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ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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September 2017

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Since 11 August I have started my meetings with club presidents and their board members to discuss with them their goals and plans for Rotary Year 2017-18. I wish I had started that earlier but between early July and mid-August we were heavily engaged in club installation activities. However, by the end of September, I had already met with board members of 71 rotary clubs (out of a total of 90 Rotary clubs in the District). I have also met members of 38 Rotary clubs by visiting the clubs during their regular lunch/dinner meetings, and have spoken on key objectives and core values of Rotary and the RI Strategic Priorities, apart from district goals and Rotary Citation.

I am glad that more and more clubs subscribe to the idea of segregating DG's meetings with board members of clubs from DG's visits to clubs, and having joint club meetings for DG's visit to clubs where feasible. This has greatly enhanced the efficiency of the DG in fulfilling his duties of meeting board members of clubs and speaking to members of clubs during club visits.

From my discussions with club presidents and their board members, I learn about the many innovative projects they have planned for the Rotary Year, and their passion and determination in making a difference through their service projects. Many of the projects involve the cooperation of clubs in the same Area or different Areas as well as clubs in other Districts. Most of their service projects and related activities have been and will be reported through nice photos and articles appearing in the DG weekly or monthly Newsletter. I would like to congratulate club presidents and their board members on their thoughtful endeavors.

During my meetings with club presidents and their board members, I have noticed that generally many are still not too familiar with the reporting of their goals, plans and achievements on Rotary Club Central in MyRotary on the RI website. During my visits to clubs in their lunch and dinner meetings I also noticed that some Rotarians are not familiar with accessing information on MyRotary and making the best use of information and resources available on the RI website. This is an important issue which should be addressed by clubs.

I would like to appeal to presidents, secretaries and board members of clubs to consider enhancing the usage of MyRotary and Rotary Club Central among themselves as well as among fellow Rotarians. It is pleasing to note that the Joint Secretaries Meeting (JSM) conducted by the District Secretary Team on September 16 had a very good turnout. It is hoped that club secretaries will share the information/knowledge gained in this and coming JSMS with their club members. While clubs are doing very well in their planning and service projects, it would be a great pity if these are not properly reported and reflected in the RI system.

There was pleasant news from our younger generation in September. In early September, our Rotaractors succeeded in winning the bidding for hosting the 2020 Interota in Hong Kong. This is a triennial conference for Rotaractors worldwide. It will be a good occasion for our Rotaractors to promote exchange in culture and experience sharing in various aspects on an international platform. More details about this can be found in this Newsletter. While the event is to be held in mid-2020, preparation work has started.

On the other front, a ceremony was held on September 7 for granting scholarships which enable needy students to pursue their vocational studies in different institutes run by the Vocational Training Council from Diploma level up to Degree level. This Vocational Scholarship was initiated by PDG Belinda in 2014-15 and HK\$6.5 million was raised that year. Since then more than 100 scholarships have been given out. The ceremony on September 7 was marked by the touching presentation and sharing from awardees of the scholarships. This event was followed by a Rotary Hong Kong Vocational Scholarship Fund Raising Night on September 22, in which another HK\$3.5 million was raised for the Vocational Scholarship, signifying the support of Rotary District 3450 to vocational education. A report about the Fundraising Night can be found in this Newsletter.

As we enter the month of October, there will be much more news about exciting projects that are 'Making a Difference' by our Presidents and fellow Rotarians. There has also been very good progress in the tree planting programme in Hong Kong, the large scale water service project in the mainland of China, many health-related projects and the Rotary Hong Kong Ultra-marathon event. Let's strive to continue to 'Make a Difference'.



HW Fung  
2017-18 District Governor  
Rotary International District 3450

## The road to adventure

### Rotary District 3450 - Xinjiang Road Trip, 14-23 September 2017

The debut of this self-driving trip in Xinjiang was held on Sept. 14th to 23rd. A Rotary District 3450 initiative, an overwhelming group of 40 Rotarians and their friends comprising 14 different clubs from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan experienced an adventurous road trip covering a staggering over 3000 kilometers in distance. Participants were delighted to have DG HW Fung and PP Wilson Lam (RC of Taipo) joining the group for the first 4 days of travel, taking some breath-taking scenery and tourist attractions before returning to Hong Kong.



The 10-day journey began with an early morning flight from Shenzhen to Urumqi where the group was picked up to check-in at the Wanda Vista 5-star Hotel. Soon after we were all recharged, and 9 fully loaded Toyota Prado 4x4s were geared up for their drivers. The fleet was equipped with walkie-talkies convoyed by an experienced tour guide leading in the front, along with auto mechanic, medical assistant and our “personal” special police force to ensure the entire trip would be seamlessly smooth and safe.



Our trip covered many famous attractions such as the well-known Flaming Mountain – Karez; enjoyed a spectacular sunset at Kumtag Desert - Shanshan; drove through Tianshan mountain ranges and the most beautiful Kanas Lake – Hemu as well as the largest Yardangs Landfarm - Urho Ghost Castle at Karamay. We were all impressed by the magnificent Anjihai Canyon.



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We were all craving for the local delicacies in Xinjiang, such as the signature roasted lamb kebabs, Shou La Mian, Dapanji – Big Plate Chicken, Uyghur Polo – Pilaf. In the end, we celebrated with a roasted whole lamb along with 40 must-eat small dishes. On the last day, we spent time at the biggest Grand Bazaar where merchandise like jade, fossil wood, dried fruits, carpets and handicrafts all made great souvenirs for us to bring home.



To end our journey with love and care, Chair PP Andy led the group with laughter by bringing essential food and necessities to the elderlies in a local senior home. We shared our joy by singing cheerful songs and doing exercise together.



Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, special thanks to our vice chair PP Wilson Lam (RC Taipo) and IPP Kevin Mak (RC of Kwai Chung) and of course of our partner of travel agency – GZL which provided excellent service with their 8 associates on our tour.

PP Andy Li  
 Rotary Club of Kwai Chung  
 Chair of District Fellowship Committee  
 Chair of Rotary Xinjiang Road Trip



## Back to basics

### 1<sup>st</sup> JSM of 2017-18 on 16 September 2017

It was back in early September when we were planning for the RY17/18 first JSM which was held on the afternoon of Saturday September 16. The required focus was intended to be informative and yet useful on a basic level, with ideas from which all participants could pick up something useful, and go back to share with their club Presidents and fellow Rotarians.

For this JSM, the aim was to cover the basic steps of what it means to be a Rotarian - Use of My Rotary.

There was an excellent turn out, with 35 Rotarians in attendance (an impressive full house), including 27 Club Secretaries; 3 Executive Secretaries and 2 Presidents, 1 PE and 2 Rotarians, and there was some great feedback from all after the session.

The agenda was carefully considered and delivered by Rotarians of great experience, covering the basic modules on the actual role for a Club Secretary, and the tools that will be needed by somebody in that role. The interactive part featured illustrated and practical examples on My Rotary, and no doubt the real live demonstration was a great help when it came to putting presentation into perspective. Something that secretaries are expected to do for their clubs. The Q&A session was well conducted which ultimately demonstrated that Club Secretaries do have a lot of queries. We would like to thank the team who helped map out such an outstanding subject for the JSM. As we advised the DMC members this month, we are planning to do the next session of the JSM which will focus on Rotary Club Central.



# Really making a BIG difference

## 22 September 2017



The Rotary Hong Kong Vocational Scholarship Fundraising Night took place on Sept. 22nd and was a great success, with a total of 20 tables filling the ballroom of the Regal Kowloon Hotel and atmosphere of fun and celebration. PDG Belinda Yeung outlined the objectives of running the event. Since 2015, Rotary District 3450 has created this scholarship to help financially needy students to fulfill their dreams, and over 100 students have benefited from the project so far. The Fundraising Night organizing committee Chairman PP Norman Lee also thanked everyone in the committee for their effort in making the event possible. Attendees enjoyed a delicious array of 6 dishes, which they could savour from the start right up until the lucky draw took place, with members and their guests sampling a carefully selected delicious fusion menu served in the most presentable manner with non-stop spirits flowing. The students were on stage to showcase their talents and relay their success stories, all of which helped make the night all the more meaningful, and the stories embodied the motto of “Rotary making a difference”. The auction brought the party to a final climax, and with everyone’s generosity, a momentous and generous amount of HK\$3.5 million was raised. DG HW was on stage to witness every major donation cheque presentation to VTC. It was indeed a night filled with sensational moments.



We made it!

## Let's get ready for INTEROTA 2020 HONG KONG

It is with great pride we can report that INTEROTA 2020 will be held in Hong Kong, after a bidding process. INTEROTA is a triennial worldwide Rotaract meeting organized by Rotaractors and hosted on a rotating basis in different cities. It provides Rotaractors with a forum for sharing ideas, concerns, and experiences with other Rotaract club members around the world. Past INTEROTAs were held in South Africa, Australia, England, Turkey, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, South Korea, Egypt and Canada since 1981, but never in our District 3450.

With the approval and support from DG HW FUNG, IPDG Eric CHIN, DGE YC HO, DGN Wilson CHENG and other Rotary leaders, Rotaractors from District 3450 put forward the bid to host INTEROTA 2020 in Hong Kong. There were two other bidding cities namely San Diego, United States and Cancun, Mexico. The bidding process was adventurous and arduous. Yet it was also a good platform to showcase District 3450 to overseas Rotarians and Rotaractors. 20 Rotaractors from Hong Kong and Macao attended INTEROTA 2017 in Taipei. Our promotion campaigns and strategies successfully attracted the eyes of the overseas delegates and they were clearly impressed by our creativity and passion.

We now proudly announce that District 3450 won the bid and INTEROTA 2020 is going to be held in HONG KONG. The result is hard-earned yet uplifting. Heartfelt thanks to all for all your support and guidance. The preparation work for INTEROTA 2020 has kick-started. In addition to the Hong Kong programme, we are exploring the possibilities of additional parts in Macao, Mongolia and/or Guangdong Province. We are pleased to visit your club and share more on this event. It is not only an event of Rotaract, but the whole Rotary family in District 3450 as the host. We truly believe INTEROTA 2020 could unite District 3450 and bring District 3450 forward. Let's bring the world closer together.



# Day 1 Welcome Party – Taiwan Night



# Day 2 Opening Ceremony



# Day 2 Rotaract Workshops & Rotaract Festival



# Day 2 Golden 50 Banquet & Mr. & Ms. Interota

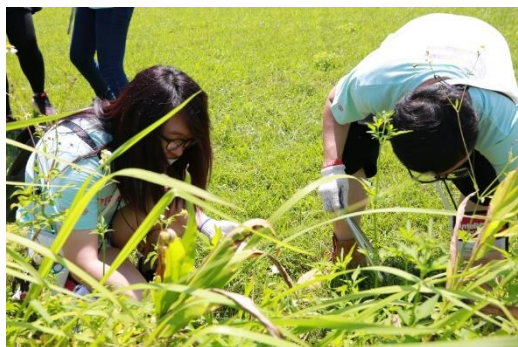




## Day 3 Taipei Tour & Cultural Night



## Day 4 Service Project / Working Holiday



## Day 5 Interota 2020 Bidding





DG official meeting with RC Wanchai



DG official meeting with RC Kowloon Tong



DG official meeting with RC E-Club of D3450



DG official meeting with E-Club of Tamar HK



DG official meeting with RC HK Financial Centre



DG official meeting with RC HK North



DG official meeting with RC HK Bayview



DG official meeting with RC HK City North



DG official meeting with RC Causeway Bay



DG official meeting with RC SoHo HK



DG official meeting with RC Peninsula Sunrise



DG official meeting with RC Star Avenue



DG official meeting with RC Lan Kwai Fong



DG official meeting with RC Bayview Sunshine HK



DG official meeting with RC Central



DG official meeting with RC Smart HK



DG official meeting with RC Happy Valley



DG official meeting with RC Metropolitan HK



DG official meeting with RC Channel Islands



DG official meeting with RC HK Sunrise



DG official meeting with RC Kwai Chung



DG official meeting with RC Mandarin HK



DG official meeting with RC New Territories



DG official meeting with RC Shatin



DG official meeting with RC Shenzhen



DG official meeting with RC Tai Po



DG official meeting with RC Tolo Harbour



DG official meeting with RC Tsuen Wan



DG official meeting with RC Discovery Bay



DG official meeting with RC City Northwest HK



DG official meeting with RC HK Island West



DG official meeting with RC HK Northwest



DG official meeting with RC The Peak



DG official meeting with RC Amizade



DG official meeting with RC Macau



DG official meeting with RC Macau Central



DG official meeting with RC Hou Kuong



DG official meeting with RC Macau Islands



DG official meeting with RC Penha, Macao



DG official meeting with RC Guia



DG official meeting with RC Victoria



DG official meeting with members of RC Wanchai



DG official meeting with RC Kwun Tong



DG official meeting with RC Kowloon West



DG official meeting with RC Kowloon East



DG official meeting with Macau's Rotaract Clubs

**Top 10 Highest Average Attendance Percentage by Club in Aug 2017**

Area	Club	Average Attendance Percentage
8	Kowloon Tong	85.00%
7	Peninsula South	84.80%
5	Mid-level	81.00%
6	Mandarin HK	80.00%
5	HK Northwest	76.00%
4	Peninsula Sunrise	75.00%
5	City Northwest HK	71.00%
5	The Peak	71.00%
4	HK North	69.00%
2	Central	65.15%

**Upcoming Events**

New members'  
Orientation

26 Oct 2017

Joint Interact Council  
Inauguration

4 Nov 2017

District Rotary  
Foundation Seminar  
/Grant Management  
Seminar (GMS)

11 Nov 2017

District Public Image  
workshop

25 Nov 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

Golf Tournament

31 Jan 2018