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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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May 2018

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

While May 2018 was the second last month of Rotary Year 2017-18, the tempo of Rotary activities in D3450 continued to be as fast and the content as fabulous as ever.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Paul Netzel arrived in Hong Kong on 30 April. He made a site visit on 1st May to the Po Leung Kuk Youth Centre in the Cheung Hong public housing estate, where a Global Grant project was completed. He was impressed by how the project has provided opportunities for under-privileged young people to learn how to use the computer and even to develop computer programmes with useful applications. As the Trustee Chair, he was pleased to see that Global Grant allocations have been put to good use in our district.

On 2nd May an intercity meeting held in honor of Trustee Chair Paul was well attended by more than 200 Rotarians. The audience learnt from Trustee Chair Paul's speech of the latest developments and achievements of the Rotary Foundation, in particular on how donations were managed and put to good use. He also took the opportunity to give due recognition to Rotarians in our district who made significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Two weeks after the visit of Trustee Chair Paul, we were pleased to welcome RIP Ian visiting our district on 15th -17th May. Despite his very busy schedule, RIP Ian officiated at the Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner of THE ONE held in Hong Kong on 16th May. On the same occasion, the award ceremony for THE ONE HK was officiated by the Honorable Matthew Cheung, Chief Secretary of Administration of the HKSAR Government. The event was given a full page report in the South China Morning Post referring to an interview of RIP Ian during his stay in Hong Kong. Both RIP Ian and Chief Secretary Matthew highly appraised the awards of THE ONE and THE ONE HK, which were initiated by D3450, and were impressed by the impact the awards have had on the community.

I would also like to highlight here that with the persistency and dedication of our Committee of THE ONE, finally the award for THE ONE Philippine has been successfully set up, and the first Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner for THE ONE Philippine was conducted on 2nd May 2018. It is hoped more countries/territories will follow the steps of Hong Kong and the Philippines, and set up their own Awards for their local THE ONE. The fact that winner of THE ONE in a country/city automatically qualifies to join the semi-final of THE ONE in the following year should pave the way for more countries/cities to follow and set up their own local awards for THE ONE.

After the above two significant events, marked by the visits of the two top leaders of Rotary International, a delegation comprised of Club Presidents and Rotarians led by me visited the Ningxia province to conduct site inspection of the water purification systems installed in 20 schools in the Yinchuan and Guyuan cities. The delegation was pleased to see that the water purification systems were properly installed in the chosen sites. The project benefited more than 50,000 students and teachers in the 20 selected schools by providing them with directly clean and drinkable water. A handover ceremony was held on 24th May in the presence of senior officials of the Ningxia Province, with principals and staff of schools pledging their determination to maintain the systems in accordance with the guidelines set by the Rotary Team. The beauty of the water purification system lies in the fact that if the school staff would follow strictly the maintenance procedures stipulated in the guidelines provided by Rotarians, the facilities and hence the benefits could last for at least 10 years. The provincial government, the schools and the students and teachers greatly appreciated the care and services provided by Rotary.

Upon return to Hong Kong from Ningxia, I was pleased to join several meaningful and territory wide rotary projects in the last few days of May. On 26th May, a territory wide drawing competition was kicked off at the West Kowloon High Speed Train Station where construction work was near completion. The event was jointly organised by one of our Rotary Clubs in collaboration with the Government. This was the first time the MTR company sponsored the event, and the theme of "Trains and scenery seen from trains" was chosen. Nearly a thousand students and young people participated in the competition, which lasted two full days. The drawings will be assessed in the following weeks and results of award announced in August 2018.

Then on 27th May, a very interesting project initiated by one of our Rotary Clubs broke the Guinness Record. Nearly one thousand people comprised of mainly Rotarians and children with Down Syndrome gathered together to play the African Drum in the open space outside the Cultural Centre in Tsimshatsui. It was also supported by the South Africa Consulate as an event celebrating the 100th anniversary birthday of former President Mandela. The Secretary for Food & Health, Professor Sophia Chan, officiated at the opening ceremony of the event. While it was a very hot day for the participants, the assembly was endorsed officially to have broken the Guinness Record of having the largest group of people playing the African Drum together. The event well illustrates how our love and care for the under-privileged could result in a win-win cooperation.

Besides the above two territory wide Rotary events, a large scale debate competition among secondary schools organised by Rotary Clubs in Area 8 of our district had its final session held on 30th May. We were most honored that RIP Representative Past RI Director Gordon McInally attended the event. PRID Gordon and spouse Heather were appointed to represent RIP Ian and spouse Juliet to officiate at the District Conference. They took the opportunity to come in early to attend some of the Rotary activities in our District. They were impressed by the performance of our secondary students in the debate competition on 30th May. They visited the Fung Yuen Butter Reserve on the following day, 31st May, to see the trees planted by Rotarians there in response to RIP Ian's appeal that every Rotarian should plant a tree. They also participated in planting some trees during their visit to Fung Yuen.

More will be reported in my June 2018 message about the District Conference, along with other exciting events scheduled to take place in the month of June.

I am most grateful for the excellent projects/activities organised/supported by Rotarians in D3450. I hope my brief summary of them here will engender not only fond memories among Rotarians who have attended those activities, but also interest and appreciation among others who for various reasons have missed the opportunity of attending those activities.

Yours in Rotary,



HW Fung  
2017-18 District Governor  
Rotary International District 3450



## Intercity meeting in honor of Trustee Chair Paul Netzel

2 May 2018, by AG Ron Chan

In honour of The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Paul Netzel, Rotary District 3450 organized an Intercity Meeting on 2 May 2018 (Wed) at Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST. Over 200 Rotarians and guests from 50 Rotary clubs attended the event. The dinner started with entertainments including Lion Dance and Erhu performance, followed by Trustee Chair's presentation on Rotary Foundation and Donor Recognition. At the end of meeting there was a group photo section for Foundation Chair and Rotary Dignitaries to take photos with Rotarians area by area. The meeting adjourned at 10pm.





## Award Gala Dinner for THE ONE Humanitarian Awards, a Rotary District 3450 project

16 May 2018, by PDG David Harilela

When Wednesday May 16th, 2018

Who Over 380 celebrities, industry leaders & Rotarians

Where Holiday Inn Golden Mile, Hong Kong

THE ONE, a project by Rotary District 3450, celebrated its seventh award gala dinner on May 16th. Two unsung heroes were crowned the year's most outstanding humanitarians.

Nominated by President Stacy Ho of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, Jeff Rotmeyer won THE ONE Hong Kong 2018 and HK\$200,000 to further his charities Impact HK which provides free services to the homeless community and Love 21 Foundation, which provides care for 40 autistic and down syndrome members.

Enid Hendershot won the title of THE ONE International 2018 and the grand prize of US\$100,000 to further Ramana's Garden children's home and school in Rishikesh India, where she provides shelter to orphans and free education to village children.

Both President Stacy and Enid's endorsing Rotary club of Hong Kong Kowloon Golden Mile were awarded prize money to donate towards a charity of their choice.

Guest of honour Rotary International President Ian Riseley presented THE ONE trophy to winner Enid Hendershot at the International award presentation. He said of the finalists: "What they have accomplished individually, through an extraordinary degree of commitment is truly astonishing. And I think were Paul Harris here tonight, he'd be smiling on all of it."

Other prominent attendees included guest of honour Hong Kong Chief Secretary for Administration Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, Hong Kong award ambassador Cecilia Wang, former Secretary for Food and Health Dr Ko Wing Man GBS JP and Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Basic Law Committee Elsie Leung Oi-see GBM JP.

The evening brought in over HK\$3 million in proceeds for future prize monies, including a US\$100,000 donation to THE ONE Emergency Aid Fund, which helps past winners and runners-up in times of dire need.



**Award Gala Dinner for THE ONE Humanitarian Awards, a Rotary District 3450 project**

**16 May 2018, by PDG David Harilela**

Every year, Rotarians from all over the world have been instrumental in gathering candidates for the annual awards. Earlier this year THE ONE was incorporated in the District Awards, allowing D3450 clubs to earn points by nominating a candidate.

All Rotarians are invited to support THE ONE by contributing their services, joining the organising committee or attending the annual award gala dinner held in Hong Kong. Do you know an unsung hero? Nominate them for THE ONE Awards 2019 this summer! Applications will open on July 1st 2018.

<b>THE ONE International Humanitarian Award</b>	
Winner	US\$100,000
Runners-up	US\$50,000 each
Endorsing Rotary Club	US\$5,000
<b>THE ONE Hong Kong Humanitarian Award</b>	
Winner	HK\$200,000
Runners-up	HK\$80,000 each
Nominator	HK\$5,000*
*To be donated to an HKSAR Government approved charitable organisation or a Rotary club in Hong Kong in the name of the nominator.	

Please see [www.theoneintl.org](http://www.theoneintl.org) for more information.

To date, THE ONE has donated US\$2.3 million to 42 awardees from 15 different countries, and over 300,000 lives have been saved or improved.

Raised funds have contributed to four fully serviced care centres, three rehabilitation centres, two mobile care ambulances, three solar powered village clinics, a secondary school, a medical centre, maternity hospital, hospice for palliative care, cultural centre as well as food, water, medicine and care for tens of thousands.





# Breaking the Guinness World Record – The Largest Djembe Drum Ensemble” for the people with Downs Syndrome

27 May 2018, by P Kenny Lee

In Rotary Year 2017-2018, Rotary Club of Central collaborated a service event with the Hong Kong Association of African Drumming (HKAAD) and Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (HKDSA) by using “AFRICAN DRUM” as our main service theme - “Breaking the Guinness World Record – The Largest Djembe Drum Ensemble” for the people with Downs Syndrome.” We invited people with Down Syndrome to learn and practice djembe drum every fortnight, to enhance their motor coordination, team spirit and empower their drumming skills. We hope to encourage them to perform with confidence and showcase their talent on stage. On 27 May 2018, as part of the African Festival hosted by Hong Kong Association of African Drumming, our Rotary Club members, volunteers and Down Syndrome participants with their families attempted to challenge the Guinness World Record with the largest djembe drum ensemble to promote an inclusive society.

It was our great honor to have The Nelson Mandela Foundation authorized this event as an official celebration event for Nelson Mandela's legacy 100 years – Be the Legacy, and the authorization of the event day as the Africa Day under African union. The invited honorable guests were Professor Sophia CHAN, JP Secretary for Food and Health, the representative of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the General Consulates of African Countries, Hing Wang FUNG, SBS, District Governor of Rotary International District 3450, and Ms. Victoria Tang-Owen (Daughter of Sir David Tang, KBE) – President of Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association.

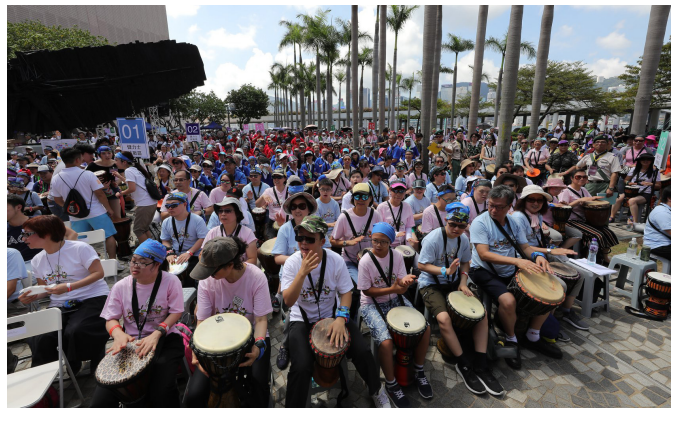




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On the event day, we invited over 1100 participants including people with Down Syndrome and volunteers drumming simultaneously at the Piazza of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. We were so glad that we successfully broke the Guinness World Record with 978 participants doing the drumming together. Sweat and the bitter sweet moments made the record accomplished. The main purpose for this program was not just to break the record, the most important part was that we interacted with people with Down Syndrome and their families through the training days from Oct 2017- May 2018. And we hope to spread the message to the community so that they know the talents of people with Down Syndrome and will keep supporting them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to heartily appreciate our core service team of Rotary Club of Central which has helped make this unbelievable event happen.





## **Territory-wide Youth Drawing Competition** **26-27 May 2018, by P Alexander Cheung**

Rotary Club of Kwun Tong Youth Service Flagship Project, "Territory-wide Youth Drawing Competition" was held successfully in West Kowloon High Speed Train Station and SKH St. John Primary School on 26-27 May 2018. Rotary Club of Kwun Tong has been hosting the competition with Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions Committee and Kwun Tong District Office since the club was chartered. We aim to promote the Chinese culture and art to the youth through the drawing competition, and also provide a platform for the public to understand our youth from their drawings. This is one of the oldest and largest drawing competitions in Hong Kong.

The competition received generous sponsorship and support from MTR Corporation Ltd. this year. The programme included site visiting of the not yet opened High Speed Train Station, Fun Fair in Kwun Tong Ping Shek Estate Plaza, and numerous large scale advertisements in major MTR stations. It was our great honor to have Secretary for Transport and Housing Frank Chan JP, Deputy Director of Home Affairs Charmaine Wong JP, MTRCL Chairman Prof. Frederick Ma, District Governor HW Fung, accompanied by President Alexander Cheung of Rotary Club of Kwun Tong, and HKYCAC Chairman Kenny Chan to officiate the kick off ceremony, which was reported widely by broadcasting, printed and digital media afterwards. There were about 700 participants in the competition and 2000 participants in the Fun Fair. The entire project was supported by about 300 volunteers. We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all service partners and supporting organizations.



DG MESSAGE

DISTRICT EVENT

AREA EVENT

CLUB EVENT

NEW GENERATION

EVENT HIGHLIGHT





Area 7 Project with Music Children Foundation



RC Central 9th Anniversary Charity Party



RC Admiralty 29th Anniversary Party



Visit of RIPR Gordon to Fung Yuen, main tree planting site



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

Area	Club	Average Attendance Percentage
2	Queensway	90.00%
5	HK Northwest	86.00%
1	Hou Kuong	66.73%
5	City Northwest HK	65.00%
8	E-Club of Tamar HK	62.50%
2	Discovery Bay	60.00%
5	HK Island West	60.00%
6	Kwai Chung	56.00%
3	Happy Valley	55.00%
4	Lan Kwai Fong	42.00%

**Upcoming Events**

