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February 2018

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

February 2018 was also the month of the Chinese New Year. Naturally we exchanged numerous New Year greetings during the month. More importantly, our Rotarians have not spared a minute in organising and implementing their services/projects while celebrating the Chinese New Year vacation.

The month was started with the establishment of the District Rotary Alumni Association on 1st February, which targeted at covering the alumni of all Rotary related programmes, whether the programmes are organised by D3450, or a rotary club, a rotaract club or an interact club within D3450. The charter dinner event was honored by the presence of Prof Sophia Chan, Secretary for Food & Health, who is a Rotary scholar and an alumna of D3450. Thanks must go to the District Rotary Alumni Committee for the timely action which will help strengthening the connection of D3450 and its clubs with Rotary Alumni, thus opening up more opportunities of servicing the community and membership recruitment.

On 4 February 2018, we saw the Rotary Rookie Star 2018 competition successfully held with the participation of more than 500 young dance contestants from four categories, namely, the primary school category, the secondary school category, the open category and the 2-C Battles (Advance level). Three major benefits of the event must be emphasized. First, many moving stories have been told by the beneficiaries and their parents/families, regarding how the training and competition experienced have been instrumental to the strengthening of the confidence and stamina of the deprived/underprivileged students and young persons in our schools and community. Second, it has attracted top class international dance contestants and hence also much media attention to the impact of this rotary event on the community. Third, the event also serves to promote cultural exchange with participants from eight countries/territories, including China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, Mongolia, Macau and Hong Kong.

For RY2017-18, our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programme was enhanced by the inclusion of a second training camp in Mongolia offered in June 2018 to 20 outstanding RYLarians graduated from the first training camp organised in Hong Kong during four days in end February for 60 RYLarians. These 60 young people were selected out of 160 applicants from various sectors besides Rotaractors and Interactors. The age range of participants was extended to cover young people aged 16 to 29. Inspirational programmes were organized and feedback from participants as well as the trainers was overwhelmingly positive.

It is pleasing to note that the month of February was also marked with a very special programme for our younger generation made possible by sponsorship received from the business sector. Through the programme, 15 prospective young graduates from the mainland of China and 8 from Hong Kong were selected to participate in an overseas trip to Israel, one of the countries where technology and innovative businesses have been developed most successfully. The delegates visited top enterprises, universities and research agencies in Israel and had useful exchange in both academic, professional and cultural issues with the academia, business leaders and young Rotarians there. They all found the programme eye opening, and were able to build good friendship with other delegates as well as some of the people they met in Israel during the trip, which represent invaluable connections and opportunities in their future career development.

There are times of difficulty and emergency faced by the community when impromptu action from Rotarians is called for. In the several weeks prior to the Chinese New Year, there was urgent appeal from the Hong Kong Red Cross. It was announced that all types of blood inventory have fallen to alarmingly low levels, and measures must be taken to increase blood supply through donation, in anticipation of high demand for blood transfusion in the following months. This was aggravated by the fact that the prevalence of influenza in the recent months has further reduced the number of qualified blood donors. We saw the need for Rotarians to react quickly to such crises by making special efforts to participate in blood donation, which apart from having the direct effect of increasing the blood inventory level, may also help arouse public awareness to the importance of making regular blood donation whenever possible. Special arrangement was therefore made with the Hong Kong Red Cross on 25 February, a Sunday, for Rotarians to make blood donation in the blood donation centre of the Hong Kong Red Cross Headquarters. Again Professor Sophia Chan, Secretary for Food & Health, came to the site to boost the morale of both blood donors and the staff in the blood donation centre.

I feel privileged to have been associated with all the above so closely as the District Governor. I hope you will enjoy reading more about the above stories from the articles published in this monthly newsletter.



HW Fung  
2017-18 District Governor  
Rotary International District 3450

## Fostering good relations while enlightening youth

### The Rotary China- Israel Innovation and Entrepreneurship Youth Exchange 27 January – 4 February 2018

A Rotary initiative to empower and facilitate promising youth from China and Hong Kong through a 9 days enlightening trip to Israel - a leading nation of innovation, technology and Start-ups.

A delegation consisting of 4 Rotarians, 22 promising youth with 15 of them coming from Shenzhen postgraduate schools of Tsinghua University and Peking University, there was also 7 youth from HK, 4 of them are Rotaracters.

All of our youth delegates were selected as a result of two rounds of competitive interviews, they were chosen based upon their relevant outstanding technical backgrounds, fluency in English and inquisitive attitudes.

Under sponsorship, our youth delegates paid only the return airfare to Israel. Rotarians paid the total cost of the trip.

Team leader PDG Peter Wong of RC Kowloon East and deputy leader PDG Kenneth Wong of RC Tai Po led this delegation, CP Xia Jun of RC Shenzhen and PP Bonnie Wong of RC Wanchai joined this trip and contributed immensely to the success of this Israeli experience. PP Joyce Lau of RC Lan Kwai Fong unable to make this trip but rendered invaluable contributions.

The objectives of this trip:

To Explore:

The group aim to find out the main attributes underpinning Israel as a world-leading nation in scientific researches and new ideas. Our itinerary enabled us to examine Israel (population 8 millions) from historic, cultural, political and social prospective.





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To Connect:

-We aimed to connect promising youth from elite postgraduate institutions from China and HK with innovation and technological research entities/ industries in Israel through this exchange; we seek to widen the knowledge horizon and international understanding of our delegates.

-We seek to build sustainable networks amongst youth from leading universities in Mainland China and HK that would be mutually beneficial in their career pursuits in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship.

-To pave the way for more similar youth exchange to Israel.

Another similar Israel youth exchange is scheduled in October 2018 and preparation will be underway, details of which will be released in good time. We appreciate the participation and support from Rotarians regarding the nomination of worthy applicants for this exciting Israel experience.

For details of the meticulously planned itinerary to provide you a glimpse of our fruitful experience in Israel, please visit : <https://goo.gl/mscqdq>





**Uniting in friendship**

**The Rotary Alumni Association, Rotary International District 3450**

**1 February 2018**

Rotary has been changing a lot of individuals' lives through various programs for many years. Each individual is not only a service partner but also an important asset to Rotary and to the society.

Rotary Alumni Association(RAA) is formed to re-unite all the alumni who are participants of former Rotary Programs e.g. Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange members, Interactors, Rotaractors, Rylarians etc.

Rotary Alumni is a group of individuals that share common values and with life experiences in Rotary Programs. The Association is aimed at achieving following roles:

- (a) To establish and maintain a common bond among Rotary alumni
- (b) To enable alumni to network with one another and with Rotarians
- (c) To provide alumni opportunities for involvement in Rotary service
- (d) To facilitate alumni membership in Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

RAA is an alumni-driven organisation. We are looking forward to building this new platform so that all alumni can stay in connection with Rotary, continue their personal development through co-learning, and serve Rotary and our community





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RAA has organized a charter night dinner on Feb 1 and invited 1991 Ambassadorial Scholar Prof. Sophia Chan, Secretary for Food and Health, to share with us her experience in Rotary and career development in university and government. We have successfully connected over 100 alumni through this event.

Invite Alumni to your club activities:

If you club has any good programs which welcome Alumni to join, please contact us. We appreciate if there is special rate of charge to Rotary Alumni.

Online application form:

If you know any alumni, please invite them to reconnect us through our online application form <http://eepurl.com/dcti4b> or contact us at [alumni@rotary3450.org](mailto:alumni@rotary3450.org).

Upcoming activity:

We will have our first community service for new immigrants primary students who have come to HK in less than 6 months on Apr 21 morning. Welcome all alumni to join us.

Facebook:

Please like our Facebook and know more about our updates:

<https://m.facebook.com/rotaryalumni3450/>





## The Rookie Stars shine again

### The 2018 Rotary Rookie Stars Hip Hop Dance Contest 4 February 2018

This is the 8th Year Contest hosted by Rotary District chaired by IPDG Eric Chin who founded Rockie Star Hip Hop Training and Dance Contest in 2011 when he was President in RC Hong Kong Island East. It attracted very positive media coverage including Metro Radio, 2 online magazines and 3 newspapers couple with an advertorial in Sing Tao Daily where our DG HW was interviewed.

The first stage included training of 20 hours in 5 secondary schools for more than 120 students, with one for school of special education and one for school with ethnic minority.

The second stage was the Dance Contest held in Wong Tai Sin Square on Feb 4, 2018. The event attracted over 500 young dance contestants in 4 groups: Primary School, Secondary School, Open and 2-C Battles (Advanced Level)





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**4 February 2018**

Thanks to the OC Team who created an excellent occasion of cultural exchange for 8 Regions including PRC, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, Mongolia, Macau and HK. The Champion this round was from Ukraine. The 1st Run-up was a Japan Team. We sponsored the oversea teams for their traveling and stay in HK.

Thanks to over 110 sponsors from commercial firms including HKNEC, KFM , Kingdom Group, Sony, RC of HK Island East and other Rotary Clubs, 818 Presidents (2011-12), All Star Presidents (2016-17) and Making A Difference Presidents (2018-19) and Individual Rotarians including DG HW and IPDG Eric Chin, PDGs and friends.





## Give blood - when help is needed, Rotary is there

### Making a difference for the Blood Donation Campaign

**25 February 2018**

Responding to an urgent call from the Secretary of Food and Health via PDG Tony, Governor HW assembled his healthcare committee, and they met in the evening of 29 Jan. For months inventories of all blood types have fallen to alarming levels, and measures must be taken to safeguard arrival of high-demand seasons.

Dr Jennifer Leung, Associate Consultant from HK Red Cross kindly agreed to join our meeting. Tentative plan for a collective effort of boosting blood donation on a specific date was made. DG HW and his AG's passed words around Rotarians and Rotaractors. Finally Sunday 25 Feb was agreed to be our D-day. With the successful invitation by PP Lisa, Professor Sophia Chan Secretary of F&H graced the occasion at Headquarters of HK Red Cross. Naturally there was a big turnout of camera crews from TV stations and media.

Since then, blood donation from citizens of Hong Kong has returned to the previously comfortable levels. To a small part we Rotarians might have contributed somehow, but it goes to show what solidarity can bring about. Rotarians can make a difference.



## Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2018

The RYLA 2018 programme was designed to make a difference. This was achieved by making the following changes to the previous programmes:

(i) Firstly, instead of offering 'training', the focus this round is on "inspiration", such that participants were to undergo 'changes' through the specially designed program, and through observations on the good people they met.

(ii) Secondly, Rylarians were encouraged to find solutions to problems instead of just locating problems.

(iii) Thirdly, the age range of the applicants was extended to 16-29.

(iv) Fourthly, the RYLA programme was expanded by having a Post RYLA Mongolia Camp in June 2018 offered to the best 22 Rylarians chosen from the first camp which took place in end February 2018 in Hong Kong.

A total of 60 Rylarians (Hong Kong 46, Macao 8, Mongolia 6) were selected from 160 applications to join the first 4 days RYLA Inspiring Camp held in Sai Kung, Hong Kong last Feb. Finally 22 outstanding young persons were selected to join the Post RYLA Mongolia Camp (5-11 June). Thanks to the Mongolian Rotarians, Rylarians and Rotaractors who helped to organize a comprehensive and fruitful programme in Mongolia. The group of outstanding young persons from Hong Kong, Macao and Mongolia traveled more than 1000 km by road, visiting local nomadic families, remote town hospitals and schools, studying community problems, and enjoying every minute of fun and stay together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the support from various Rotary clubs, DG HW Fung and PDG Peter Pang. Without their financial support, referral of outstanding candidates and advice to me, the RYLA programme would not have been as successful. I would also like to thank our Organising Committee (OC) members: PP Polly, IPP Jack, PE Jeffrey and Rotarian Ed for their input. Finally I must send my best regards to Hong Kong, Macao and Mongolian RYLA camp OC members. Most of them were past Rylarians. They showed their appreciation and gratitude to RYLA and Rotary not by words, but by their actions.

I wish all Rylarians of 2018 were inspired by the two camps. While not every one of them will become a great leader, but I trust every one of them will become a better citizen and human being.

RYLA 2018 Committee Chair  
PP Gabriel Li







**DTTS**



**8th DMC**



**Rotary HK Ultramarathon OC Meeting**



**8th JPM**



**SHA's Spring Reception 2018**



**RC Metropolitan HK Cocktail Party**





Rotary HK Ultramarathon OC Meeting



RC Kingspark HK Career Expo



Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HK Kowloon Department's Spring Reception



RC Kowloon West, RC Kowloon Tong & E-Club of Tamar HK Chinese New Year Dinner



Four generations of joint meeting



District Tree Planting Day



**Top 10 Highest Average Attendance Percentage by Club in Jan 2018**

Area	Club	Average Attendance Percentage
7	Peninsula South	90.00%
4	Star Avenue	83.00%
5	HK Northwest	81.00%
5	Mid-level	79.00%
5	The Peak	73.00%
4	Lan Kwai Fong	70.00%
5	City Northwest HK	69.00%
6	Kwai Chung	69.00%
6	Shatin	69.00%
2	Queensway	67.00%

**Upcoming Events**

<p><b>PETS I</b></p> <p>3 March 2018</p>	<p><b>Rotary HK Ultramarathon 2018</b></p> <p>4 March 2018</p>	<p><b>World Rotaract Week</b></p> <p>12-18 March 2018</p>	<p><b>PETS 2</b></p> <p>7 April 2018</p>
<p><b>New Members' Orientation</b></p> <p>27 April 2018</p>	<p><b>Interact District Conference</b></p> <p>28 April 2018</p>	<p><b>Intercity Meeting</b></p> <p>2 May 2018</p>	<p><b>DTA</b></p> <p>12 May 2018</p>