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LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - 29 APRIL 2015

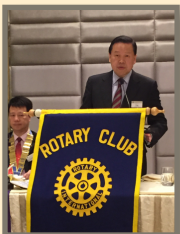


With a very very special guest speaker this week, Dr York Chow, we had more than our usual quota of visitors attending our meeting, and we were delighted to welcome Pres. Keith Chow --- Admiralty, Eliza Ning ---and PP Amy Leung ---Bayview Shunshine, Josephine Chan --- Admiralty, Pres. Jacky Chu --- Lan Kwai Fong, CP Sally Ho --- Tamar (Provisional),

Pres. Patrick Au Yeung --- Lion Rock Pres. Natalie Kwok plus Dorothy --- Tai Po. Lovely to see so many welcome guests joining us for lunch. President Norman kicked off proceedings at 1.05pm, and began by speaking of the events of the past week, in particular the tragedy in Nepal,



for which today's Red Box donations would be dedicated to help, as agreed by majority vote. We then all stood for a moment of silence in memory of all of the victims. President Norman also discussed the various channels so far tabled for distribution of the donation, with options being Shelter Box, World Vision or UNICEF. After which he welcomed all of the visiting Rotarians and also invited PP Tim to introduce special guest Mabel, and PP David introduce guest Anthony.



PP Tim then stepped in to chair the meeting, making all of the announcements, with a mention of both the coming 4-Clans luncheon on May 20th and also an update regarding the resolution regarding the special levy for the 2019 RI



Convention bid. Acting Sergeant Colin then announced the generous Red Box takings as xxxxx, with a kind HK\$1,000 from Uncle John, before the time had come for PP Tim to formally introduce Dr York Chow, who had come along to speak about Equal Opportunities in Hong Kong and China, and his work for the Equal Opportunities Commission.



After an interesting and insightful presentation, PP Tim then invited questions, of which there were a few, before inviting DGN Eric to formally thank the speaker. DGN Eric remarked on EOC being 'not an easy job, and drew our attention to the work of Rotary and EOC, in particular where our 4-Way Test is concerned. After this, we held a toast to RI, HKIE and all visiting Rotary clubs, before joining together for the group photo. After which Dr York Chow signed autographs (just kidding!).



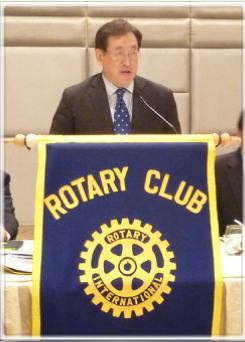
THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President

PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

SPOTLIGHT ON - Equal Opportunities Commission



The Equal Opportunities Commission is a statutory body established in 1996 to implement the anti-discrimination ordinances in Hong Kong, namely the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance and the Race Discrimination Ordinance. The EOC vision is to create a pluralistic and inclusive society free of discrimination where there is no barrier to equal opportunities.

Currently there are four ordinances dealing with anti-discrimination, namely the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (SDO), the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (DDO), the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (FSDO) and the Race Discrimination Ordinance (RDO). The main functions and powers of the EOC are to work towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status, pregnancy, disability, family status and race, and promote equality of opportunities between men and women, between persons with a disability and persons without a disability, irrespective of family status and race.



Dr Chow began by outlining the areas of focus for his speech, including equal opportunities in Hong Kong and China (although he did state that he was in a position to comment in great detail on China), and also what the future holds for EO in Hong Kong, where much of the work of EOC entails dealing with complaints. He also did make it clear that, with little or no money to spend on advertising, he is very much the face and voice of EOC, and works hard to 'never say no' to meeting and talking to the media to get exposure for the work of EOC. Dr Chow asked how far Hong Kong has come since the EOC was established 20 years ago. He shared with us his own experiences as student, and when his friends included people from diverse backgrounds, coming from countries such as India and Pakistan, and how this shaped his own views and philosophy towards the acceptance of others. He spoke of how difficult it has become for those of ethnic minorities to succeed in Hong Kong's schools due to language capabilities, and also how few opportunities there are in schools for students from poorer backgrounds to gain entry into schools who 'cherry pick' the students they prefer.

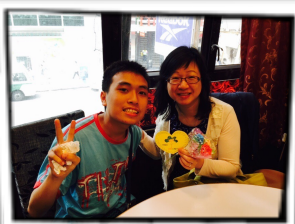
His speech also spoke about the difficulties that disabled face in society here, recalling that his own acceptance of those less able than himself was shaped by travelling with the disabled for sporting events many years ago. Exposure and experience he feels can change attitudes. He stated that he feels that education is the way forward. To work towards changing minds and attitudes among the young, where they are still open-minded enough to accept new ideas. All in all it was a fascinating insight into a difficult topic.



OUT & ABOUT

Happy Lunch

The last Happy Lunch for this year took place on Friday April 24th. Pres. PE William hosted the lunch with Choi Jun school students and teachers at a Hong Kong Style Tea House in Wanchai to give the students a different experience. Rotarians PP Uncle John, Rtn. John Poon and spouse, Charles, and Director Kevin and PN Chris and spouse all joined in the fun and food.



ROTARY, SHELTERBOX ORGANIZING AID FOR QUAKE VICTIMS IN NEPAL



Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal after a massive earthquake hit the country on 25 April, killing at least 5,200 people and injuring thousands more. The 7.8-magnitude quake, the worst to hit Nepal in more than 80 years, has affected 8 million people in the country's 39 districts, including 1.4 million needing food assistance, according to government officials.

"Rotarians worldwide stand together in expressing a profound sadness at the devastation resulting from this weekend's deadly earthquake in Nepal," says RI President Gary C.K. Huang. "As we mourn the thousands of lives lost, Rotary joins other international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts throughout the country."

Rotary District 3292 in Nepal set up a disaster relief fund to help victims in the hardest hit areas. Immediate funds will go towards food, water, medical supplies, and shelter. For information on how you can help, [contact District Governor Rabindra Kumar Piya](#).

Rotary partner [ShelterBox](#) is sending a response team to the affected areas to determine immediate needs. Because of previous disasters in Nepal, the group already has tents and other nonfood items ready for deployment.

[Read RI President Gary C.K. Huang's statement](#)

[Learn more about ShelterBox](#)

[Send questions to relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org)

Rotary News

27-Apr-2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Another special meeting will be arranged on May 20, 2015 for Mr. Stephen Ng, Chairman of Cable TV. It will be our annual 4-clan meeting, a joint meeting of 12 clubs under the family tree of HKIE. Please reserve your time to join the meeting and try to promote the meeting to your friends in Rotary.
2. District 3450 is bidding for the RI Convention 2019. The bidding committee is chaired by our own PDG YK Cheng. The district proposed a special levy of HK\$800 per annum for HK based Rotarians for 4 years. This special levy will only apply if the bidding is successful. The resolution has been voted and passed during the 55th district conference.
3. District Training Assembly is scheduled on May 23rd, 2015, Sat. at the HK Jockey Club Shatin club house starting at 9:00am. All board members should join. Any members who are interested to know more about the district may join as well.

THE LAST LAUGH - Communication

Daughter to Dad ... TEXTING(Communication) in Today's Generation

Daddy, I am coming home to get married soon. Get out your check book.
LOL (lots of love)

I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me. I am in Australia, and he lives in Scotland. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp, he proposed to me on Skype, and now we've had two months of relationship through Viber. My beloved and favorite Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes, and a really big wedding."

Lots of love and thanks, Your favorite daughter,

Lilly

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Dads replyalso by texting

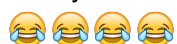
My Dear Lilly,

Like Wow! Really? Cool!

Whatever....., I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through Paypal. And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on Ebay.

L.O.L. (lots of love),

Daddy



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Meeting Venue : Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Meeting Schedules : Every Wed. 1st week at 7:30 pm. Other weeks at 12:30 pm
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