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What Happened Last Week

President Stephen opened the meeting with a very warm welcome to the delegation from the Rotary Club of City Northwest led by President So. It was a joint fellowship luncheon meeting of the two clubs. President Stephen congratulated Rtn. Kishu of our Club and Rtn Luke Li of City Northwest for an outstanding effort in organising this event.

President So Kin Shing introduced members from City Northwest:

PP Johnny Fan	Rtn. K P Lei
PP Billy Mak	Rtn. S M Li
IPP Anthony Chan	Rtn. Stephen Lai
PE Dennis Wong	Rtn. Perry Yu
VP Chan Tak Ling	Rtn. Boris Wong
VP T T Yuen	Rtn. David Ting
Hon Sec. Geoffrey Lung	

Rtn. Tony Loy then introduced the other visiting Rotarians :

AG Peter Tse of TST East
PP Shady Chow of Kowloon
PP Ronald Lui of HK South
PP Ko Ying of HK Northwest
Rtn Sam Yeung of HK Northwest

PP George Leung, by popular request, led the birthday song for our birthday boys: PP Tim Lui and Rtn Lewis Fung.

President Stephen announced that RI President Richard King would be visiting Hong Kong in December and there would be an Inter-city meeting on 3 December. Details would follow.

President Stephen reminded members that the DG would visit our Club on 21 November and he asked members to make an effort to attend the meeting.

Acting Sgt. At Arms Rtn. Kishu reported that the collection was \$1,700 and he thanked the birthday boys and President So for their handsome contribution.

Rtn. Kishu then introduced the speaker who was Mr Nicholas Brooke of Consultant Insignia Brooke. The topic of his talk was: Real Estate Market - Is there any light at the end of the tunnel.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

District 3450

Chartered on 6 April, 1954 by Charter President
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

Mr Brooke first highlighted a change in mindset among the people of Hong Kong and he described this change as maturing of Hong Kong. People no longer take Hong Kong as a transit camp and want to have a say in every thing, hence consultation is now the norm. People place more emphasis on quality of life and purchase properties for long term investment rather than for short term trading. To respond to this change Government needs to revisit the housing policy, maintain regular land supply but not to intervene the market.

If 24 hours opening of the border was implemented, there would inevitably be an impact of the property price in the New Territories. A 20 per cent adjustment, a short term correction or gradual adjustment is expected. Government has serious concern and would prefer a gradual adjustment but Mr. Brooke was of the opinion that the quicker the adjustment is over the better for the property market.

Mr Brooke pointed out that Government has taken a masterplan approach and many positive steps in town planning such as using rail instead of roads, creating the Waterfront Authority, funding for conservation and redefining the role of ULA in urban regeneration. Government is also conducting a major review of the Building Ordinance with a view to allowing more creative design of buildings and encouraging humanisation of the urban environment. The trend is to encourage green initiatives, push carpark underground, integrate public and private space for pedestrianisation. As a result of the September 11th incident, the focus of building design in future would be on height, security and bio-threat safeguards.

The highlight of the talk was on the outlook of the property market. Mr Brooke said correction in residential values would continue, residential rents would stabilise while adjustment of office rents would continue, and interest in purchasing high-yield secondary income producing properties would increase. The main factor would be in public confidence. When the property value is perceived to be coming out from the bottom, the one million potential home buyers would come back to the market and drive the property price up but the increase would be gradual and nothing like the 1997 boom.

On behalf of the Club, PE Chris thanked Mr Brooke for a most informative and concise presentation. President Stephen closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of City Northwest.

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Please visit the following site.

<http://www.rotary.org/logo/index.html#top>

The Centennial Planning Committee has developed 3 logos, one of which will be used in the commemoration of Rotary's 100th Anniversary in 2005. Votes will be accepted through 31 December, 2001. The winning logo will be announced at the International Assembly, 28 January to 4 February, 2002, and spotlighted on the Web site and in an incoming issue of THE ROTARIAN.

Your partner in service,

Herbert K. LAU

Deputy Information Coordinator

District 3450 Rotary International

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

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| Nov 07 (today) | Computer forensics and what can be recovered from a computer hard disk by Mr. David Mycroft, Managing Director of Computer Forensics (HK) Ltd. |
| Nov 14 (next week) | Course of action involved in debt recovery procedures by Ms Angela Li, with the Law firm of W. I. Cheung & Co. |

Vocational Service

The following is an extract from a talk by PDG Peter Hall, one of the speakers at a Vocational Service Seminar held at H.K. Hotel on 30/10/2001:

When chairman PDG Arthur asked me to give a short talk about vocational service today, I at once realize that it is not because I know the subject, but because I am old. Well, sometimes, it is beneficial for one to recall the old memory, especially when I have been a Rotarian for more than 40 years.

Due to constraint of time, I am not going to touch on the philosophy of vocational service. I shall go straight to the point by giving you an old method of Question & Answer about vocational service which is easier to digest.

1. What is vocational service?

Vocational Service is

Firstly - that which transforms a way of making a living into a way of living a life and

Secondly - putting Rotary to work where we work.

2. Who is responsible for vocational service?

Vocational Service is both the responsibility of a Rotary club and of its members. The role of the club is to initiate a vocational programme/project, such as

- a) Careers guidance;
- b) Vocational visit to members' business or profession;
- c) Vocational talks by new members;
- d) Reproduction of the 4-way test and Declaration for Rotarians in business and profession;
- e) Functional literacy programme;
- f) Workplace drug abuse prevention & treatment programme;
- g) Employment counsel;
- h) Vocational recognition programme;
- i) Assisting new arrivals in the community to assimilate into their new environment;

While the role of the members is to respond to the projects which the clubs has developed.

Apart from these few common ideas, there are dozens of ways and means to exemplify Vocational Service.

3. What can members do to engage themselves in vocational service?

If you memorize the Object of Rotary, you will find the 2nd paragraph reading as follows:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

It highly stressed the word of "occupation" which is the skeleton of our classification.

Please bear in mind this motto - Serve others through your own Vocation. With this basic thrust in mind, you can always pursue Vocational Service.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

MEMO FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Date: 14 September 2001
To: Albert Gore

Dear All,

We found some more votes. You won. When do you want to take over?

Sincerely,
George W. Bush

I was sitting in the waiting room of the hospital after my wife had gone into labor when the nurse walked out and said to a man sitting there, "Congratulations sir, you're the new father of twins!" The man replied, "How about that! I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team." About an hour later, the same nurse entered the waiting room and announced that Mrs. Smith had just had triplets. Mr. Smith stood up and said, "Well, how do ya like that, I work for 3M!" When the nurse appeared next, she told the third man that his wife had given birth to

quadruplets. "That's amazing! I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!" At this point the gentleman sitting next to me let out a little strangled gasp and hurriedly got up, obviously distraught. When I asked him if he was okay, he explained, "I think I need a breath of fresh air." The man continued, "I'm the casting director for 101 Dalmatians."



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**ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. AT
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY**



Rtn Tony welcomed the visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Mr Nick Brooke speaks on the trends and issues on the HK property market.



PE Chris formally thanked the speaker.



VP Henry, PP George & PP Hubert.



PP George led the birthday song for PP Tim and Rtn Lewis.



AG Peter (TST East), PP Shody Chow (Kowloon) and Irene (City NW).



Rtn. Sam Wong, PP Ronald Lu (HKS) & Rtn. Alex.



PP Andrew, Rtn. Clark & PP Ko Ying(HKNW).



Visiting Rotarians from City NWHK.



Rtn. Paul seated with visiting Rotarians from City NWHK.



More Rotarians from City NWHK.



Rtn Ates entertains Rtn Stephen Lai and PP Billy Mak of City NW.



Rtn Lewis, Rtn Kishu and PE Chris.



Rtn Tony entertains PE Dennis Wong (City NW) & Rtn Sam Yeung (HK NW)



PP Tim entertains PP John Fan & Rtn Perry Yu (City NW).



IPP Taj and PP Rob.



Group Photo of Island East and City North West



PDG Uncle Peter, Mr Nick Brooke, and Pres. Stephen graced the head table.



Pres. Stephen addressed the joint luncheon meeting with City Northwest.



Two presidents exchanged banners.



Pres. So Kin-Shing of City Northwest introduced his visiting Rotarians.



Group photo of October 31, 2001.



Hon. Secretary Eddy entertains Pres. So and HS Geoffrey Lung (City NW).