56.00%	56.00%	47.00%	45	53.00%
4	Peninsula Sunrise	13	13	13	0	4	77.00%	52.00%	52.00%	41	60.33%
5	City Northwest HK	19	19	19	0	4	75.00%	78.00%	76.00%	10	76.33%
5	Hong Kong Island West	53	53	52	-1	4	62.00%	62.00%	65.00%	23	63.00%
5	Hong Kong Northwest	35	35	35	0	4	90.00%	80.00%	82.00%	6	84.00%
5	Mid-level	17	17	18	1	4	72.00%	76.00%	78.00%	8	75.33%
5	The Peak	24	24	25	1	4	55.00%	58.00%	58.00%	34	57.00%
6	Channel Islands	23	23	23	0	4	61.00%	59.00%	48.00%	43	56.00%
6	Hongkong Sunrise	9	9	9	0	4	78.00%	78.00%	78.00%	8	78.00%
6	Kwai Chung	33	33	33	0	5	72.60%	71.00%	47.70%	44	63.77%
6	New Territories	38	38	38	0	4	58.00%	60.00%	49.00%	42	55.67%
6	Shatin	22	22	22	0	4	61.00%	55.00%	55.00%	37	57.00%
6	Tai Po	25	25	25	0	4	60.87%	53.91%	64.13%	28	59.64%
6	Tolo Harbour	30	27	26	-1	4	75.90%	69.93%	55.44%	36	67.09%
6	Tsuen Wan	27	27	28	1	4	62.96%	66.67%	64.29%	26	64.64%
7	Kowloon	61	61	61	0	4	26.00%	26.00%	26.00%	55	26.00%
7	Kowloon Golden Mile	54	54	54	0	4	58.00%	58.00%	58.00%	34	58.00%
7	Kowloon North	32	32	34	2	4	46.00%	46.00%	66.00%	21	52.67%
7	Peninsula	22	22	22	0	4	69.05%	61.05%	60.53%	32	63.54%
7	Peninsula South	29	29	29	0	4	86.00%	88.00%	89.00%	3	87.67%
7	Tsimshatsui East	20	20	21	1	4	78.75%	51.25%	41.67%	49	57.22%
8	Kowloon East	45	45	45	0	4	84.00%	92.00%	92.00%	1	89.33%
8	Kowloon Northeast	17	17	17	0	4	42.60%	42.60%	54.10%	39	46.43%
8	Kowloon Northwest	19	20	20	0	4	84.21%	60.00%	60.00%	33	68.07%
8	Kowloon West	41	42	42	0	4	78.05%	79.27%	74.40%	14	77.24%
8	Kwun Tong	26	26	26	0	5	37.00%	47.00%	36.00%	52	40.00%
8	Beijing (Provisional) #	47	46	45	-1	4	49.75%	57.60%	64.25%	27	57.20%
8	Shanghai (Provisional) #	29	29	29	0	4	73.00%	73.00%	73.00%	16	73.00%
9	Bayanzurkh 100	34	34	34	0	4	32.90%	32.90%	32.90%	54	32.90%
9	Khuree	38	38	38	0	4	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	7	80.00%
9	Niislel	28	28	28	0	4	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	2	90.00%
9	Tuul	46	47	47	0	4	60.00%	85.00%	85.00%	5	76.67%
9	Ulaanbaatar	34	34	34	0	4	35.00%	35.00%	35.00%	53	35.00%
9	Zuunmod	33	30	30	0	5	65.00%	70.00%	68.00%	18	67.67%
Total :		1718	1713	1720	7		63.12%	61.85%	61.74%		62.24%

italic = not yet received attendance report till November 27, 2004
italic = last month number



總監的話

2003-2004 扶輪基金年報指出扶輪基金的財務狀況已連續兩年好轉，該年更錄得7,700萬美元盈餘，比較2002-2003年度的2,700萬美元可觀的增長。相應地，非小兒麻痺症項目的每年捐獻亦由5,600萬增至7,100萬美元。跟往年一樣，扶輪基金的支出，三分之一用於為人道援助，三分之一於教育項目，而其餘則用在小兒麻痺症項目上。

今年我們地區的地區分配基金(DDF)，約百分之五十是用於獎學金，而其餘的百分之五十則用於地區簡易撥款和配對撥款上(Matching Grant)。由此看來，我們地區分配基金的使用模式與扶輪基金使用模式基本上不謀而合。

我曾接到一些投訴，稱太多的地區分配基金花在獎學金項目。因為這些經費都是用於為我們的社會成功培養出未來領袖，所以我認為錢是用得其所。假如我們比較領受獎學金的學生們往海外留學前後的變化，我們會發覺他們在海外學習後不但成熟了許多，而且待人處事的技巧也有明顯的進步。明顯地，我們給與他們親善大使的訓練促使他們有更快速的成長。這也是扶輪大使獎學金與其他獎學金的最大差異。

有社友認為在過去10年裏，我們用於獎學金為數祇有1,900萬港元，而這個數字與香港其他獎學金相比實在是微不足道。我希望保持這些觀點的社友能改變想法。大家明白除了金錢資助以外，我們也為每名獎學金學生在親善大使訓練上提供了無價的時間和努力；在他們出國前，我們的扶輪顧問都給他們作出悉心的輔導，而在他們留學期間，當地的扶輪社友也負責照顧他們的學習和生活，更通過安排他們參加各類演講和扶輪與非扶輪活動，讓他們有足夠的當地體驗。

舉例如，我相信大家都在國際扶輪網頁上看過Hanny Wan有關海嘯的出色文章，她今年剛結束獎學金學習回來，但文章媲美專業記者。當我和她與教育統籌和人力資源局羅范淑芬常務秘書長會面時，羅太更高度讚賞她的出色表現。

但是，很遺憾地，我們的世界和平獎學金領受人因未能通過美國的托福語文考試而被迫放棄獎學金。得到這個獎學金並不容易，我們地區經過三年的努力才第一次拿到，而這樣冤枉地失去，真是極大的憾事。將來，也許在舉薦申請人給扶輪基金前，我們應考慮申請人是否具備足夠的英語能力。

見到今年參加到柏斯的團體交換計劃團員的高質素，對這個交換計劃的價值有更深的體會。其中一位團員是來自澳門的Reddy Leong，她在澳門主動發起並協助收集五百噸的日用品包括食水付運至印尼海嘯災區，而在印尼負責派發這些物資的扶輪社友，更是從她通過扶青網絡而取得。毋庸置疑，團體交換計劃是非常有效的工具，去增進兩個交換地區之間的關係，及為參與者提供訓練和為扶輪發掘新社員。

有關人道援助項目，儘管我們成功批核了18個地區簡易撥款項目，總額為47,350美元，但我們預留資助配對項目的五萬美元卻仍然未有收到很多扶輪社的申請。希望這類申請正在途中，以免這筆配對項目的款項要用在其他用途上。在過去，因為這類申請不多，地區往往要把這些款項用於區際的項目上，希望今年，我們能改變一下這個習慣。

談到配對項目，我想借此機會感謝蒙古六個扶輪社利用配對項目撥款為南戈壁沙漠提供防風沙林帶。這個項目總額達360,000美元項目。除了扶輪基金提供的資助，其它的款項都是大部份由17個韓國地區扶輪社所共同捐獻。該項目將在於2005年5月動員約200個韓國扶輪社員到南戈壁協助蒙古扶輪社員種植千萬棵幼樹。蒙古扶輪社員在這項目上的卓越表現，希望能促請我們在蒙古以外的其他扶輪社員在這方面急起直追。

接續扶輪基金主題，由於眾多扶輪基金要員的來訪，我相信大家會同意今年地區在扶輪基金上，是非常亢奮的一年，在八月，我們接待了前扶輪基金信託人Alfredo Pretom，而於明年三月，扶輪基金信託人Theodore Griley會以國際扶輪社長代表的身份參加我們的地區年會。還



有，在辛迪寶前總監協助下，基金主席-Carlo Ravizza也同意在明年五月來訪。在此，我多麼希望能在基金主席到訪時能，宣佈我們地區的每位社友們都已對扶輪基金作出至少一百美元的捐獻。

談到為扶輪基金籌集款項，我得感謝周育誠前社長向各扶輪社宣揚基金的動向。我曾參與他在一個扶輪社例會作出的有關演講，令人驚訝地，由於他的熱誠鼓勵，當晚竟然籌集到超過三萬元予扶輪基金的捐款。

我相信很少社友知道我們地區在扶輪基金裏，存有十個大小不一的獨立基金(Endowment Fund)這些基金的款項是由十個扶輪社員及或扶輪社各捐獻了25,000美元到500,000美元不等的款項所成立。其中五個基金的投資收益會按年撥給地區分配基金，其它的基金的收益，兩個是用於資助扶輪大使獎學金，而其它三個則用於支持世界基金。

一如以往，我在官方訪問扶輪社時許多社都要求地區為他們舉辦一些較有趣味性的扶輪基金研討會。因應這些要求，今年我們舉辦了兩個這樣的研討會，一個在香港和一個在澳門，因為兩次都是以小組討論形式進行，與會的社員均認為這些研討會極具趣味性和建設性。

因為扶輪基金對推動扶輪運動的重要性，重要的組成部份，我期望大家能傾力支持這個偉大的善舉，通過主動參與它的活動和更大的財政捐獻來支持它從事多一些極具意義的人道援助和教育項目。

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