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District Governor Message

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I explained at the District Conference when I made the District Report that at roughly this time last year, I started charting the course for our District for this Rotary Year. But in which direction should we proceed? North, South, East, or West? Then I came to the conclusion that in the coming year we should embark on a journey simultaneously covering all four of the cardinal directions representing our four areas of focus. To the North we have New RI initiatives, to the South we shall tread into a territory of Systems and Structure revamped, to the East we shall focus on Engaging more people, and to the West we shall Widen our portfolio and approach.

Our most important new initiatives to the North are really a bit of a misnomer and nothing new at all. Rotary International has embarked on a new branding campaign: that Rotary is a membership organization, not a service organization. Rather, they represent a return to the roots of Rotary. While we have five core values, for far too long we've only focused on service. As we've mentioned before, as early as 1911, when Rotary was not a fraction of the size it is today, Paul Harris already felt that, "The most urgent need at the present stage in the development of Rotary is not "more clubs" nor "larger clubs", it is the evolution of a truer and stronger philosophy." He went on to emphasize that, "It is not only necessary to the permanency of the success of Rotary that its philosophy be idealized and standardized. It must also be practicalized and trued." While we have a dynamic service focus tailored to meet the needs of a constantly changing global environment, the pith, marrow, and heart of Rotary is both static and stalwart; our ideals have not changed since they were first set down by Paul Harris himself. To internalize and practicalize this philosophy, we live in parallel with the fixed moral compass that orients us toward a life dedicated to "Service above Self". However, this is not simply service for the sake of service. Service is not our endpoint; it is only a means to an end. Across the globe Rotarians are digging wells and providing clean water, planting trees and improving the environment, and distributing vaccines and eradicating polio. But through service and club activities we learn, embrace, and incorporate Rotary ideals into our own personal ethos. So, Rotary isn't just about making the world a better place; Rotary is also about making us better people. It's a bidirectional dynamic. As we help others, we are in turn helping ourselves. Now, we've seen this on the macro level where Rotary has countless times teamed up with other organizations to do more good to the world than either party could have hoped to alone, but if we want to regress back to the individual perhaps we can view this dynamic as 'self-help achieved through helping others'. Many of us of the old guard have earned our salt and know first-hand how Rotary has made us better neighbours, friends, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, and members of our communities. But, many of the new generations haven't yet had the chance to fully reap the edificatory benefits of Rotary service or club activities and even the most senior of us can always use some brushing up. So, in our new initiatives, we have to remember that we are not doing service for the sake of service, we are not serving blindly, but rather we must remember to keep our eyes fixed on the goal of personal development, personal betterment, and the actualization of the Rotary philosophy through our altruistic service efforts. But to bring the edificatory benefits of Rotary service to more people, we need to expand the scope of our engagement, which is precisely what we are intending to do in the East of the current year's map.



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Rotary, this avatar for the collective commitment to conscience of Rotarians, this abstraction for the zeal with which we flourish our ethos, was born in dialectical opposition to the havoc wrought by jingoism, partisanism, and the general disintegration rife during the Second World War. Rotary did well to pull the world up from the factious wartime period and help promote integration, but after over half a century we're still fighting to preserve and expand our microcosm of a world at peace. To expand our integration, we need to Engage more people and organizations. However, to reach out to new audiences we will have to Widen our portfolio and approach, which is exactly what we have been doing in the West.

We're well on our way to Widening our portfolio, but we still have a long way to go. We're cooperating with JCI on the 'elimination of racial discrimination' and have connected with environmental organizations: in the process launching Rotary green club policies, implementing sustainable seafood programs, and organizing an inter-school public speaking competition with Aberdeen Kai Fong Welfare Association. We're going to continue expanding our reach to young people and have met with PolyU to set up subjects in service to reel in grade-focused students, and have been a partner to Social Venture Hong Kong for its first Streetathon. If we want to bring in new people, explore other sectors, and integrate new demographics, we have to start trying to think like them. We have already started work on numerous other projects to expand the scope of our activities and get more people involved. While we've already been working with models like M-O-R-E (Motivations, Options, Rapport and Esteem) and LOHAS (Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability), I feel that our biggest integrative efforts are those aimed at Guangdong. It's not going to be easy, but we've already been looking at starting a Rotary Community Corps in Zhuhai, and are actively fighting to establish a Rotaract club at one of the universities in Guangdong. However, with so much expansion we need to be cognizant that we don't bite off more than we can chew, and must maintain the discipline and efficiency of our organization. Thus, our final cardinal direction in the coming year is the South, and focuses on Systems and Structure revamped.

As I mentioned before, to pursue "the greatest good for the greatest number", which was the basis for the Utilitarianism of Jeremy Bentham, we need to SERVE WISELY and put our resources to best use. This is particularly important as we Widen our portfolio and Engage more and more people. No matter how innovative the idea, before its vision can come to realization it must first be channeled through our organizational structure. So, we can't let ourselves get caught micro-managing Rotary or spreading the Rotary spirit too thin. I'm sure we've all seen too many times how easily good ideas wind up lost, passion fizzles out, and zeal gets tangled up in the bureaucracy.

It has been in the spirit of removing organizational bottlenecks that we have restructured the roles of the District officers this year. By involving more people in the process, we should be better able to ensure that the service the world sees is closer to the true undiluted source of the Rotary Spirit. While a good start, we have to bear in mind that structural change is largely superficial without an underlying cultural change. So, in addition to the structural changes I've addressed previously, we all need to pull together and adapt our culture to promote a decentralization of power and include a larger team of officers and members at the district, area, and club levels. It may sound like a lot, but we have a clear road map and four cardinal directions to help us steer our course!



Report on 10K Streetathon





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Dave
Rotary 10K Committee Chairman 2014

We did it! The Rotary 10K Streetathon was successfully completed on the 23rd of March. This success was all because of you! With 188 runners, including our DG, and 214 volunteers, you were rocking!

For those who made it out there, you know even the weather was on our side! It had to be one of the coolest and driest sunny days we have had for a long while and that's ok for us! Hats off to our runners who achieved incredible results that day:

Men Junior (Year born 1995-1998)

Category Position	Name	Club	Net Time	Official Time
2	Lam Chun Kit	RAC HKCC	00:42:35	00:42:53



Women Junior (Year born 1995-1998)

Category Position	Name	Club	Net Time	Official Time
1	Cheng Tsz Ki	RAC HKCC	00:46:50	00:46:52
5	So Yuen Ting	RAC HKCC	00:49:37	00:55:30
10	Hui Sau Wai	RAC HKCC	01:03:39	01:03:58



Women Senior (Year born 1980-1994)

Category Position	Name	Club	Net Time	Official Time
3	Mak So Ning Tania	RAC Tai Po	00:47:09	00:47:48
6	Mak Suk Ying Jodhy	RAC Tai Po	00:50:08	00:50:46



As a team, we also won the second runner up for Top Participation Organization! Well done everyone!!

Finally, thanks to RI and especially DG for giving me the honor and the opportunity of mobilizing Rotary for this event. Special big hands for Grace Heung of RIC who worked tirelessly throughout and never said no to our ceaseless requests! And lastly don't you forget to thank yourself for taking part in this meaningful event.

Until next year, stay fit and keep running!



Meet the 10 Semi-finalists of THE ONE 2014

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10 semi-finalists



"Volunteer traveling doctor"

Practices medicine among indigenous peoples in over 40 countries and teaches them how to avoid illness

Aldo Lo Curto

10 semi-finalists



"Advocate of hope in Mozambique"

Helping marginalized children with health, hunger and literacy programmes in Mozambique, a country devastated by 30 years of war

Barbara Hofmann

10 semi-finalists



"Mobility Charity Founder"

Supporting people with mobility disabilities around the world

David Constantine

10 semi-finalists



"Zambia's 'Mama'"

Supporting AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia

Esnat Avon

10 semi-finalists



"Nepal's Education and Sanitation Ambassador"

Providing education and basic healthcare to Nepalese needy

Hari Bhanduri

10 semi-finalists



"Chef-turned Philanthropist"

Providing food and shelter to homeless elderly or mentally disabled people in Madurai, India

Narayanan Krishnan

10 semi-finalists



"Nigerian Champion of Mental Health"

Pioneering mental healthcare in Nigeria

Rosalind Faith Colwill

10 semi-finalists



"Lawyer Advocate for Women's Rights and Gender Equality"

Eradicating gender-based violence and protecting women's rights in Sri Lanka

Savithri Wijesekera

10 semi-finalists



"Hollywood Hero in Cambodia"

Providing life-changing education, nourishment and healing to vulnerable children in Cambodia

Scott Neeson

10 semi-finalists



"Rural Teacher Educator"

Providing support and training to teachers in the rural areas of China

Wang Liwei

Second Judging Panel



DG Eugene Fong



PDG David Harilela



IPDG Kenneth Wong



DGE Belinda Yrung



DGN Peter Pang

Final Judging Panel



Chua Hoi-wai



Elsie Leung, GBM, JP



Edward Leong Che-hung, GBM, GBS, OBE, JP



Peter Bennett



Richard Elman

Rotary District 3450  | THE ONE International Humanitarian Award

THE ONE Award Gala Dinner 2014

Four of these unsung heroes will become THE ONE finalists and be our guests at THE ONE Award Gala Dinner 2014. We will announce the winner during the dinner to the world for the first time.

The event is set to attract Hong Kong's prominent socialites, celebrities, decision makers and entrepreneurs including THE ONE's Ambassador Donnie Yen and wife Cissy Wan, Mr. Richard Samuel Elman, Mr. Peter Bennett, Ms. Elsie Leung, GBM, JP, Dr. Edward Leong Che-hung, GBM, GBS, OBE, JP and Mr. Chua Hoi-wai as well as our MC's for the evening, Jocelyn and Anthony Sandstrom.

We are most honored that the Rotary International President-Elect Gary Huang will attend.

Rotary International Foundation Trustee / Past Rotary International Director Sushil Gupta and Past Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee have also indicated that they will join us on this occasion.

To meet our RIPE and the heroes and witness the announcement of THE ONE Award Recipient for 2014, do join us at

THE ONE Award Gala Dinner

Date: June 12, 2014

Venue: Holiday Inn Golden Mile, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Make your booking now at: res@theonerotary3450.org

THE ONE has attracted Rotary Dignitaries to join us on the award gala dinner



Gary Huang
Rotary International
President-Elect

Kalyan Banerjee
Past Rotary International
President

Sushil Gupta
Trustee of The
Rotary Foundation



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is now available on



Apple

Android

THE ONE app is also now available on Apple & Android stores

To learn more about the award, please visit THE ONE website at www.theonerotary3450.org

Music@Youth

Dear Rotarians,

The 8th Music@Youth, signature project sponsored the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North and Caritas Hong Kong ended successfully last Sunday. The aim of the project is to provide a free platform to local young musicians to perform their original music in public. The theme this year is Dare to Sing, Sing Your Dream. The project is run by Rotaract Club of Hong Kong North, Rotaract Club of New Asia College (CUHK), Interact Club of Sau Kei Wan East Government Secondary School and Interact Club of Munsang College (Kowloon). Over 40 Rotaract and Interact volunteers took part on the day.

The event must be blessed as the weather was sunny and bright throughout the day. This year we were honored to be able to invite famous signer Ms. Yuen Fung Ying, Shirley (袁鳳英老師), Hong Kong Drum Maestro Mr. Eddie Tang (鄧志和先生) and Ms. Winnie Tang (鄧晴羽小姐) as panel judges. We also had Rotary International District 3450 Governor Eugene Fong, Deputy Chief Executive of Caritas Hong Kong Fr. Joseph Yim, Hong Kong Chinese University - New Asia College Head Professor Henry N.C. Wong, Sau Kei Wan East Government Secondary School Principal Mr. Tang Kai Chak, Munsang College Kowloon Principal Ms. Kuby Chan, RID 3450 Rotaract Chairman Silva and RID 3450 Rotaract Representative B.Y. as VIP to kick-off the big day.

Many of HKN's Rotarians and family have participated and witnessed the success of the event. Several Rotarians from other clubs also dropped by to witness this signature project of our Youth. There were 20 bands selected out of 80 participated in the event. Many members who attended would agree the quality of the bands this year have indeed improved a lot. Mr. Tang and Ms. Yuen were really fascinated by our event and volunteered to be judges again next year. I remember Mr. Tang said to the contestants that Music@Youth is the stepping stone for their music to go public. The event does have better recognition than eight years ago. Let's not forget to give a big round of applause to the Rotarian who started all this - none other than our beloved PP August. It is most impressive to see that our Rotaractors and Interactors have delivered such a quality event. Yes, like every year there were hiccups during OC Meetings. But isn't this all part of a great learning process? I still remember all the smiling faces from our Rotaractors and Interactors. A big thank you to Chairman Angus (RacNA) and his OC members. It is most rewarding when seeing our youth gain so much experience through organizing events such as this. It definitely gives us the motivation to encourage youth in Hong Kong dare to dream and live their dreams. Hope to see you all again next year.

Yours in Rotary,
Nigel Lo
Area 4 Deputy Assistant Governor 2013-14



D3450 Rotarian attending FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (10-14 March 2014)



[Mitzi Leung, PP of Rotary Club of Hong Kong was nominated by RI President to attend as Rotary's observer for the Conference. The following is her brief report.]

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Conference is a biennial official forum where ministers of agriculture and high officials of member states from the same geographic region meet to elaborate on challenges and priorities related to food and agriculture, and to promote regional coherence on related global issues.

What is FAO?

FAO is an inter-government organization with 194 member countries. It is created by the United Nations with the object of reducing hunger and achieving food security in the world. (www.fao.org)

Why Rotary?

Rotary International (RI) holds an official 'liaison' role and has an observer status at FAO conferences. RI uses its status of an international non-government organization (INGO) to support FAO.

A letter of understanding was signed with FAO in 2002 on alleviating chronic hunger, inviting Rotary Clubs to support related projects and contact FAO field representatives (in more than 130 countries) and celebrating the World Food Day (16 Oct) as advocacy to create awareness on world's hunger.

FAO holds Regional Conferences in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East and North Africa.

Rotary attending the 32nd FAO Regional Conference For Asia and the Pacific (APRC) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 10-14 March 2014

The Regional Conferences have become more important and relevant as a result of FAO's decentralization plan in both operation and decision-making. The attending NGOs can take the opportunity to set local priorities and recognize their strength and needs for more effective approach to 'Food Security'.

842 million people suffer from chronic hunger while the world produces more than sufficient food to meet the needs of everyone. Despite the rapid economic growth in Asia and the Pacific, it is the home of nearly two thirds of those living in hunger.

In this context, RI President sees the need for service and service opportunities for Rotary Clubs or Districts at local level to support FAO's goal in particular rural poor reduction.

The Regional Conference

Over 250 delegates from 40 countries attended with 23 countries represented at ministerial level. Representatives from UN agencies, partner organizations and CSO (Civic Society Organizations) as well as other observers also took part.

The Ministry of Industry and Agriculture of the Government of Mongolia hosted the Conference. The organization of which is exemplary. The Conference Secretariat with support from the Ministry was able to have all relevant papers ready for the meetings. The running of the meetings was up to date, very efficient and well thought through.

A number of young people were involved as helpers. They are University students supporting this event as interns. It is indeed very good exposure for young people. I am thinking of our Rotaractors?

The conference is a Senior Officers' Meeting. The agenda was drafted and approved in consultation with governments in Asia and the Pacific. The presence of CSO (Civic Society Organizations) is very visible.

They are well organized, prepared, outspoken and articulate. They represent different interest groups viz. farmers (such as the Asia Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia), fishermen, rice farmers, from Thailand, Cambodia, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, the Philippine, Bangladesh, India etc. The exchanges are civil and the chair gave ample room for discourse.

What Clubs could contribute?

As an international NGO and service organization, alignment of service projects to embrace global challenge and the need of UN and its agencies such as FAO is a way forward. This is worthy of our consideration. Rotary's stewardship on issues championed by international agencies can also contribute to our image building exercise.

Issues especially relating to food and agriculture, hunger and poverty, food security, natural resources and the environment, sustainable rural development, water and energy, peace etc. align with our areas of focus.

Services projects whether in partnership with local community organizations, and/or the education/school sectors under the banners of international agencies addressing the needs of our community are something our Clubs could consider.

With planning for the new Rotary year just around the corner, I can see that with concerted effort within the District, Rotary can contribute to the much needed support in the community and the development of our young people for global citizenship education and education for sustainable development which are important components of our Education Reform.

Clubs can support, develop and/or execute youth and community related service projects and programmes. An example is to celebrate the World Food Day (on 16 October) as an advocacy to create awareness on world's hunger.

Other examples are sustainable seafood, minimization of food waste (both are District 3450 Preserve Planet Earth projects), climate change mitigation and adaptation in partnership with other community organizations and sustainable development education.

Together we promote awareness of global challenges for global citizenship development, ecological civilization to preserve our planet etc. and building a better world for our community, our children and the future generations.

Interact District Conference Report

PP Rosa Pang

On the beautiful Saturday afternoon on 1 March 2014, the 49th Joint Interact Council held the Interact District Conference at Carmel Holy Word Secondary School in Tai Wo. Over 200 people consisting of Rotarians, Interactors (from 9 Interact Clubs and 15 schools), Principals, teachers, parents and guests attended the Conference. We were honored to have the Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR Government, Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBS, JP as our Keynote Speaker. Mrs Lam briefly talked about the "Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2016" Public Consultation. The talk was followed by a 45 minute Q&A. DG Eugene then presented the Charter Certificate to the first community based Interact Club of Tai Po Schools which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tai Po. After tea break, we had



3 workshops on cultural integration. The facilitators were Mr Chan Yifei and Miss Jenny Fu of New Home Association, Mr. Timothy To, Psychologist and CEO of Post Crisis Counselling Network and three officers from Rainbow of Hong Kong. Special thanks are extended to DG Eugene Fong, PDG Anthony Hung, PDG John Wan, IPDG Kenneth Wong, DGN Peter Pang, DS Charlie Yip as well as other Rotary leaders for their staunch of the event.

The 100 Immune Babies Party

Bernard Chan,
Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West.

On December 1, 2013, a party was held at the Island Shangri-la Hotel to celebrate the birth of 100 immunology-assisted babies in Hong Kong. The party was organized by the mothers of the babies, the oldest being 7 years old. He was unable to be present at the party but we showed a video of him playing the piano, which he has played since the age of 4.

Worldwide, one couple in seven cannot successfully, naturally, conceive a child. Modern assisted reproduction technology can help some couples, particularly those with male factor infertility. Direct injection of the sperm into the egg, or ICSI, one of the principal techniques of in vitro fertilization (IVF) can overcome most male factors, which account for about 25% of infertility cases. Female factors account for about half of the remaining cases and can be successfully treated. However this still leaves many infertility cases unexplained.

How does a haematologist become involved in infertility treatment? In my own case it was my interest in immunology from the days when I was active in stem cell transplantation, which got me hooked. It is well known that a woman's immune system is intimately involved in reproduction. The mother has both to recognize the baby as her own; while at the same time recognizing that many of the genes of the baby are "foreign". Pregnancy is a unique situation in which a foreign body- the baby- is accepted within the body and grows to a great size, without being rejected. This process is called immunological tolerance.

The American Society for Reproductive Immunology (ASRI) was founded 34 years ago. Last year we held a joint meeting with the European Society for Reproductive Immunology, which also has many active members. About 20 years ago, the U.S. National Institutes of Health gave a foundation grant to establish a clinical immunology laboratory at Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago. This has become a worldwide standard reference laboratory for difficult problems in patients with "unexplained infertility". Each week we send specimens to Chicago to be analyzed and so in many case we were able to help infertile women to conceive. Many of our cases suffer from recurrent miscarriages, including two women with 8 miscarriages each (the world record is 19 miscarriages!). Both IVF failure and recurrent miscarriages can be successfully treated. The 100 Babies Party was a happy occasion and a milestone on the way to helping even more couples.

For more information please visit <http://www.proimmune-fertility.org> a website jointly produced by ASRI. The Society has many members in Japan, Korea and some in China and looking for more active participation from doctors and scientists in Asia.

Article contributed by the Rotary Club of Macau

Date: January 27, 2014

RC of Macau invited University of Macau's Rector, Professor Wei Zhao to speak on "New Campus, New Mission" Professor Wei Zhao, Rector of University of Macau visited RC of Macau on January 16, 2014 and gave a very interesting and inspiring talk to over 60 Rotarians and Rotaractors on 'New Campus, New Mission' to mark the occasion of the university moving to her new campus on Hengqin Island on the west side of Macau.

Rector Zhao shared with us his vision on reform and development of the University of Macau. Their new educational model would expand beyond the classroom, be multi-disciplinary and expansive. The university will also focus on a training model covering research /internship as well as community/peer education. Our fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors from RC of Macau's Rotaract Club of University of Macau's Student Union were enthused about the progressive vision of the University of Macau, in particular, on the fact that the Rotary community and humanitarian services will be able to provide a good platform for such training offered to undergraduates who are members of the UMSU Rotaract Club.

地區總監三月文告

我在地區年會作報告時，說到在去年這個時候已開始策劃地區於本年度的去向。該從那裡開始呢？北，南，東或西？最後我決定今年的去向與扶輪四大焦點接軌。我們的北面有扶輪主題；南面有區域架構重組；東面是讓更多的人參與，而西面則是擴大我們的組合和目標。

北面最重要的主題是國際扶輪重新界定扶輪是一個社員組織，而不是服務組織，回復到扶輪的起點。我們的五個核心價值，在過去一段時間只集中於服務。保羅哈里斯曾有感而發：『扶輪的發展不是更多、更大的扶輪社，而是真實的改革和強而有力的哲學』。他進一步強調：『扶輪不需要為理念設下標準來顯示成功，我們的理念必需是真實和可行的』。服務不是我們的終極，我們服務不是因為缺少服務，而是我們的服務將推動世界變得更美好。

扶輪，是具良知的扶輪社員的集體承諾，這個熱情的抽象的理念，源於二次世界大戰、沙文主義等等大破壞時代。扶輪這時候推動和傳揚融合與和平。惟經過半世紀，我們仍為世界和平奮鬥。為了擴大融合面，我們需要更多的人參與到扶輪組織。為了吸引新朋友，我們需要擴闊我們的組合和目標。

我們已經有效地擴闊組合，但仍需繼續努力。我們已和世界青年商會，香港仔街坊福利會，香港理工大學等等組織合作，並計劃在廣東成立扶青團。然而，在擴展的同時，我們要保持紀律與效率。因此引伸至南面的焦點：制度與架構重組。

正如我曾經推動的：『為更多的人提供更多的食物』。我們要聰明地服務，善用資源，重要的手段是擴大組合和邀請更多人參與。無論如何改革，在實現使命前，我們首先要通過組織架構來推行。我們不能停留在微觀管理和薄弱地傳揚扶輪精神。我們不只一次體驗過良好的理念如何毀於官僚行政體系。

為了改善瓶頸，我們重組了地區幹事的職能角色。有了成功的開始，我們注意到架構重組不能影響我們的文化。在重組架構的基礎上，我們需要團結一致、推廣組織文化，下放權力，在地區、分域、扶輪社各層面擴大幹事數量。我們已有了一個清晰的路線圖和四大範疇來指引我們的去向。

Face to face with Past District Governor Dr. Hari Harilela

What would you be doing when you are 92?

For Past District Governor (PDG) Dr. Hari Harilela, he still spends time visiting hotels in his group. The usual ritual begins with work in the morning, followed by lunch with his wife. He can truly balance his business, his service to the community and time for his family. Dr. Hari is indeed a very energetic senior.



PDG Hari joined Rotary in 1952. During that time, membership in Rotary was all prestigious businessmen. Compared to other organizations, Rotary offered the platform of fellowship and community involvement. He wanted to join Rotary in order to contribute to the community, especially as an Indian.

Dr. Hari was elected District Governor in 1963.

When asked about why he wanted to be a district governor, Dr. Hari recalled that the reasons were the urge to serve and promote fellowship. He opines the two most important essence of Rotary are Service Above Self and Fellowship. When he was District Governor, he had the chance to promote both.

And not long after, he managed to take his leadership across the world and strengthened fellowship between Rotarians in Hong Kong and abroad. He also extended his international service and fellowship from Hong Kong as the Rotary International Presidents' Representative at many subsequent occasions.

On membership, Dr. Hari places great emphasis on quality, rather than quantity. It is crucial to select the best people as members. And only through this we would be able to nurture great leadership for Rotary. It is time to consolidate rather than to expand. We need Rotarians to be proud of being Rotarians.

Dr. Hari is very proud of PDG David Harilela who, as Dr. Hari described, brought life to Rotary. "THE ONE", he said, "ignite the spirit!" So Dr. Hari supported by donating to the project. He would like the external parties to be excited about THE ONE and through this project, he would like to strength fellowship amongst Rotarians and bring back the Service Above Serve in us.

Isn't PDG Hari the best role model around?

Top 5 Club Attendance March 2014

Area	Club	Average Attendance Percentage
9	Ulaanbaatar	88.50%
4	Peninsula Sunrise	80.20%
8	Kowloon East	76%
2	Central	68.60%
8	Kowloon Tong	66%

Forthcoming Events

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The Annual Rotary3450 District
Past President's Dinner

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