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What Happened Last Week

21st November 2001 was a big day for Island East as it was DG VISIT DAY.

President Stephen started the meeting with a special welcome to DG Johnson and his delegation of DGE Gloria, ADG Peter and DR Jones. A special welcome was also extended to Miriam, Ates's secretary.

Welcome back for IPP Tajwar also had been to several places in Japan including a town called Yuki. Ramesh had been back from Delhi.

PP John then conducted the presentation of trophies relating to Uncle Peter Hall Golf Competition. There were so many trophies around that the writer thought that he may be entitled to one for just participating (although he did not even complete!), but, also, no such luck :-

the 2nd runner-up - IPP Tajwar

the 1st runner -up - PP George

the winner - PP Andrew

PP Andrew also received a separate trophy from Uncle Peter.

There were also presentations by DG Johnson of medals for Paul Harris fellowship to PP Hubert, PP John, President Stephen and Rtn. Jason. Rtn. Rudy was also entitled to such medal but he had to leave early.

PP Hubert was also presented with a silver plate from Island East to commemorate his company becoming listed on the 9th day of this month. PP Hubert thanked the club for this gesture and said that he had learnt a lot from Rotary, especially honesty and integrity. He also claimed that Island East was the best club in the District which everyone apparently agreed.



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

IPP Taj also received presidential citations for his rotary year. Taj mentioned that he would be organizing a President night.

Next came the highlight of the meeting which was of course DG's address. DG started off by stating clearly that Mankind was our Business. It was Rotary's business to solve problems that plague mankind, and to improve the quality of life in each of our nearly 30,000 communities. If mankind was our business, our 'product' was 'service' and 'members' were our most precious assets.

In 2001-2002 there would be a global quest for new members. DG urged all of us to identify potential members with the right 'heart' or 'spirit', and do our best to recruit them.

All members were therefore asked to focus on four challenges :-

- (A) membership growth, education, assimilation, retention and extension;
- (B) improved Rotary education and training in the club, PETS, and new member orientation and induction;
- (C) the public image of Rotary; and
- (D) the strengthening and development of each Rotary club.

Furthermore, DG also informed us of the programs to follow -

- (1) In or about 25-27th November 2001, there will be a district visit to Chongqing, PRC for 'protecting the mother river' project;
- (2) In or about 2nd to 5th December 2001, R.I. president Richard King will pay a visit to Hong Kong. There will be an Intercity Meeting on 3rd December 2001 at the Inter-Continental hotel (formerly called Regent Hotel);
- (3) RYLA will be held at Saikong in February 2002;
- (4) Annual District Conference will be held in 16-17th March 2002 at Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel;
- (5) RI Convention will be held in June 2002.

President Stephen thanked DG for his informative address. At the end of the meeting, group photos were taken with DG and his delegation.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Today	(Nov 28)	Aviation-Has it a future? By Stephen Miller, Trinity Aviation Ltd.
Next Week	(Dec 05)	Club Assembly (no speaker)
Week After	(Dec 12)	Club AGM (no speaker)

Rotary Information

Foundation Alumna in Forefront of Afghanistan Refugee Efforts

Former Ambassadorial Scholar Sadako Ogata was appointed by the Japanese prime minister to represent the Japanese government at the special working session on the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

Sponsored by the United States and Japan, the session was held at the US Department of State in Washington, D.C., on 20 November 2001. The United States was represented by Secretary of the Treasury, Paul O'Neill, and then Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

Powell noted that this meeting was the beginning of a process "to address in a systematic way the many practical issues of transition and reconstruction that lie ahead." He then called upon Ogata, whom he identified as "a powerful force for good in the world, as well as an invaluable source of wisdom on the interrelationships between relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.

Ogata, the immediate past UN High Commissioner for Refugees, spoke of her involvement in Afghanistan and went on to identify the priorities for assisting the people of Afghanistan. "Today, we gather to discuss for the first time as an international community the issue of the reconstruction of Afghanistan," she said. "It is to focus our thoughts on the future vision of the country, pledge our readiness to provide effective and sustained support, and to give hope to the Afghan people...The Afghans have been the largest group of refugees in the world, and the people of Afghanistan have been suffering from war and deprivation over the decades."

The former UN High Commissioner for Refugees said that in that capacity, she was directly exposed to the Afghan people's voices of grief. "Just last year, I made an extensive visit through Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran and tried my very best to mobilize international support," she said.

Ogata was Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1951-52, sponsored by District 2580 (Japan). In 2000, she retired as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a post she held for ten years. In 1996, she was awarded the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace. In 2000, she received the Seoul, Korea, Peace Prize. She is currently a visiting scholar at the Ford Foundation in New York City.



District Governor Johnson Chu visited to our club giving Pres. Stephen his examination. How did we do DG Johnson? DG's party consist of DGE Gloria Chan, DS Jones Wong, AG Peter Tse pictured here with all the officers of our club.



DG Johnson addressing our club.



DGE Gloria sitting at the head table flanked by our Club Sec Eddy & DS Jones Wong.



IPP Tajwar receiving his District Awards from Pres. Stephen.



Our Birthday Boy of the week, Rtn Paul Chan receiving his gift.



Our four Paul Harris Fellows getting their pins from DG Johnson, clockwise Rtn Jason, PP Hubert, PP John IV & Pres. Stephen.





Pres. Stephen presenting a souvenir to congratulate PP Hubert for his company being listed on the stock market.



Pres. Stephen presenting a souvenir photo to DG Johnson.



PDG Peter Hall presenting his trophy to PP Andrew for winning the golf tournament.



Visitors to our club on 21 November, 2001