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Last week's Proceedings -

18th November, 2009

President Norman started the meeting at 1.00 pm to welcome all the 100 guests, members and visiting Rotarians together with reporters and media friends from 22 local TV, Radio, Newspaper and Magazines.

Our meeting was graced by the presence of our District Governor, Ada Cheng, DG-Elect Jason Chan, Assistant Governor Edward Lau, Club Presidents, Past Presidents and Rotarians from 13 local Rotary Clubs plus also PP Roger Nicandro from our sister club, the Rotary Club of Makati North, from the Philippines together with many other guests brought by our members and visiting Rotarians. We also have a surprise guest who was our former member, PP Leslie Soltay, (1994-1995) being guest of PDG Peter Hall.

We had a special arrangement for the meeting today with President Norman requesting our PP Stephen Liu to formally introduce our special speaker to deliver his speech to us prior to our normal proceedings.

Our speaker today was the honorable Executive Council Convener, Mr. Leung Chun-ying GBS JP and the topic of his speech was "The Political Phenomenon, the Appearance of People's Livelihood and the Countermeasure to the Economic Outlook in Hong Kong"

Mr. Leung started by telling us that the election results of 2008 seemed to surprise quite a few people in Hong Kong but it revealed a political phenomenon we cannot neglect in that the LSD (League of Social Democrats)'s win was the biggest amongst the other political parties in the direction election of the Legislation Council as shown below.

Political Party	% of votes attained	Seats attained	Political Party	% of votes attained	Seats attained
Democratic Party	20.63%	7	DAB (Democratic Alliance for the Battered & Progress of HK)	22.92%	7
Civic Party	13.66%	4	NF (New Forum)	1.35%	0
The Frontier	2.19%	1	Priscilla Leung	1.31%	1
NWSC (Neighbourhood & Worker's Service Centre)	2.80%	1	FTU (The HK Federation of Trade Unions)	5.70%	2
Civic Act-up	2.04%	1	LP (Liberal Party)	4.33%	0
CTU (HK Confederation of Trade Unions)	3.49%	1	Regina Ip	4.03%	1
LSD (League of Social Democrats)	10.12%	3			

Although the LSD has only three seats, they received 10% of the total votes cast in Hong Kong. If you were to look at the social economic profile of the population in LSD constituencies, you realize that they are not the bottom strata. Mr. Leung's analysis was that LSD's voters have their own social aspirations and many were unfulfilled and need representatives of the LSD to vent their frustrations. And this is the message that we should all take home.

He remarked that listening to the demands of the community represented by these elected representatives is imperative in order to understand the fundamental issues affecting the livelihood of peoples in Hong Kong.

He further showed us that although from 1996 to 2006 the real per capita GDP of Hong Kong grew by 34.4% seemed good when we look at the income distribution the situation has worsen.

He presented us a chart as shown below that illustrated the income of main employment (net of investment income, second jobs and part-time employment) of the working population in Hong Kong revealed the general poverty and the problem of the very imbalanced income level of the working population in Hong Kong and this is a very rare phenomenon in the world.

Division of Working Population in 2006 in 10 equal brackets based on Monthly Main Occupational Mid-point Income (calculated using the fixed pricing index of 2006)

Ten Equally Divided Brackets	Income Mid-level (HK\$)
First Layer	3,200
Second Layer	4,500
Third Layer	6,300
Fourth Layer	7,700
Fifth Layer	9,000
Sixth Layer	10,500
Seventh Layer	13,000
Eighth Layer	17,000
Ninth Layer	23,750
Tenth Layer	45,000

Mr. Leung said the wide income gaps that the bottom five percent of the population earned less than HK\$3,500 per month while the top 5% earned over HK\$45,000. Half of Hong Kong's working population earned less than HK\$10,500 a month. He further illustrated the social phenomenon of poverty in Hong Kong using various types of work group comparison of wages at the lower income levels.

The people who earned this low income were cleaners and security guards - earning between HK\$5,000 and HK\$7,200 - normally for a 60-hour week, namely ten-hour days for six days a week. Between 2006 and 2009, the wage levels of these groups increased by approximately 3.8%. If you were to compare these figures to the 34.4% increase in real GDP in the ten years between 1996 and 2006, the difference was quite alarming. If you were to compare the workers in the various income brackets, you would see that in real terms, the income of the bottom 30% decreased over the ten years. Not much change took place in the mid-income brackets. And obviously the top income groups had the biggest increase in absolute terms and in percentage terms.

Issues behind these prevailing political and social phenomenon need to be addressed properly in order to foster the mid and long term economic development of Hong Kong.

Mr. Leung presented us his views as follows:

1	Mid and Long Term Economic Development of Hong Kong
	Opportunity
	- the continued open policy and speedy development of Mainland China
	Challenges
	- the high costs and relative low productivity value of Hong Kong
	- the lack of geographic mobility of the mid to lower income population of Hong Kong
2	Macro Targets of the Mid and Long Term Economic and Social Development of Hong Kong
	-promote industrial advancement
	- raise productivity value per capita
	-eliminate the hidden social danger and development obstacles derived from poverty and low income of population with better improvement of income per capita
	- avoid stimulating or deepening the income gaps between social classes
3	Function of the HKSAR government in the Mid and Long Term Economic Development of HK
	-industrial advancement -e.g. marine services centre
	-foster the formation and nurturing of new industry- e.g. high technology & new industry

	-to bring into full play the merits of existing opportunity obtained from Mainland China to reduce the cross border costs by introducing measures such as one checkpoint for the two borders, new immigration policy and enhanced mobility of the social benefits of the Hong Kong people so that they can easily move to the neighboring places for an affordable living
4	Improve internal cohesion and intercourse in the society.

Mr. Leung concluded that we must look into the underlying courses of the social and political phenomenon in order to address the fundamental issues of the society when setting our policy and countermeasures for ensuring the mid and long term economic and social development of Hong Kong.

In responding to a question from the floor about whether there has been a lack of leadership in Hong Kong Mr. Leung said that there has not been a lack of leadership in Hong Kong but rather the lack of cohesion and support from within the society and the community at large.

Pres. Norman then asked PP Tim Lui to thank Mr. C.Y. Leung for his inspirational and thought provoking speech and there followed with a big round of applause from the audience to thank the speaker and a set of memorial tokens from our Club presented by Pres. Norman.

Next we have asked PP Edwin Tsang from Rotary Club of New Territories to promote a project from the Happy Health society for their Conference on Prevention of Heart Attack Disease and Mental Stress to be held on 5 December 2009 at the headquarters of Hospital Authority.

Our DG Ada Cheng was asked to give a brief address to our Rotarians and she remarked that it was great to see such a big turnout of audiences in today's luncheon and believed we have had every opportunity to boost the attendance and cohesion of our members and attract more potential members to join Rotary when we have successfully organized good gathering and events - as this adheres to the Rotary theme of the year "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands" and resembles the spirits of Mr. C.Y. Leung's speech inspiring us that the Future of Hong Kong in your Hands too.

Pres. Norman gave a special vote of thanks to our President Elect Heman Lam and the members of the organizing committee in organizing and running this special luncheon meeting of the year so smoothly. He also thanked all the visiting Rotarians and guests for their participation and support.

Then PP Rudy was asked to report the Red Box collection of today being HKD 2,300 which would all be dedicated to buy gifts for the mildly mentally and physically handicapped students in the Choi Jun School in Shatin, Hong Kong for their upcoming Christmas Party to be held in December this year.

Pres. Norman reminded all our members that our next week's program would be our AGM and urged all members to participate in electing our new leader and board members of the Club for the next term. He then adjourned the meeting at 2.05pm with a toast to Rotary International coupled with the Rotary Clubs of Causeway Bay, E-Club, Happy Valley, HK Harbor, HK Island East, Kingspark HK, Kowloon West, Metropolitan HK, New Territories, Peninsula, The Peak, Tsimshatsui and Wanchai in Rotary District 3450 plus the Rotary Club of Makati North from the Philippines.

Members and visiting Rotarians and guests were asked to take group photos for our memory.

Rotary Potpourri

Designated Fund of our Club

For general information and to the best of my knowledge (subject to correction) I wish to give some details of the fund held in our club for educational and community services, donated under the following occasions :

1	In memory of the death of our former member Bunny Wang in 1979:	
	PP Wilson T.S. Wang	\$70,000.00
	Club members	30,000.00
2	In memory of the death of PP William Ling,	
	the deceased's family donated the sum of	\$100,000.00

3	80th Birthday of PDG Peter Hall Community Service Fund, contributed by the following donors:	
	From club members and spouses	\$172,000.00
	From former members	3,000.00
	From the birthday boy and his family	85,000.00
	From invited guests	38,333.00
	From HKIE Club Fund	100,000.00
	From Mrs. Dragon Nie (Sept.2009)	6,308.10

	Total	\$604,641.10
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The above amount is earmarked for educational and community services.

(This information is submitted by PDG Peter Hall)

Club News

PE Heman and Hon Sec. Eric have completed an eight hours training in the Rotary Leadership Institute Training Part 2 on November 14th, 2009. They received in-depth training in Rotary Leadership, Rotary Foundations, Ethics in Vocational Services, membership recruitment and how to analyze a Rotary Club. The training also provided them a good opportunity for peer learning with other future leaders in Rotary. A photo of their graduation with certificate is shown in this bulletin too.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

1. How many people have attended today's luncheon ?
Ans)
2. How many media organizations we have attracted to the meeting ?
Ans)
3. Who came to visit us for the luncheon meeting from the Philippines ?
Ans)
4. Who was our speaker today and who was asked to introduce the speaker ?
Ans)
5. What was the topic of our speaker's talk today ?
Ans)
6. Who was asked to thank our speaker ?
Ans)
7. Who led the special organization of this meeting from our Club ?
Ans)
8. What was the Red box collection and what would the amount be dedicated to ?
Ans)

Joke

Getting Married

A young man went to his father one day to tell him that he wanted to get married.

His father was happy for him. He asked his son who the girl was, and he told him that it was Samantha, a girl from the neighborhood.

With a sad face the old man said to his son, "I'm sorry to say this son but I have to. The girl you want to marry is your sister, but please don't tell your mother."

The young man again brought three more names to his father but ended up frustrated because the response was still the same.

So he decided to go to his mother. "Mom I want to get married but all the girls that I love, dad said they are my sisters and I mustn't tell you."

His mother smiling said to him, "Don't worry my son, you can marry any of those girls. You're not his son."
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Photographs of our meeting

on

18th November, 2009



Pres. Norman Lee & PP Stephen Liu welcomed Hon. Leung Chun-ying, GBS, JP arrived at the venue



(L to R) Rtn. Anthony Kwong, PP Stephen Liu, Pres. Norman Lee, Hon. Leung CY BGS, JP, Pres. Frances Chan from RC of Happy Valley & visiting guest, Prof. Chen Qi Qi



(L to R) Acting SAA: Rtn. Kevin Leung, Hon. Tres. Colin Chau & Rtn. Anthony Kwong



(L to R) Our club's PP Leslie Soltay 1994/1995, PP John Kwok, PP Roger Nicandro from RC of Makati North & PP Douglas Hsia from RC of Hong Kong Harbour



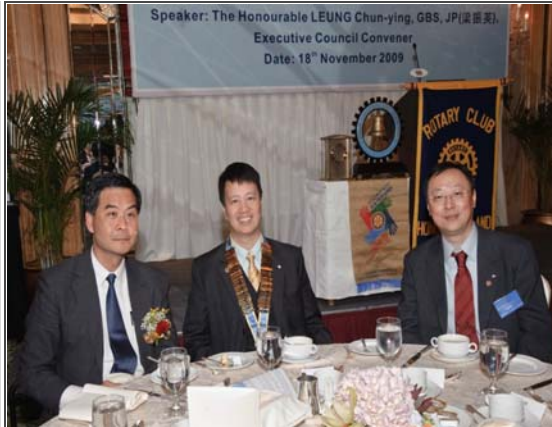
Rtn. Kevin, Dir Nancy & Hon. Tres. Colin welcomed back to Rtn. Andrew Shek (middle)



(L to R) PDG YK Cheng, PDG Uncle Peter Hall & DG Ada Cheng



Hon. Leung Chun-ying GBS, JP received interview from press media



Hon. Leung Chun-ying GBS, JP, Pres. Norman Lee & Hon. Sec. Eric Chin at the head table



Past Presidents & current Presidents from other Rotary Clubs



Many Rotarians and visitors attended the luncheon and our club was thankful for their support



Pres. Norman Lee chaired the meeting



PP Stephen Liu introduced our guest speaker, the Hon. Leung Chun-ying, GBS, JP



The Hon. Leung Chun-ying GBS, JP gave his speech and the topic was "The Political Phenomenon, the Appearance of People's Livelihood and the Countermeasure to the Economic Outlook in Hong Kong"



The Hon. Leung Chun-ying GBS, JP conducted some Q & A with the audience



Pres. Norman Lee presented a gift to thank the Hon. Leung Chun-ying GBS, JP for this inspiring speech



On behalf of the Club, PP Tim Lui made a vote of thanks to the Hon. Leung Chun-ying GBS, JP



DG Ada Cheng gave a remark to congratulate such successful luncheon meeting



Group photo with PDGs, PPs, current Presidents and all the visiting Rotarians



Members & guests from Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



Other visiting guests and Rotarians photos



Other visiting guest and Rotarians photos



PE Heman Lam & Hon. Sec. Eric Chin completed the Rotary Leadership Institute training, a group photo with the organizing committee members, DG Ada Chen, DGE Jason Chan, PDG Peter Wan, PDG Anthony Hung, PP Grace Yen & all participated Rotarians

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