



Rotary Adopt A School

Rotary Adopt A School (RAAS) Information

By RAAS Committee

Rotary Adopt A School 6th Signing Ceremony cum Prize Giving & Annual Sharing took place on 27 June 2014 at Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

RAAS Committee, partnering Rotary Clubs and Schools extended a warm welcome to the new partnership, namely, Rotary Club of Central and Tuen Mun Government Secondary School. Welcome on board!

Eugene Fong congratulated to our Committee on the selection of the very worthy winners of the RAAS Awards. In the current Rotary year, we received 10 nominations for competing “Best Improvement Award” for 4 students. Among them, some really touched our heart for those youth changed from undesired behaviours to helping the under-privileged peers and going back to school for lessons after having attended RAAS service projects.

Many of students in Band 3 school, despite they were not nominated this year, markedly changed in their attitudes into a positive spectacle with self-empowerment after they had got chances to take part in RAAS service projects, Sports Day for All (SDFA) and Carol Singing.

We were told that some students with poor academic results played truancy and wandering in the street in the past. Their abilities in SDFA serving the visually challenged and created a new Guinness World Record (GWR) boosting up their low self-esteem and morale, enhanced self-image and increased self-confidence. Cooperating with more than 5,000 people at the same time for GWR was an extremely difficult task and these students learned to be patience and tolerance despite their performances had to be cancelled because of an adverse weather. They learned that they could also contribute to our community regardless of their academic performances.

A few weeks later, this group of students also participated in Carol Singing for poverty alleviation to help their less-privileged youth. Their wonderful performances achieved many applauses and appreciation which heightened their sense of self-worthiness and self-confidence. They did attain a great sense of accomplishment in both RAAS activities as

they helped the less fortunate people and even created GWR which many of their friends did not have a chance to make it.

The four award winners of Best Improvement Award will enjoy a free helicopter ride around Hong Kong Island offered by PP Lily Fenn of Rotary Club of Happy Valley who is the donor and the pilot of the free helicopter flight. RAAS Committee expresses sincerest thanks to PP Lily because she has been generously offered this marvellous donation to RAAS Awards for many years.

RAAS Committee Chair PDG Tony Wong and his team conclude this report by thanking all of the endless support to Rotary Adopt A School Programme from Rotarians and schools. We have been persistently striving for serving our youth and the needy with care and concerns in the coming years and beyond









