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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

Last Week's Proceedings (3rd August, 2005)

Pres. Eddy opened the 5th meeting of this Rotary year by welcoming Chartered President of Hong Kong South PP Dennis Ting. He then invited IPP Rudy to introduce the visiting Rotarians and guests. He welcomed the following visitors and guests:

Rtn Emily Ting from HK South,

Three Rotarians from HK Harbour: PE Benny Tam, PP Grace Yen and Rtn W.T. Wong.

Rtn Benny Ratnani from HK North East.

Dir Jason was asked to introduce his guest Charles Bien for the last time, as he will be inducted today.

Next PDG Uncle Peter introduced his guest Mr. Norman Lee.

PP Hubert introduced his guest who is Mr. Gabriel Cheng.

Finally Dr Tony introduced his guest who is Dr. Adrian Fung.

Pres. Eddy then invited PP John to come up to celebrate his birthday today. Of course PP John requested PP Sam to lead the birthday song. Pres. Eddy then gave PP John His birthday present on behalf of the club.

Pres. Eddy made the first announcement, which is our project in China to support the poor female students in the provinces near Beijing. He said that all the fund required have almost been collected and we are proposing to go there on the 21st of August to present it to them. We anticipate that we will return to Hong Kong on the 24th so it will not inconvenience our members too much. He hopes that more will support this worthwhile project.

Next he announce that the Rotaract Club of HK Island East will hold its 20th Anniversary party on 20th August, 2005 at the Hui Restaurant in Central and request our members to support this function. The price is \$230 per person. Any members who are interested please contact Hon Sec Andy.

Pres. Eddy then informed the members about the passing away of PP Jack Lau's mother recently and he will send PP Jack a letter of condolence to him on behalf of the club.

SAA report by IPP Rudy: Contribution from birthday boy and PP Sam and others totaled \$1,100.

Pres Eddy then proceeded to induct a new member of our club. He asked Hon Sec Andy to escort the new candidate with his proposer Dir. Jason Chiu to come up to the rostrum. Jason introduced his friend Charles Bien to our members. Mr. Bien is the Managing Director of Boyden China Ltd. which is an executive search consultant company. Among his many posts he is the President of the Institute of Management Consultants of Hong Kong. He is the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Council of Association of Executive Search Consultants, and Fellow of the Institute of Directors.

Pres. Eddy then proceeded to induct Charles into our club. He invited Rtn Charles to come up to the rostrum to say few words to our members. Rtn Charles thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He said he would try to attend as many of our functions as possible given his busy schedules between his trips to Shanghai and Beijing.

Pres Eddy then asked Hon Sec Andy to introduce our speaker for today. Hon Sec Andy gave a very thorough and colourful introduction of Mr. Warren Mok, the world-renowned tenor who has given performances worldwide. He is the current artistic director of the Macau International Music Festival and of Opera Hong Kong.

Mr. Mok told us that ordinary members of the public who loves opera such as PP's Dennis and John formed Opera Hong Kong about two years ago. Every country in the world has an Opera company except Hong Kong. For instance Tokyo, they have a 100% government funded Opera company. He belief that we cannot claim Hong Kong is an international city without an opera company. He said that we have been asking for government support for many years and failed. This year we tried again and received \$200,000. This is a start anyway. We have to get our own financial support.

This year Mr. Mok said they are going to stage a famous opera "Turandot". It will be a totally Hong Kong production using local talent and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. Our own John Luk and PDG Moses Cheng will sing the role of Emperor on alternate nights. The total cost is HK\$5M. This amount has almost being fully supported.

Pres. Eddy then invited PP J.L. to thank the speaker for a very interesting and colourful talk.

Pres. Eddy then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of HK South, HK North East and invited visitors and guest for a group photograph.

Rotary Information

RI has designated August as the Membership and Extension month. Our world leader President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar asked for a net increase of only one new member per club throughout the Rotary globe. This measure seems easy but retention is rather difficult. D.G. Peter Wan informed our club that he has already nearly twenty new members recruited by Rotary clubs in our district. He strongly emphasized on membership growth during his year besides community service projects.

According to analysis, the United States leads the way in total number of Rotarians, with 388,170 members. The second largest country is Japan with approximately 103,700 members followed by India with about 90,000 Rotarians. A couple of interesting observations are that these three countries alone account for 50 percent of the Rotary population and they are all around the Pacific, where 60 percent of the world population is located.

The average loss of members each year is in the region of 10 percent. It is therefore of greatest importance that we make our clubs interesting through dynamic programmes and meaningful projects. To take care of club members so they feel that their membership is relevant to both them and their club and to put emphasis on fellowship and friendship, two of the cornerstones on which Rotary was built.

In response to the call of RI President Carl, our club inducted two new members recently. It is sincerely hope that our members may meet these two new faces and know them better by reading the following bio-data :



1. Raymond Choi.

Raymond, otherwise known as "Ray" was born in Hong Kong, migrated to United Kingdom in 1975 and graduated from the University of Birmingham. He came back to Hong Kong in 1985 and joined the then world 2nd largest computer company "Digital Equipment Corporation" which was acquired by Compaq and later merged with Hewlett-Packard.

During the years with these companies, he had worked in various sales and marketing management positions and now the Director of Sales and Marketing responsible for the Commercial and SMB Business in Hong Kong. Ray is married and has two children, both at school. His wife is a banker. His hobby is golfing.



2. Charles Bien

Effective 1st July 2004, GML Consulting Limited has merged with the Hong Kong and Mainland China operations of Boyden Global Executive Search. Charles Bien became the Co-Managing Director of both Boyden Global Executive Search and Boyden Management Consulting. He leads Boyden China's Industrial and Consumer search practice.

Prior to re-joining GML Consulting, Charles was Director of Human Resources, Greater China, at Tricon Restaurants International (currently Yum! Global Restaurants), the US based brand owner and operator of Pizza Hut, KFC and Taco Bell restaurants, and one of the largest foreign employers in China. Before that, he was Director of Human Resources at the Hong Kong based Caterpillar China Limited.

Charles joined GML Consulting in the early 1990's and spearheaded its China practices, which included human resources/organization consulting as well as business development/China entry assignments. He became a Director of GML in 1994 and left in 1995 to pursue his corporate career. Prior to GML, he was a Principal Consultant at Hay Management Consultants in Hong Kong.

An experienced consultant as well as practitioner, Charles has a total of 20 years' experience in management consulting and corporate HR leadership. He is experienced in all facets of people and organization management in particular executive recruitment, compensation and benefits, talent management, performance management, leadership and management development, and organization development. He is

also highly experienced in managing and operating in China, having been to more than 30 cities and was based in Shanghai for three years.

An active member of the management consulting and search communities, Charles is currently the President of Institute of Management Consultants Hong Kong, and the Chair of the PR and Marketing Committee for Asia Pacific of the Association of Executive Search Consultants.

A Hong Kong born Chinese with a diverse international background, Charles has studied and worked in Hong Kong, PRC, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. Educated as an engineer, he secured his master's degree in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University, and his bachelor's degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, Shanghainese, as well as English.

LAUGHS FOR THE WEEK

Subject: Chinglish

1. In a Beijing hotel lobby:

"The lift is being fixed for next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable."

2. In a Shanghai hotel elevator:

"Please leave your values at the front desk."

3. In a Hangzhou hotel:

"The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid."

4. In a Jilin hotel:

"You are very invited to take advantage of the chambermaid."

5. In a Wuxi dry cleaner:

"Please drop your trousers here for best results."

6. Outside a Tianjin clothing shop:

"Order your summer suits quick. Because of big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation."

7. In a Xian tailor shop:

"Ladies may have a fit upstairs."

8. In a Guilin hotel:

"Because of impropriety of tertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose."

9. An ad by Kunming dentist:

"Teeth extracted by the latest methodists."

10. In a Hangzhou zoo:

"Please do not feed animals. If you have suitable food give it to the guard on duty."

11. "I'd Like to Teach the Wound to Sing" and "What Kind of Foot Am I"

12. In a Taiyuan bar:

"Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts."

13. Hainan airline ticket office:

"We take your bags and send them to all directions."

14. In a Huashan temple:

"It is forbidden to enter a woman. Even a foreigner if dressed as a man."

15. In a restaurant menu in Harbin:

"Salad a firm's own make - limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger - beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion."

16. In a DongGuan Pub:

"No push, no fun. No clothes, no sweat"

Photographs of our meeting

on

3rd August , 2005



Our guest speaker today was the famous tenor speaking to us on Opera Hong Kong.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Mr. Warren Mok, and Pres Eddy.



(L to R) Hon Sec Andy, PP Grace Yen (HKH), and Rtn Benny Ratnani(HKNE)



Dir. Jason introducing our newest member Mr. Charles Bien.



Pres. Eddy reading to Charles his membership requirements.



Pres. Eddy putting the Rotary Pin on Charles.



Pres. Eddy handing Charles his reading materials.



A happy new member chose Charles as his club name.



PP Sam leads the birthday song for PP John as Pres. Eddy hands him his birthday present.



(L to R) Guest Dr Adrian Fung, PP Hubert, guest Mr. Gabriel Cheng, Dr. Tony, IPP Rudy.



Rtn Emily Ting (HKS), PP Sam Lam, Rtn W.T. Wong (HKH), PP John and PP Dennis Ting (HKS).



(L to R) Rtn Emily Ting (HKS) and PP Sam Lam.



(L to R) Dir Jason, guest Mr. Charles Bien and Mr. Norman Lee.



Rtn Ray and PE Benny Tam (HKH).



Our group photo of VIP guests, Pres. Eddy, guest speaker and members of our club on 3rd of August, 2005

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