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## **Last week's Proceedings -**

**16th September, 2009**

President Norman started the 11th meeting at 1.05 p.m. with a warm welcome to our members and guests. He extended his warmest welcome to Rtn. Benny Ratnani from RC of Kowloon North East. In addition, President Norman also invited members to welcome Dir. Kevin's back to meeting after his visit from UK.

President Norman made the following announcements:

1. Club Assembly will be held on Sept., 23, 2009. President earnestly invited members to attend the club assemble when our board will present the year plan especially the service projects which we shall run in this coming year.
2. We will move forward our luncheon meeting on 30th September 2009 to a joint meeting to be held on Monday, 28th September, 2009 with RC of City North at the Craigenower Cricket Club (CCC).
3. President Norman will lead a delegation to conduct a club visit to RC Osaka Jonan. PP John Kwok, PP Henry, PE Heman and HS Secretary Eric will join this delegation.
4. There will be a golf tournament hosted by the District on Oct 9, 2009. Members who are interested may consider to participate.

The Acting Sergeant-at-arm PP Rudy was asked to report to us the Red Box collection which was amounted to HKD 1,450.

For the highlight of the day, PE Heman was invited to introduce the speaker Mr. Stanley Kwan, Founder and President of the Fu Hui (Canada) Foundation to us.

Stanley has been working in the public accounting area for over thirty years. He is currently the Managing Partner of Stanley Kwan & Company, which is one of the largest Chinese accounting practices in Toronto. He is currently the Managing Director of Safeguard Trustee Limited.

Stanley charity services included the follows:

As Chair of the Fundraising and Capital Campaign Cabinet for almost 13 years, Stanley had contributed tremendously to the four non-profit nursing homes established by the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation.

The Chair of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation

By founding the Fu Hui (Canada) Foundation in 2004, which is a registered Canadian charity, he is mobilizing his friends to distribute scholarships to needy students in the Sichuan and other rural areas to receive university education and to sponsor orphans' education. In a relatively short time of three years, the organization has already provided assistance to close to 2,000 students and orphans.

Stanley introduced us the Fu Hui (Canada) Foundation with the following key notes:

- Fu Hui Foundation was founded in Canada 5 years ago.
- Its mission is to provide support in the rural areas in China to let the children especially orphans to receive education.
- They provided scholarship to the needy children who were selected under stringent process such as in Butuo County in Sichuan where they had a very good relationship with the local county to win their support.
- The children under support were named as Star of Fu Hui and they were provided with smart looking school uniform and clothing's.
- Orphan education program provided living dormitory and food to the orphan.
- They provided home visit to select the needy children.
- Partnering with volunteers from Social Work Faculty with HKU and PhD students of Tsinghua University, they provided training seminars to the school principals, teachers and nanny in LiangShan county where was one of the poorest area with highest rate of HIV cases in PRC.
- All donations were fully directed to the needy and there was zero administration cost imposed by the Foundation.

- Starting with 175 students benefited from the program in 2005, there are 2345 beneficiaries supported by the Foundation by 2009.

- Members who are interested may visit their web site at [www.fuhui.ca](http://www.fuhui.ca).

After a few rounds of question and answer sessions from some members including PP Uncle John, HS Eric and Pres. Norman, PP Hubert was invited to thank the speaker and President Norman presented the speaker with a picture taken during his speech.

President Norman adjourned the meeting punctually at 2.00 p.m. after asking everyone to rise and give a toast to Rotary International coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East and RC of North East.

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## Rotary Potpourri

### Matching Grant Budget is Fully Committed

As per news released by the RI Rotary Foundation Trustees chair (2009-2010) Glenn E. Estess, Sr. that at their April meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees examined how the global economic crisis has affected the Foundation's ability to support Rotarians' good work worldwide. Like many Foundations, we have been forced to reduce program spending, and consequently, the Matching Grants budget was reduced for 2009-2010.

Reorganizing the vital role that Matching Grants play in improving the lives of undeserved communities around the world, the Trustees recently added an additional of US\$2.3 million to the 2009-2010 Matching Grants budget. These funds were recently made available from reduced grant spending in 2008-2009. However, at this time, despite the budget increase, the Matching Grants budget has been fully committed.

As a result of the many grants that we are able to fund, our foundation is supporting hundreds of outstanding projects at a time when they are most needed. Clubs and districts that have not received Matching Grants this Rotary year are encouraged to fund their projects entirely with cash and district Designated Fund contributions in lieu of receiving a match from the Foundation.

Sponsors of pending Matching Grant application will be notified of this option by their grant coordinator. Please note that the project budget must be a minimum of \$10,000 to use this option.

On behalf of the Foundation Trustees, I thank you for your understanding as we persevere together through these challenging times. We look forward to a time when our Foundation can once again expand its support of Rotarian service worldwide.

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

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1. Who and from which Rotary Club was our visiting Rotarian this week ? Ans)
2. Who was welcomed back this week ? Ans)
3. When and where our luncheon meeting of 30/9 will be moved forward to ? Ans)
4. Name three of our members who have signed up to visit RC Osaka Jonan on 30/9 ? Ans)
5. When will the next District Golf Tournament be held this year ? Ans)
6. What was our Red Box collection this week ? Ans)
7. Who was our speaker and what was the topic about ? Ans)
8. Who was asked to thank our speaker ? Ans)

## **Joke**

### ***Subject An Effective Road Sign***

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural road. But, as time went by, the traffic built up at an alarming rate..

The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day.

So one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens.."

"What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day he had the county workers go out and erected a sign that said: SLOW: SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers.. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster."

So, again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY

Finally, he asked the sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?"

The sheriff told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign.."

He was going to let Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling everyday to complain.

The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John.

Three weeks later, curiosity got the attention of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call.

"How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then.. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone.

The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a Look at that sign..... It might be something that WE could use to slow down drivers..."

So the sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign.

"Go Slow and Watch Out for Chicks"

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## **Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**16th September, 2009**



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Guest speaker Stanley Kwan, & Pres. Norman



(L to R) Hon Sec Eric, PE Heman, Rtn Benny Ratnani from the Rotary Club of HKNE



(L to R) PP's Rudy, Henry, Tim and Rtn Kenny



(L to R) Dr. Tony, PP's Dr. Hubert, Stephen



(L to R) Hon Tres. Colin, Rtn Anthony



(L to R) Rtn Teresa, PP Laurence, CDS Eddy, Rtn Kevin



PE Heman introduced our guest speaker for today



Our guest speaker Mr. Stanley Kwan



PP Dr. Hubert thanked our guest speaker



Our Pres. Norman presenting the speaker a photo and souvenir





The group photograph of our meeting on 16 September, 2009

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