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LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - 06 MAY 2015



A rather more serious subject matter was at the heart of this week's meeting, as the guest speaker was Kevin Chiu, CEO of World Vision Hong Kong, who was with us to speak about his recent trip to Nepal to review the earthquake situation. President Norman rang the bell at 1.05pm to announce the meeting open, and PP Stephen Liu took to the podium to Chair the meeting. This week we had one visitor from overseas, IPP

Sophie Stone from Rotary Club of Paramus Sunrise in New Jersey. Sophie originally comes from Myanmar, and her husband is also a Rotarian. She gave us a brief introduction to both her club and also her country of origin, and was given a warm welcome and exchanged club flags with President Norman.



show exactly where and how the donations are needed. Having been there on April 28th, 3 days after the actual tragedy took place, naturally he had much to report, sharing photos and reporting on the challenges facing the relief efforts, in particular with actually getting help and supplies into the country, with its tiny airport and limited road access. It was a somber scenario and revealed the size and scale of the operation. After the presentation, PP George thanked Kevin on behalf



of all of us before the meeting adjourned at 2pm for the group



There was a birthday boy, namely PP George, who invited Rtn Peter Yeung to lead the birthday song. Acting SAA Jason then announced the Red Box takings for this week, and given the topic for the day's speaker, it was heartwarming to see once again a healthy \$7,000 raised in the name of the earthquake relief, which was the exact same amount as the previous week. In which case it was with great pride that President Norman was able to pass a cheque to the



photo.

speaker Kevin Chiu for \$14,000 in the name of our club as a donation towards the relief efforts.



The guest speaker then took to the stand to give us all a reality check and



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SPOTLIGHT ON: The earthquake in Nepal



The huge 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal on April 25th, destroying buildings, including some of great historical significance and triggering avalanches in the Himalayas. To date, more than 7,500 people have died, and these numbers are expected to rise as more remote areas are accessed. Some 8 million people have been affected by the quake. According to UNICEF, 1.7 million children urgently need aid, and World Vision is working to provide aid to 100,000 people, initially helping those in the worst-affected areas of Bhaktapur, Gorkha, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, and Lamjung.

World Vision has distributed supplies that were pre-positioned in Nepal, including more than 2,000 tarps, 600 blankets, and 400 corrugated roofing sheets. The next round of distributions will depend on the arrival of relief supplies being airlifted in from Dubai. The shipments include 5,000 tarpaulins that are loaded and waiting to fly. But planes are having difficulty landing because the airport is highly congested and aftershocks continue.

Additional supplies are being airlifted from a regional warehouse and include hygiene kits, cooking kits, mosquito nets, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, buckets, and water purification tablets.

A lack of access to toilets and clean water supply means affected residents, especially in hard-to-reach places, face higher risk in the coming weeks of waterborne diseases like cholera. And more than 1.4 million people are in need of food assistance.

“We know the clock is ticking for those impacted by the earthquake in some of the most remote areas; aid is a matter of life or death for many at this point,” says Phillip Ewert, operations director for World Vision in Nepal. “Our staff — as part of the humanitarian effort — are pushing to deploy aid under extreme conditions, well aware of that urgency.”

World Vision has set up 10 Child-Friendly Spaces and temporary learning centers to provide a safe space for children to play and study while their families are in transition.

“Many children lost everything they knew when the earthquake struck,” says Arpanah Rongong, World Vision’s child protection specialist in Nepal. Child-Friendly Spaces offer a place for children to start coming to terms with the loss they have experienced. “Young people often begin expressing their emotions through artwork, which helps them start to make sense of the devastation around them,” Rongong explains.

Forty-four youth volunteers drawn from churches and other community groups participated in training to staff the Child-Friendly Spaces. Nepal is among the countries in the world that are most vulnerable to quakes and has long ranked at the top of the list of places most vulnerable to earthquakes, according to experts.

10 Years of work destroyed

World Vision has been in Nepal for more than a decade, preparing for the “big one” with training for communities to help reduce the risks associated with earthquakes, and pre-positioning supplies. Preparedness activities took place in the Lalitpur and Rupandehi Districts for about 65,000 people.

The aid agency has 73 projects in Nepal managed by 205 staff, for the past 10 years working with communities in Nepal and focusing on:

- Maternal and child health
- Education
- Child protection
- Livelihoods



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OUT & ABOUT



PDG YK, Irene had lead PDG Dom Vessigault to meet Uncle Peter at church last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The board has approved to donate the redbox donation of last meeting and today's meeting to World Vision for the special relief fund for Earth quake. We had raised HK \$7,000 last week. Together with the donation today, we will issue a check to World Vision.
2. A 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.
3. The 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.
4. We have made a very elegant souvenir for our guests, it is a USB memory with 16GB capacity. Our 60th year anniversary video and a slideshow are preloaded in the memory. All our members can take one home for your own memory of our big celebration last year. Please ask PE William to get one if you have not received it.
5. The District Installation is scheduled on July 4, 2015 in the Hong Kong Convention Centre, Wanchai, CE CY Leung will be the guest of honour. We need to register early in order to secure a good table. 15 members and spouses have already registered. If we can receive more.

THE LAST LAUGH - Below Par?

After a particularly bad round of golf, Robert decided not to go to the nineteenth hole [the clubhouse bar] and started to go straight home.

As he was walking to the golf car park to get his Range Rover, a policeman stopped him and asked, 'Did you tee off on the seventeenth hole about twenty minutes ago?'

'Yes', Robert answered

'Did you happen to slice your ball so that it went over the trees and out of bounds and completely off the golf course?'

'Yes, I did. How did you know?' Robert questioned.

'Well', said the policeman gravely, 'Your golf ball flew out onto the main road and crashed through the windscreen of a BMW. The car driver lost control and crashed into six other cars and a fire engine. The fire engine was unable to reach the fire in time and the building burned down. Now, what do you intend to do about it?'

Robert thought it over very carefully and responded, 'I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb.'



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