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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 -

13th August, 2008

President Andy chaired the sixth luncheon today as last week's luncheon was cancelled due to the Kammuri typhoon (signal no. 8) hitting Hong Kong directly on the 6th August 2008.

Rtn Tony welcomed our guest speaker Mr Patrick Ng (honorary secretary) and Mr Stephen Lee (executive director) from HK Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC-SAPD). Rtn Jackal introduced his guest Colin Chau and Pres. Andy introduced his guest Alex Yeung.

Pres. Andy led us to celebrate with our 2 birthday boys - IPP Laurence Chan and Rtn Kevin Leung, the song leader being PP Rudy Law.

Pres. Andy made a few announcements below:

1. The Club received the DSG grant approval on the Choi Jun School swimming project, a total of US\$2,000 to be shared by our club with RC Hong Kong South in this joint project.
2. As of August, the Tung Feng bulletin and our webpage would be updated by PP John and his able aide (Ms Annie Ng); with special assistance from Dir. Eric for more web page look-and-feel improvement
3. There would be DSG workshop on August 21 evening in RIC;
4. There would be District Membership Seminar on September 13 in Renaissance Kowloon Hotel (incl. \$400 for buffet lunch)
4. There would be R.I. foundation seminar on Sept 20.

PE Norman made a report on September 5 (Friday) PDG Uncle Peter Golf event, with dinner gathering in the same evening, welcoming members' spouse and children to join.

PE Norman (also the organizing committee chairman of 55th anniversary dinner party) called for happy memory photo submission from members to celebrate our 55th anniversary in April 2009.

Dir. Eric formally introduced our speaker Mr Patrick Ng who was a known figure in the local sports & recreation arena, and awarded a MH recognition for his long term service in the Hong Kong paralympic movement.

Mr Patrick Ng again took up the responsibility as the Chef de Mission for the HKSAR paralympic delegation to Beijing in September 2008. Mr Patrick Ng presented the history of the Hong Kong sports association for the physically disabled, which was first established by Professor Sir Harry SY Fang (pioneer and father of the movement) in the year 1972. The organization was renamed in 2005 to Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC and SAPD) to follow the international organization requirement, being the official representation in Hong Kong to select and organize the local and international sporting events for the disabled athletes.

Whereas the origin of disabled sports movement was dating back to 1944, by the famous British surgeon Dr. Ludwig Guttmann who organized a sports competition involving World War II veterans with a spinal cord injury in Stoke Mandeville, England, pioneering the idea of treating disabled people's body & mind through sporting activities. The objective of promoting sports is to put the disabled back into the mainstream of life, to re-establish self-respect, self-discipline and to help the disabled make the most of remaining physical capabilities in their daily life.

The Paralympic Games have always been held in the same year as the Olympic Games since the Seoul 1988 Paralympic Games taken place at the same venues as the Summer Olympics.

In 2001, an agreement was signed between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) securing this practice for the future. From the 2012 bid process onwards, the host city chosen to host the Olympic Games will be obliged to also host the Paralympics. Therefore the Chinese city of Beijing will host the same 2008 Paralympic Games between September 6 - 17, 2008 and to fulfill the goals of "Both Games Equal Splendor".

The Hong Kong athletes had outstanding performances in previous Paralympic Games, such as from the Athens 2004, the Hong Kong Delegation captured 11 Gold, 7 Silver and 1 Bronze in the events. But Mr Patrick Ng was expecting very keen competition this year as more countries were promoting the sports for disabled and the participants were really improving.

For the 2008 the Hong Kong paralympic delegation, the team would include 21 athletes for 8 events, supported by 31 officials from HK, and the HKPS & SAPD also contributed 10 technical officials to the Beijing paralympic games. For the first time, HK might have a large spectators team - including 16 HK students from local special schools being selected to become "Student Ambassadors for the Beijing Paralympics" and about 150 observers (including many disabled) to depart for Beijing to cheer and support the athletes of the HKSAR paralympic delegation.

Among the many medal hopeful this year for Hong Kong, two of them were particularly noticeable by us:

1. The first one was Mr So Wa-Wai, a cerebral palsy sprinter, who held both 100m (12.15 second) and 200m (24.75 seconds) world records in his T36 class. Mr So was suffered from spastic in his youth but he was selected and trained in HK, thereafter showing significant improvement in his body movement and speech ability over the years.
2. Another one was Mr Nelson Yip Siu-hong, who was the first Paralympic Equestrian Rider (dressage) from Hong Kong, also happened to be President Elect of the Rotary Club of Mid-level.

Meanwhile, the Beijing (2008) Paralympic Games would expect a big turn out of about 4,000 athletes, plus 2,500 officials to preside over. Below is the list of the HK athletes and their participating events.

Athletes's List				
	Name	Sport	Class	Event
1	Ms YU Chun Lai	Athletics	T36	100m, 200m
2	Mr. SO Wa Wai	Athletics	T36	100m, 200m, 400m
3	Ms LEUNG Mei Yee	Boccia	BC1	Individual & Team
4	Ms KWOK Hoi Ying, Karen	Boccia	BC2	Individual & Team
5	Mr. John LUNG	Boccia	BC2	Individual & Team
6	Mr WONG Wing Hong	Boccia	BC2	Individual & Team
7	Mr LEUNG Yuk Wing	Boccia	BC4	Individual & Pairs
8	Ms LAU Wai Yan, Vivian	Boccia	BC4	Individual & Pairs
9	Ms YU Chui Yee	Wheelchair Fencing	Cat, A	Foil & Epee
10	Ms FAN Pui Shan	Wheelchair Fencing	Cat, A	Foil & Epee
11	Ms CHAN Yui Chong	Wheelchair Fencing	Cat, B	Foil & Epee
12	Mr CHAN Wing Kin	Wheelchair Fencing	Cat, A	Foil & Sabre
13	Mr WONG Tang Tat	Wheelchair Fencing	Cat, A	Epee
14	Mr HUI Charn Hung	Wheelchair Fencing	Cat, B	Foil & Sabre
15	Mr YIP Siu Hong	Equestrian	Grade II	Dressage
16	Ms LEUNG Yuk Chun	Shooting	SH1A	R2 10m Air Pistol
17	Ms Lam Yim Hung	Powerlifting		- 40g
18	Ms CHAN Siu Leung	Table Tennis	TT5	TT5 Singles
19	Mr KWONG Kam Shing, Francis	Table Tennis	TT5	TT4-5 Singles & Team
20	Mr TSANG Tit Hung	Table Tennis	TT5	TT4-5 Singles & Team
21	Ms CHO Ping	Rowing	A Class	Single Sculls AWIX

Finally Mr Ng hinted that their next challenge would be reviewing the 2008 Beijing paralympic results and to promote young people training and coaching to attract more contestants so the average age of the HK paralympic delegation (34.6 years old) will be getting younger in the future.

PP Eddy Wong formally thanked Mr Patrick Ng for his very interesting and informative talks to the club for the HK paralympic movement. PP Eddy fully agreed to the HKPC-SAPD slogan of "It's ability and not disability that counts".

SAA Jackal reported that the August 13 red box collection was HK\$1,300.

Pres. Andy proposed a toast to RI and the Rotary Club of HK Island East. The luncheon was adjourned punctually and the guests and members were invited to join the group photo at the end.

Rotary Potpourri

1. Announcement

We take much pleasure to announce that our own Past President Hubert Chan has recently earned a doctorate degree (DBA of Poly-U) with flying colour by his hard study throughout the required period. The result of his academic achievement is solely due to the firm policy of consistency and persistence. We are proud to address him as Dr. Hubert Chan, a title which he surely deserved.

2. Bogus Email related to RI

An old trick of more than ten years ago, usually came from Nigeria is still in existence at present. In the former days, it was in the form a letter, informing the recipient that a huge sum of money was left by a certain high ranking personnel in Nigeria who died and no next of kin could receive this sum, except through a third party of other country. There were greedy victims most of the time.

Nowadays, E-mail has been used instead. Only recently, a Rotarian received an SOS email soliciting a small sum, such as US\$5,000 pretending he had been robbed abroad and required assistance to pay the hotel expense, etc. He will repay you after his return to Hong Kong. The stolen email address and password caused this Rotarian a big trouble. The case is now with the Hong Kong Police unsolved.

Lately, Rotarian received email from the so called RI that a Matching Grant has been approved and a certain steps should be taken before the money could be released. This bogus email came from a well versed presumably ex-Rotarian who knows the Rotary requirements in and out of the computer of a Rotarian or a Rotary Club being hacked so that all their Rotary related documents were being exposed. So, all Rotary members should be alert about such illegal practice. Don't let them fool us even it seems the message is from RI.

Electronic Make-up Questions

You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following questions:

Name:

Email:

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| 1. How many guests including the speaker we have received today?
Ans) |
| 2. Who were our birthday boys celebrated today and who led the birthday song?
Ans) |
| 3. Which of our proposed project has recently obtained the district simplified grant?
Ans) |
| 4. What is the upcoming district workshop being held in August 2008?
Ans) |
| 5. What will be the upcoming district seminar being held in September 2008?
Ans) |
| 6. When are we going to hold the Uncle Peter Golf Tournament?
Ans) |
| 7. Who is the organizing chair of our 55th Anniversary Celebration?
Ans) |
| 8. How much we have collected for the Red Box? |

Joke

A sensational ride on horse back

A woman from New York was driving through a remote part of Arizona when her car broke down.

An American Indian on horseback came along and offered her a ride to a nearby town.

She climbed up behind him on the horse and they rode off.

The ride was uneventful, except that every few minutes the Indian would let out a "Ye-e-e-h-a-a-a" so loud that it echoed from the surrounding hills.

When they arrived in town, he let her off at the local service station, yelled one final "Ye-e-e-h-a-a-a!" and rode off.

"What did you do to get that Indian so excited?" asked the service-station attendant.

"Nothing," the woman answered. "I merely sat behind him on the horse, put my arms around his waist, and held onto the saddle horn so I wouldn't fall off."

"Lady," the attendant said, "Indians don't use saddles." J J J J

Photographs of our meeting

on

13th August, 2008



PDG Uncle Peter, Speaker - Mr Patrick Ng, secretary of Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sport Association for Physically Disabled (HKPC_SAPD), & President Adny



(L to R) Visiting guest Mr Stephen Lee, Executive Director of HKPC-SAPI Henry, IPP Laurence, visiting guest Colin, PP Hubert & Dir Eric Chin



(L to R) PP Rudy, Rtn Kevin, PP Tim, PE Norman & Rtn Jackal



Visiting guest Mr Alex Yeung



Pres. Andy presented the birthday gifts to the two birthday boys, Rtn Kevin & IPP Laurence with PP Rudy led the birthday song



PE Norman made an announcement on the Uncle Peter Cup Gift Tournament



Dir Eric introduced the speaker - Mr Patrick Ng



Mr Patrick Ng gave us a talk about HKPC-SAPD



Pres Andy presented a club banner to Mr Patrick Ng & Mr Stephen Lee



PP Eddy Wong gave a vote of thanks to Mr Patrick Ng



Group photo with members, visiting guests and the speaker

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