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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

August is the Membership and New Club Development month in Rotary. These are major strategic issues, and should be on top of the agenda for all Rotary Clubs.

With more members, clubs will have more resources and can do more good service to the community. This will in turn bring about more public awareness of Rotary's contribution to the community, especially if we have suitable publicity measures to go along with that. We can then attract more members to join Rotary and the virtuous circle will continue. This is the story we have been preaching and I hope our talk will be supported by all of us doing the walk together.

To get more members, again I would like to go back to the basics. Let us ask ourselves some simple questions: Is Rotary a good organisation? Do we wish to stay in Rotary? Would we recommend Rotary to others? If our answers to the above simple questions are all affirmative, then isn't it natural for each of us to invite our good friends to join Rotary? Have we done so already? Have we been successful in getting our friends to join Rotary? If not, do we know the reasons? Can we ask those friends we have not yet asked? Can we ask again those friends who turned us down some time ago because they were too busy and now things might have changed?

At the beginning of this Rotary Year I have set a target for our club presidents and district officers that each of them should recruit at least one new member in this Rotary year. Some of them have already done so or exceeded the target. I hope this target will be met, which will bring us more than 200 new members. However, this 'members get members' initiative is not confined to club presidents and district officers. Rather, with the good examples set by club presidents and district officers, it is hoped that all Rotarians in our District will join this initiative and invite their friends to join Rotary.

We have seen a very good year of membership growth in the last Rotary Year. We had 13 new clubs set up last year. These 13 clubs have a total membership of around 340 members. Also around 150 new members had joined the other 67 existing clubs. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members of District 3450. I would also like to thank all the Rotarians who have chosen to stay in Rotary and continue to be a member of D3450. We have now altogether 90 rotary clubs in D3450 with a total membership exceeding 2300. With continuous growth in the number of clubs and members, we will have stronger clubs, a stronger district and more good work done for the community.

Apart from committing time to conduct services, Rotarians are professionals interested in vocational development. Club meetings/programs with good speakers from various vocations are also a good means for getting people interested in joining Rotary. Good speakers will also help develop leadership and inspire innovative ideas among our members.

As well as the setting up of new rotary clubs, various other means are available for growing our membership. The first District Membership Seminar held on 29 Jul discussed a number of new initiatives. Among these include Satellite Clubs and Corporate Membership. The District Membership Committee led by PDG Eugene Fong are more than ready and willing to assist clubs and Rotarians who are interested in knowing more about these initiatives.

The CP Academy will continue to be run by the District Membership Committee and be a cornerstone in the further development of our membership.

We should also not forget about membership in other parts of our Rotary Family, which include Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotary Community Corps (RCC). I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Rotaractors in D3450 who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. We have 73 Rotaract Clubs with some 8000 members, and 60 interact clubs with around 3000 members. We also have 13 RCCs each with 10-20 members. Together our Rotary family are 14,000 strong and capable of conducting a wide range of services on various fronts. We are having a continuous increase in the number of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, as well as RCCs, and this should continue.

Membership growth and development are the responsibilities of each and every one in the Rotary family. Engagement is always the key word. Club leaders must develop projects and programs which are meaningful and convincing, while members must participate and give their feedback to make club projects and programs successful.

I believe that the key to membership growth is that each and every Rotarian is fully convinced and be confident that it is for the good of friends and the community that we invite more people to join Rotary. By recruiting more members, we are fulfilling the role of Rotarians of doing good to the community.



HW Fung
2017-18 District Governor
Rotary International District 3450

Rotary Hong Kong Chordophonia 5th Anniversary Concert 'The World in Harmony', 4 Aug 2017





TREE CHEERS FOR PLANET EARTH

On an extremely hot summer day on the 20th August 2017, when Lautau Island recorded a maximum of 35 Degrees Celsius, 39 volunteers consisting of Rotarians, their family members, Rotaractors, Interactors and friends participated in the RI District 3450's first Tree Planting Day of Rotary Year 2017-18 in Mui Wo. In total 278 trees were planted on that day!

The tree planting event was proposed by PP Carola Chard of Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile, and organized by Ms. Jenny Quinton of Ark Eden and supported by the District Preserve Planet Earth Committee 2017-18 with the assistance from the Tree Planting Special Task Force set up by DG HW Fung.

The task force has four members including PP Thomas Yeung of Rotary Club of Hong Kong South who chairs the Task Force, DAG Peter Pang of Rotary Club of Lan Kwai Fong and Rtr. Estelle Lam of Rotaract Club of HK City North who are Co-Vice Chairs and PE Francis Shum of Rotary Club of Shouson Hill. Donations for the 278 trees at HK\$100 each were received from generous Rotarians from 15 Rotary Clubs as listed below:

Rotary Club of Hong Kong – 100 / Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Miles – 53
Rotary Club of Hong Kong South – 40 / Rotary Club of Metropolitan Hong Kong – 13
Rotary E-Club of District 3450 – 15 / Rotary Club of Peninsula South – 10
Rotary Satellite Club of Tolo Harbour Happy Health – 15 / Rotary Club of Shouson Hill – 10
Rotary Club of Golden Bauhinia Hong Kong – 5 / Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast – 5
Rotary Club of Kowloon Tong – 5 / Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West – 3
Rotary Club of Homantin Hill – 2 / Rotaract of Hong Kong City North – 2

The total sum of HK\$27,800 for 278 trees planted will be donated to Ark Eden to cover the cost of the tree planting event.

Report by: PP Thomas Yeung, District Preserve Planet Earth Committee Chair 2017-18



A trip to the Gobi Desert, 23-24 Aug 2017 – Report by P Jane

When one thinks of a journey out to the Gobi Desert, one might imagine infinite sand dunes untouched by man, picturesque camel rides into the horizon, or perhaps nights spent lying in Mongolian Gers facing the starry sky. Add to this the wonderful fellowship and company of fellow Rotarians and you might just get the picture.

Under the leadership of DG HW, and thanks to AG Boldbaatar's thoughtful planning and hospitality, high tea awaited us at Vulture's Mount as we watched Mongolian youths gallop through the canyon. More incredibly, we were greeted by a 4-course lunch of Western delicacies in the middle of the desert at Gobi Erdene Ger camp. DS Vincent, the seasoned traveler, reassured us in times of worry and kept our spirits high at every turn. Sezen's mother was simultaneously the most senior and the most daring voyager of the group, trekking to the summit of the Khongoryn Els sand dunes, with our energetic trio of P Jun, PE Dennis and Coco of RC Shenzhen; and PAG Roger's talent in photography helped us immortalise these unforgettable moments. However, in order to be utterly honest, one would also have to add the rather interesting experience of using the "mobile toilet" in the wilderness to the list of new experiences gained. And let's not forget the final overture of fellowship performances at the dining room of Gobi Mirage, featuring Mongolian throat singing, traditional Mongolian country folk by the dedicated team of drivers (!), and of course the "You raise me up" led by DG HW.

If each of us were asked what the highlight of the trip was, answers would surely vary; but if there was one thing we would all agree on, it's that our trip to Mongolia was undoubtedly an experience we would not ever forget.



Meetings with club presidents, DG Banquet and site visits in Mongolia, 25-28 Aug 2017 - Report by CDS Eddie Wong

- (i) During our stay in Ulaanbaatar on 25-28 August 2017, we met presidents and board members of the 16 rotary clubs in Mongolia. We took the opportunity to go through with clubs the goals they set in the RCC, with focus on the three strategic priorities of RI, and how they could meet the citation requirements delineated by RI President. For club presidents and secretaries who encountered difficulty in registering on MyRotary, we offered to them assistance and where necessary follow-up coordination with RI to get them registered.
- (ii) A DG Banquet was held at the banquet hall of the Best Western Hotel in the evening of 26 August after the delegation finished meetings with presidents and board members of clubs. More than 150 Rotarians attended the banquet in which DG HW gave his keynote speech, several Paul Harris Fellows including some who were family members of Rotarians were recognized, and the new club Banyanzurh with 33 members was formally chartered. District awards recognizing the work of clubs and rotarians were announced and distributed on the occasion by IPDG Eric.
- (iii) The delegation took the opportunity to visit on 27 August the Rotary Information Centre newly set up in Mongolia, and DG HW Fung officiated the opening of the centre. It is a nice office which will offer not only service and support to Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs in Mongolia, but also convenient meeting facilities.
- (iv) The delegation also paid site visits to a number of rotary service projects in Mongolia, including the Hope Hospice, whose Chief Officer Dr Buren is a Finalist of THE ONE 2015, a school where toilet facilities for students were enhanced, and a hospital where wooden beds plagued by bugs were replaced.
- (v) The delegation also attended the Mini-Olympic of Rotarctors in Mongolia in the afternoon of 27 August, and the opportunity was also taken to give awards for recognizing the contribution of outstanding Rotaractors in RY2016-17.
- (vi) While most members of the delegation from Hong Kong and Macau took the return flight back to Hong Kong on 28 August, DG HW stayed in Ulaanbaatar on 28 August to officiate the Vocational Training Team (VTT) Program for medical doctors in Mongolia. This is a Global Grant Project initiated by Past RI President Saboo in RY2016-17, and supported by D3450. A team of some 20 medical doctors from India, led by PDG Madhukar of D3080, visited Mongolia carrying with them new medical equipment of value around USD30,000, to share their experience with their counterparts in Mongolia on how to manage medical problems in respect of seven specific medical fields. After officiating the event and receiving PRIP Saboo and the team of medical doctors from India, DG HW and IPDG Eric returned to Hong Kong on 29 August. DGE YC participated in the program as a urologist expert and returned to Hong Kong on 30 August. The team of medical doctors from India conducted the VTT program from 28 August to 8 September. More details of this VTT program are separately reported in this Newsletter.



DG Banquet in Mongolia, 26 Aug 2017



Site visit to Rotary service projects in Mongolia



Mongolia's Rotary Information Centre Grand Opening



Mongolia Rotaract Mini Olympic Games 2017



Vocation Training Team (VTT) Program for Medical Doctors in Mongolia, 28 Aug - 8 Sep 2017

When DG HW made his official visit to Mongolia during 25-28 August 2017, it was noted that the VTT program for medical doctors in Mongolia initiated by Past RI President Saboo and supported by District 3450 as a global grant project would take place during 28 August – 8 September 2017. DG HW therefore changed his return flight to 29 August so that he could officiate the launching of the VTT program and meet the VTT team led by PDG Madurkha of D3080. Through this VTT program, 16 Indian doctors visited Ulaanbaatar and shared their knowledge and experience with doctors in 5 hospitals in Mongolia in respect of seven fields of surgery, namely, urology, neurosurgery, laproscopy, ophthalmology, cancer, ENT and trauma. DGE Dr YC Ho of our district, a urologist, also joined the VTT program during 28-30 Sep.

Apart from their medical expertise, the VTT doctors also brought with them modern medical equipment costing around USD30,000 so that Mongolian doctors could have hands-on practice on the equipment under the guidance of the VTT.

As Hong Kong was struck by typhoon twice during the period 23-27 August, flights between India and Hong Kong and those between Hong Kong and Mongolia during that period were delayed. Nevertheless, the official launching ceremony of the VTT program took place smoothly in the morning of 28 Aug. The audience was addressed by the Deputy Minister of Health of Mongolia, DG HW, representatives from the Indian Embassy and also the Indian medical team where two doctors had their flights unaffected by the typhoons.

DG HW and IPDG Eric received PRIP Saboo and also the team of Indian medical doctors when the latter arrived at the airport in Ulaanbaatar in the late night of 28 August, and returned to Hong Kong on 29 August.

The VTT program was successfully concluded on 8 September. PDG Madurkha stopped over Hong Kong during his return trip to India on 9 September. DG HW, IPDG Eric and DGE YC had lunch with him during his 5-hour transit stay in Hong Kong. As understood from PDG Madurkha, the VTT program was highly successful with more than 100 medical doctors and nurses in Mongolia participating and showing overwhelming response. A full report will be available later, while plan for a next VTT program may soon start.





AREA 4 GETTING TOGETHER

A great start to the year for the Area 4 clubs, as they held their first cross area joint meeting on 9 August 2017 (Wednesday) at Regal Kowloon Hotel. In addition to the 9 Rotary clubs of Area 4, Rotary Club of Tsuen Wan and Rotary Club of Homantin Hill also joined and co-organized the dinner meeting.

Regina Ip Lau Suk-ye, GBS, JP was the guest of honour and Mrs. Ip gave a speech on the topic "The Belt and Road and Opportunities For Hong Kong".

During the meeting DG H.W. Fung inducted 3 new Rotarians from Rotary Club of Hong Kong City North and Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise. In addition, a birthday celebration was specially arranged for PDG Vincent To and DG H.W. Fung, which was one of the highlights of the dinner. With the support of 250 Rotarians and guests from 34 Rotary clubs, the event was a great success and a memorable joint event for the Area.





Celebrating our young Rotaractors

The District Rotaract Awards Presentation Ceremony 2016-2017 cum District Rotaract Installation 2017-2018 was successfully held on 6th August 2017 (Sunday), at the Hong Kong Baptist University. Over 250 Rotary leaders, Rotarians, Rotaract Advisors and Rotaractors celebrated the delighted moment, marking the kick-off of a new Rotary Year.

The District Rotaract Awards Presentation Ceremony 2016-2017 recognized Rotaract clubs with exemplary performance and achievements in Rotary Year 2016-2017. On behalf of the District Rotaract Committee and Rotaract Executive Committee (DRC & REC), we would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the judging panel of the awards. It gave us a great opportunity to review the fruitful activities in the past year. Congratulations to all awardees on their outstanding projects and achievements in the past year. We would also like to extend gratitude to Rotary clubs for their guidance and support, which also contributed much to the success!

With the collar passed from Lok-chi TSANG, District Rotaract Representative (DRR) 2016-2017 to Rainbow LAU, District Rotaract Representative 2017-2018, it marked an official handover. We would like to thank all the Rotaractors for joining the ceremony. The event would not be a memorable one without Rotaractors' support. With the year slogan "Serve through ROTARACT, Make different LIFE", DRC & REC aim to enhance "Fellowship through Service", the motto of Rotaract as well as to share joyful moments and fruitful Rotaract life with all Rotaractors in the year ahead!

With the love and support from each other, Rotaractors have faith and confidence in devoting themselves to Rotaract, "To Serve, To Learn, To Lead". Let's work together to "Make A Difference"!

More photos of the event can be found on the Facebook page (Rotaract, RI D3450). Thanks again for your support!



RID2660 Interactors Visited RID3450, 3-6 Aug 2017

During August 3 and August 6, 2017, 50 Interactors, 36 Rotarians and 15 Teacher Advisors of District 2660 (Japan) visited Hong Kong and Macau. A group of 30 Interactors and 20 Rotarians in Hong Kong joined the Reception Programs in Hong Kong on August 4, 2017 (whole day) and the evening of August 5, 2017. About 100 Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians in Macau joined the Reception in Macau together with our DG HW FUNG in the morning on August 5, 2017. We all had great time together. Details of the visit programme are given below.

August 3, 2017: Welcome at HK International Airport

August 4, 2017 Morning: Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve Guided Eco-Tour and Planting of Butterfly Nectar Plants at Fung Yuen Nature and Culture Education Centre (Interactors of Japan + Interactors of Hong Kong)

August 4, 2017 Afternoon: Assembly at School Hall of Buddhist Sin Tak College (Interactors of Japan + Interactors of Hong Kong)

August 4, 2017 Evening: Welcome Dinner and Concert (Interactors and Rotarians of Japan and Hong Kong)

August 5, 2017 Morning: Assembly at a School Hall in Macau (DG HW FUNG, Interactors & Rotarians of Japan, Interactors, Rotaractors & Rotarians in Macau)

August 5, 2017 Evening: Farewell Dinner (Interactors and Rotarians of Japan and Hong Kong)

August 6, 2017: Farewell at HK International Airport

Apart from having fun, it was a great opportunity for cultural exchange between the Interactors in Hong Kong and Macau and the Interactors from Japan. Thanks must go to the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs who supported the Reception programs and sponsored Interactors to join the programs, and special thanks to Rotarians in Macau for organising a big morning assembly in Macau.

Rotary is where neighbours, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change. We welcome the visit of our friends from Japan and we also treasure the fellowship among Interactors and Rotarians of District 2660 and our district - District 3450.





RC Macau Installation



RC Braemar Hill Installation



DG official meeting with RC Kowloon North



DG official meeting with RC Kai Tak



DG official meeting with RC Central Harbourfront



DG official meeting with RC Peninsula



DG official meeting with RC Kowloon Golden Mile



DG official meeting with RC Kingspark HK



DG official meeting with RC Innovation HK



DG official meeting with RC Homantin Hill



DG official meeting with RC Peninsula South



DG official meeting with RC Ulaanbaatar



DG official meeting with RC Urgoo



DG official meeting with RC UB Peace Avenue



DG official meeting with RC Narlag Ulaanbaatar



DG official meeting with RC Nomt



DG official meeting with RC Khangrid



DG official meeting with RC Nairamdal



DG official meeting with RC Bayanzurkh



DG official meeting with RC Khuree



DG official meeting with RC Niislel



DG official meeting with RC Selbe



DG official meeting with RC Zuumod



DG official meeting with RC Tuul



DG official meeting with RC Tamir



DG official meeting with RC Selenge



DG official meeting with RC UB Central

Top 10 Highest Average Attendance Percentage by Club in Jul 2017

Area	Club	Average Attendance Percentage
1	Penha, Macao	85.00%
7	Peninsula South	85.00%
4	Bayview Sunshine HK	83.39%
5	HK Northwest	82.00%
5	Mid-level	81.00%
2	Central	79.55%
4	SoHo HK	73.00%
7	Peninsula	72.22%
5	The Peak	72.00%
4	Lan Kwai Fong	71.00%

Upcoming Events

District self drive tour
to Xinjiang

14-23 Sep 2017

New members'
Orientation

21 Oct 2017

Joint Interact Council
Inauguration

4 Nov 2017

District Rotary
Foundation Seminar
/Grant Management
Seminar (GMS)

11 Nov 2017

Foundation Alumni
Service Day and
Christmas Gathering

9 Dec 2017

International
Assembly, San Diego,
California, USA

14-20 Jan 2018

The HK Bowling for
All cum HK Blind
Bowling

21 Jan 2018

New Members'
Orientation

27 Jan 2018