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## Last Week's Proceedings – 21st August, 2013

Pres. Jonathan called the luncheon meeting to open on time and he welcomed backed Rtn. Peter Yeung before he made a few announcements as follows:

1) I have a big announcement to make, congratulations to our Past President Eric Chin now also the Chief District Secretary, PP Eric will go and run for District Governor Nominee 2016-17!

Throughout our second board meeting held last Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>Aug, all of our board members and officers gave PP Eric our fullest support to his running for the District Governor.

- 2) Another good news: Uncle Peter is recovering fast. According to PP Norman he could now eat a full bowl of rice! Besides he shall join our 4<sup>th</sup> September luncheon in celebration of his 88th birthday. Please come and share the joy of Uncle Peter's birthday
- 3) Uncle Peter Cup will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September
- 4) This year's Mongolia visit has scheduled from 11 to 16 Sep. 2013. DG Eugene is going to lead this delegation to South Gobi Desert & Ulaanbaatar for 6 days / 5 nights. I will be one of the participants of the trip as well.
- 5) Our Rotaract Club of Lingnan University will have an orientation night for welcoming the new Rotaract members, it will be held on 10th September (Tuesday), from 6:45pm to 10:00 pm at the Lingnan University. I and Advisor Rtn. Gilbert Fung will attend the orientation night to support our Rotaract club, members and guests who are interested please spare the time to support our Rotaractors and enroll to Hon Secretary Carl Yau.
- 6) The First "Area-3" Joint Meeting will be held on the 18th Sep Wednesday evening and same as the past two years the theme will be Mid-Autumn festival. Also our regular luncheon on the same day will move to evening meeting, members who are interested please enroll to Hon Secretary Carl.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST LTD.

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- 7) Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship Hong Kong Chapter ("RWAF HK Chapter") will organize a wine tasting event jointly with the District Membership Committee on 30 Aug (Fri) from 1800 to 2100 at Backstage, 1/F., 52-54 Wellington Street, Central, Hong Kong. Dress code is smart casual and fee is HKD325 per head, members who are interested please enroll to Hon Secretary Carl.
- 8) Director William Wong presented the receipt from Dou Tau School (渡頭小學) for our donation of repairing their school playground.

After Pres. Jonathan made his announcements Director William was asked to report that RMB 6,520 (HK\$8,150) was sent to Dou Tau School to repair their basketball court facility, with a generous donation from 9 members of HK\$8,500 (from Rtn William Wong, Rtn Jonah Cheung, Pres. Jonathan Lamport, PP Eric Chin, PP Laurence Chan, PP George Leung, PP John Kwok, PP Henry Chan & PP David Li).

Our birthday boy of the day was PP Laurence and his song leader was PP Rudy. SAA Jonah reported that the red box collection was HK\$1,200 (including \$200 from birthday boy PP Laurence).

PP Rudy Law introduced the speaker Ms Justine Ng, from Harbour Cruise Bauhinia. Ms Ng was Deputy Director of Sales for the Cruise and joining the HKF Group for 2 years.

Ms Ng gave us an overview of the Inbound tourist situation of HK, informing us the recent trend as follows:

- There were 41.9 million inbound tourists in 2011, and an increase to 48.6 million people in 2012.
- Their total 2011 expenditure was estimated to be of HK\$258 billion, and an increase to HK\$296 billion in 2012 (an average of HK\$6,090 per head).
- HK hotel occupancy rate was nearly 89% in both 2011 and 2012.
- The top five countries from inbound tourist in 2012 were, leading by China (71.8%), Taiwan (4.3%), Japan (2.6%), South Korea (2.4%), and USA (2.2%).
- The new emerging market for HK inbound tourist in 2012 was from Thailand (up 2%), Philippines (up 7.9%) and Russia (up 42%).

Ms Ng gave a company background of HKF Group (listed in SEHK, 0050), with business focus of property development, shipyard, DG goods sea transportation, and travel business. HKF Group has 90 years history in Hong Kong, including 30 years in the travel business.

Ms Ng explained that the Harbour Cruise Bauhinia had a part to play for entertaining many inbound tourists, that some of them might come from inland, enjoyed the cruising of the Victoria Harbour, as once in their lifetime experience in Hong Kong for night view and illumination.

Harbour Cruise Bauhinia was said to be comfortable and steady in the harbour, with air conditioning inside, plus an 360 degree of open view top deck to see the Symphony of Lights from both sides of the harbour. One of their sought after programs was viewing the Dragon Boat competition and the count down of the New Year Eve, with fireworks spectacular in the Victoria harbour at mid-night. Customers could get on from both North Point of Hong Kong Island side and Hung Hom of Kowloon Peninsular side.

Ms Ng also described the Harbour Cruise Bauhinia Q-Mark quality service and being flexible to meet the needs of many customers, such as:

- They provide vegetarian foods and Halal foods (Muslim) in addition to their international buffet and Chinese kitchen.
- They support boat chartering service for corporate functions such as product launch, PR event and training facility in the morning cruise.
- They provide the latest dinner function even for VIP room, as well as wedding banquet for fusion foods (including traditional roast pig and shark's fin soup etc).

PP Eddy Wong thanked our speaker in the usual Rotary manners and commented that the cruising could be useful in our future planning in sister club reception and community service project for the under-privileged group.

Next week's program would be from Rtn. Avis Kong on her vocational talk, and Pres. Jonathan asked all members and guest to rise and to make a toast to RI coupled with HK Island East. The meeting was adjourned in time and the members and visitor was invited to stay for a group photo.

## Rotary Potpourri

Memories of Past President Cedric Astbury, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East

I met PP Cedric as a young Rotarian in late 1970s. He was the President of Island East between 1971-72. I remember he was a true gentleman, always polite with a bit of

Good sense of humor and always helpful to his fellow Rotarians especially when it came to doing our Rotary projects.

At that time he was a senior architect of the Hong Kong colonial government. I remember there was a time when Cedric, Rotarian Eric Fung (who was a Quantity Surveyor) and I were in charged of building a small brick house on the hill side of a slum area for the under privileged children. Cedric was the architect and the three of us would be at the construction site every week to monitor the building progress. After the house was built it was turned over to a local NGO (Non-governmental Organization) and became a recreational venue for the children with facilities such as Ping-pong and pool tables in order to keep the children away from the troubles on the streets.

Cedric left Hong Kong and retired from the government service in 1983. It took him almost 6 months to travel from Hong Kong to UK because he took full advantage of a government rule for the retiring ex-patriots at that time. The rule was the government servant can choose to take any routing and forms of transport back to UK with all expenses paid by the colonial government. So PP Cedric mapped out a route which included the QE2 as well as the Oriental Express for him and his wife.

Cedric came back to Hong Kong for visit a few times after he left because he has never forgotten Hong Kong and his friends there. He would be sourly missed by us who had the fortune of knowing this wonderful man.

PP George Leung President 1992-93 of the Rotary club of HK Island East

## EAUGH FOR THE WEEK

**Subject:** An Entrance Exam question for Primary School

Teacher: "10 birds sitting on the tree, a hunter shot dead one of them, how many left?"

Student : "Was it a gun with silencer or the kind of gun that produces no sound?"

Teacher : "Not a gun with silencer and also not a gun that produces no sound"

Student : "How loud was the gun shot"

Teacher: "80-100 decibel"

Student : "That's to say, the sound will hurt the ears?"

Teacher : "Yes"

Student : "In that place is bird hunting legal?"

Teacher : "Yes legal."

Student : "You sure that the bird was really shot dead?"

Teacher : "Sure."

Now the teacher became impatient and urged: "Please, you only need to tell me how many bird left, OK!"

Student: "OK! there were no deaf birds in them?"

Teacher: "No"

Student: "Any of the birds retarded or so dumb not knowing to fly when hearing the gun shot?"

Teacher: "No, their IQ all above 200!"

Student: "Any bird kept in cage?"

Teacher: "No"

Student: "Any other trees with birds nearby"

Teacher: "No."

Student: "In the area of 10 kilometers"

Teacher: "Just this one tree"

Student: "Any disabled or handicapped birds or birds that were so weak that cannot fly due to starvation"

Teacher: "No they all very healthy"

Student: "Count any unborn baby birds inside their pregnant mother?"

Teacher: "All male birds"

Student: "Not any of them pregnant?"

Teacher: "Oh dear! Absolutely impossible"

Student: "The hunter has not mistaken in eye-sight? Guaranteed seeing 10 birds"

Teacher: "Sure no eye sight problem! Just 10 birds."

Now the bell rang for the end of class, the teacher already started to sweat, but the student kept asking: "Any bird foolish enough being not fear of death?"

Teacher: "All afraid to die"

Student: "Will any of the birds stays to die together in the name of love"

Teacher: "Idiot! Did I tell you before that they were all male?"

Student: "Could they be of the same sex orientation?" Teacher: "...all 10 birds are of normal sex orientation"

Student: "Would one gun shot kill two birds"

Teacher: "It won't"

Student: "Shot dead three birds?"

Teacher: "No, it won't"
Student: "Four birds"

Teacher: "Definitely will not"

Student: "Five?"

Teacher: "Absolutely Not Possible!"

Student: "How about six dead in one gun shot?"

Teacher: "Jesus! Unless God did it! One more time: One gun shot to kill one only!"

Student: ".....OK, do all bird can move freely?"

Teacher: "Absolutely."

Student: "When they were frightened to flee, would they lose their head out of fear and bump into each other?"

Teacher: "No, every bird can fly freely and agilely"

Student: "If all your answers contain no lie," said the student with full confidence:

"and the shot dead bird was still on the tree not fallen off, then one bird was left; or else none left!"

At this moment, the teacher pushes up his eye glasses a bit, trying very hard to stay calm and conscious, saying with a trembling voice:

"You no longer need to study Primary School you should go straight to apply for the job of a civil servant ° "







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ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. at Regal Hong Kong Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

21 August 2013 - Luncheon Meeting Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



PP Eric Chin, Guest speaker - Ms Justine Ng & Pres. Jonathan Lamport



Hon. Sec. Carl Yau, Dir. William Wong & PP Uncle John Kwok



Rtn. Avis Kong & PP Eddy Wong



PP Laurence Chan & PP Norman Lee



Hon. Tres. Rudy Law & SAA. Jonah Cheung



Rtn. Peter Yeung & PP Tim Lui



PP Stephen Liu & PP Andy Wong



This week's birthday boy is PP Laurence Chan.



PP Rudy Law introduced the speaker



Speaker of this week - Ms Justine Ng of Harbour Cruise Bauhinia introducing their company's cruise business



Pres. Jonathan Lamport presented a photo in action to thank Ms Justine Ng's talk



PP Eddy Wong gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the club to Ms Justine Ng



Group photo of members & guest speaker.