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## LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - 22 October 2014



The meeting was chaired by PP Tim Lui and session began around 1:00pm with the bell being sounded.

Due to the nature of today's talk and the group, PP Tim proposed today's meeting to be held in Cantonese which was unanimously voted in favor and language channel

was also the birthday boy! Rtn. Peter Yeung was invited to lead the birthday song and President Norman presented the gift. Afterwards, PE William announced the Red Box donation for the day was HKD1,800.



committee for Area 3. Other announcements were made and lunch was served before commencement on the talk for the day.

PP Tim provided the background on his talk to "Hong Kong's current situation and the vision for the future" and opened up the discussion to floor followed by PP George formally thanking the speaker in our usual manner and all were invited to group photo. Meeting adjourned.



For one of the announcements, it required voting from our members, which was voted in favor by 20 members, regarding voting PP Jimmy Ma of RC of Happy Valley and Rtn. Lewis Man of RC of Shouson Hill to serve in the



was switched. Several guests were invited to join our meeting including: Ms. Charlene Kotwall was introduced by PE William Wong as his mentee, Mr. John Poon was introduced by Rtn. Jason Chiu as one of his best friends and Ms. Marsha Tung was introduced by PP John Kwok. Also, Rtn Tony Loy, PP Henry Chan and PP Tim Lui were especially welcomed back from their busy work and oversea schedules.

In addition to being the chairperson and the speaker for the day, PP Tim



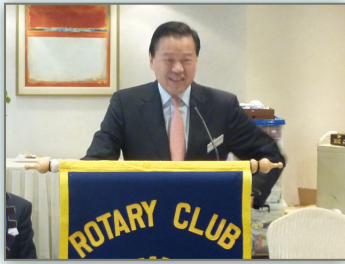
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PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

# SPOTLIGHT ON: Hong Kong's current situation and the vision for the future



PP Tim recapitulated the list of events which led to prolonged "Occupy" movement in Hong Kong over the process towards 2017 political reform. It began with conceptualization on the "Occupy Central" movement which stimulated publicized wishes from HK political parties and LegCo members for months before the Chinese Government issued its white paper on Hong Kong. Subsequently, NPCSC provided decision on the 2017 political reform on 31 Aug 2014 and Students boycotted lessons in response to the decision which evolved into Umbrella Movement involving the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 incidents.

Resulting from the prolonged "Occupy" movements, PP Tim noted the Short-to-Medium Term impact to HK which included: (1) Disruptions to citizen's way of life, (2) Polarization towards two extremes within society causing a rift between citizens, family & friends, (3) Tourism warning & reduction in Mainland tourist visiting HK and (4) Significant reduction in business volume for operators in occupied territories; for the Long Term, the impact to HK included: (1) Erosion of HK core values [Law & Order and Harmony], (2) LegCo and other non co-operative measures adversely affecting strategic development of HK, (3) Political uncertainty leading to downward

adjustment to credit rating, (4) Questionability of economic outlook (employment opportunities, wage increase and etc.), (5) No direct LegCo election in 2020 if 2017 election plans are not implemented, (6) Chinese Government adopting tighter attitude towards HK and (7) Post 2047 HK status.

Some factual reality was outlined, including: (1) HK is a Special Administrative Region of the PRC and (2) the concern goes beyond political reform and control & management of HK into PRC national's economic and security interests are at the heart of the issues.

The floor was then opened up for discussion and members declared neutral political positioning before commenting. The points conveyed during the open floor included: (1) CNN and Bloomberg news relating to HK's "Occupy" movements has been broadcast without editing in China was a precedent in China, (2) Local council & LegCo members in HK remained low profile after "Occupy" movements began seems unusual from their past actions and (3) actions towards blockage resources and talks between student leaders with HK government appeared well strategized for a leaderless movement.

To conclude the talk, PP Tim feels it is important to move forward in resolving the situation that required: (1) Pursue dialogue to seek resolution, (2) Some minor concessions can be offered as per meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2014 and (3) Go back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase consultation and maximize outcome.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Rotary Happy Run is scheduled for November 30th, 2014 in Shatin. The participation fee is HK\$1,000 for all Rotarians, HK\$180 for students and Rotaractors. We do need sponsors from our members to support more Rotaractors to participate, and Choi Jun school will have 10 participants.
- The Joint School Swimming Gala for the special schools is scheduled for October 25th 2014 from 9am to 12pm at Ma On Shan swimming pool. PE William will host a dim sum breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Please register with Sec. Avis if you would like to join this event.
- RAC of HKIE will have their 30th Installation Ceremony on November 1st 2014, 3.30pm to 5.15pm at the HK Poly U Staff Club. Please register with Sec. Avis to join and support our Rotaractors. The fee for Rotarians is HK\$200.
- District Halloween Party will be held on 31st Oct 2014 at the Kowloon Cricket Club. Please register with Sec Avis today if you want to join.
- The official ballot for the election of members to serve on the Nominating Committee for DG 2017-18 has been received. The board has held the discussion during the last board meeting held on 8th Oct 2014 and concluded to vote for PP Jimmy Ma of RC of Happy Valley and Rtn. Lewis Man of RC of Shouson Hill to serve in committee for Area 3.
- AGM of RC of HKIE will be held on 26th Nov 2014. Notice has been served via email. Please arrange your schedule to attend the AGM and elect the officers for 2015-16.

## OUT & ABOUT

### Household devices to the under privileged

A note from one of the participants, Nicole, on the day:

"Before I joined this activity, I only saw the harsh life of the poor in the TV shows. The feelings most of us do hold for HongKong is the paradise of shopping. There are tons of luxury goods, quantities of different kinds of entertainments, numerous comfortable and spacious houses, but none of these is belong to the poorer people. They even can't afford the basic household devices. This tells the fact that the gap between the rich and the poor in HongKong is becoming bigger and bigger. So it is necessary for the society or the rich to do a little bit more to help that group to live a better life. Maybe something worthless to us means a lot to them. So I hope people who are able to give a hand to those in poor can get together and make an effort to improve their life standard, and make our own life more colourful and meaningful as well."



### District Badminton Tournament

The district badminton tournament was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre, Kowloon, and RCHKIE was represented by President Norman Lee and Rotarian Chris Kyme, both of whom showed great enthusiasm if not exactly any sort of Olympic standard ability, with President Norman slightly more experienced in the sport than Rotarian Chris, who admitted that his only previous experience at the sport was when a shuttlecock hit him on the head while visiting a sports centre. Both competitors went out in the first round. But that's not the point – it's the participation that counts!

# THE LAST LAUGH

## WORDS OF WISDOM...

"If you want to change the world, do it when you are a bachelor. After marriage, you can't even change a TV channel..."

Listening to wife is like reading the terms & conditions of a website.  
You don't understand it but you still accept it.

Chess is the only game in the world, which reflects the status of the husband;  
The poor king can take only one step at a time ....  
While the mighty queen can do whatever she likes.

Why do most Indian women request for the same husband in the next life -  
how can you let such good training go to waste?

All Men are Brave,  
Horror Movies don't scare them....  
But 5 Missed Calls from Wife ...surely does

What's Checkmate?  
You tell your wife "I saw a lady, looked exactly like you" & wife asks "WAS SHE GORGEOUS..??"  
You can't say 'No' and you can't say 'Yes' - now that's Checkmate!

STOCK MARKET EFFECT:  
Depressed Husband said to his fat wife: "You are my only investment, that has doubled."



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