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**TUNG FENG**

香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## **Last Week's Proceedings (15th December., 2004)**

Pres. Rudy opened our meeting today with an introduction of our guest speaker Ms Chung Lick Lai from the Hong Kong Employment Development Service and the Executive Director Mr. H. C. Yiu.

Pres. Rudy then continued by making a few presentations to our attendance Team Leaders for all their hard work in organizing our weekly meeting for the last six months. They are:

Rtn Dr. Tony  
Dir. Eddy  
Dir Andy  
Dir Jason  
PP Desmond

They were all presented with a 2005 Calendar

Pres. Rudy then mentioned that PDG Uncle Peter is in the hospital for a checkup & rest at St. Theresa Hospital. PDG Y.K. suggested we send him a flower bouquet to wish him speedy recovery. Pres. Rudy asked for volunteer to bring a bouquet to him. Rtn Kenny agreed to do this tomorrow. Pres. Rudy also said he received two gifts for Uncle Peter, one from David Waring a former member of ours, and another one from Japan which will be delivered to Uncle Peter also.

Hon Sec John then made an announcement about the Intercity Meeting to be held on this Friday the 17th of December. He asked if any body want to go. So far there will be only two members from our club. They are Pres. Rudy and Hon Sec John. Hon Sec was requested to bring along a present of \$300 for the lucky draw.

PP John made a report on the Intercity meeting. He said that there were about 250 participants at this meeting welcoming RI Director David Linnet (Bridgewater Somerville, N.J. USA) and his Rotariann. Director David reported that D3450 is the highest per capita contributor in the world. We are then congratulated for this achievement. Rotary is the largest NGO making contribution in the world. Rotary has raised US\$600 million total. Our efforts is making a better world.

PE Eddy then made a report on the Centennial Sports Day, which will be held on January 16th 2005, where around 100 disable persons, will join in a sport day activities. He hoped for good support from our club members.

Hon Sec John then corrected a mistake in this issue of the Tung Feng. In the paragraph concerning the results of the election it should read:

For 2005/2006 PE Eddy should read President Eddy and VP Paul Chan should read PE & VP Paul Chan instead. This was already been corrected on our web page but the printed Tung Fang was already printed and not able to be corrected. He apologized for this error.

Pres. Rudy then continued that next week Dec 22nd 2004 we would hold our Christmas Party. Our good friend Joseph Chan will bring his guitar to lead us on Christmas songs. For all members attending this meeting Pres. Rudy will give us a present.

He also suggested we donate next week's Red Box collection to the Philippines flooding victims because RI will probably declare support for this disastrous event and give financial support.

Pres. Rudy asked acting Sergeant-At-Arms PP George to give his report on his collection for today. He declared that the Red Box collection came to \$1,000.

Pres Rudy invited Dir Paul Chan to introduce our speaker for today which is Ms Chung Lick Lai the Vice President of the Hong Kong Employment Development Services (HKEDS). She will tell us about her organization. He also introduced Mr. H.C. Yiu, the Executive Director of HKEDS.

Ms Chung then introduced the HKEDS, which was formerly a part of the Hong Kong Council of Social Services. However, in 2002 a new group was formed from this council was named the Hong Kong Employment Development Service Ltd. So what does this group do? And who does it serves. From the name you know that they do everything related to employment. The core programs are a one-stop employment service for the disadvantaged group. Such as:

- a) New arrivals
- b) Single parent
- c) Social Service recipients
- d) Middle Aged people

e) Youngsters who are dropouts from school or Juvenile delinquents.

This one stop service is quite intensive. It includes:

- a) Job placements.
- b) Job Counseling.
- c) Job assessment & training.

Their job not only helps the employees but also the employers because they must match the jobs between the employees & the employers.

Taking a look at the unemployment rates, in November 2004 the average rate was 6.7%. However this does not show the rates for specific age groups. For example the unemployment rate for age group of 15-19 the rate is 20.7%. And for the age group of 40 -59 it is 15%

This organization have collaborated with the Labor Department to help these age groups by offering them:

- a) Youth retraining & reemployment programs
- b) District training programs for the middle aged group

The results have been quite satisfactory.

Some other courses for aged 40 or above are:

- a) Property management courses
- b) Nurses training for personal care courses.
- c) Computer training courses.
- d) Work adjustment courses.

Some other core programs to increase productivity are:

- a) Team building
- b) Customer Service
- c) Communication skills.

Finally what is the objective of this organization?

They want to help those who are less competitive to get a job first, and then next to enhance their ability to sustain a job. Then we can upgrade their skills to face the challenges & demands of the job market.

Lastly we must thank the 2,000 employers companies for without them we could not achieve our success rate of 65-85% on the average even in the recent hard times.

We have seven service centers five in Wong Tai Sin; one in Lok Fu and one in Yuen Long. We hope to have one center on Hong Kong Island soon.

Both Ms. Chung and Mr. Yiu were very pleased to receive many questions from the floor thus proving the interest created by her speech to us today. They answered every question very eloquently to the satisfaction of all those who raised them.

As we soon ran out of time Pres. Rudy presented a picture of our speaker for today to her. And he proposed a toast to RI and Rotary Club all over the world and declared this meeting closed.

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## Rotary Information

### Rotary to provide windbreak forest belt to combat dust storms in Asia

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(Evanston, IL – USA December 2004) Rotary clubs, in cooperation with environmental experts and the government of Mongolia, today announced a bold project to help reduce the Yellow Wind dust storms that blow off the Gobi desert into Korea, Japan, other countries in the region, and even as far as the west coast in United States. The project will develop a windbreak forest belt consisting of 100,000 newly planted trees and an irrigation system that will help control desertification in the South Gobi region of Mongolia. Desertification, the rapid formation of deserts, is a major factor in the increasing dust storm problem. The US\$360,000 project is funded by contributions from Korean Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and is intended to commemorate Rotary's Centennial in 2005. The government of Mongolia is an integral partner in the effort, providing US\$50,000 funding for the project.

Mongolia's 1996 National Action Plan calls for efforts to combat desertification through sustainable and integrated land management and land rehabilitation. Japanese Rotary clubs will also participate in the project.

Korean Rotarians joined Rotarians in Mongolia last August to see the problem first-hand, accompanied by representatives of the Northeast Asia Forest Forum and the Geocology Institute. The group also met with Mongolian parliament members and officials of the Ministry of

Nature and Environment and the South Gobi government.

The project will culminate in May of 2005 when a contingent of Korean Rotarians will travel to Mongolia to help plant the 100,000 young trees. It will also create an estimate 1,000 jobs in the region to develop, expand and maintain the forest belt. The size of the windbreak forest belt will be 1,000 square meters, including a two-hectare tree nursery, which can produce one million seedlings per year.

Sixteen deep wells and an irrigation system will be built to supply water to the forest belt effectively.

Yoon Sang-Ku, a Rotary regional leader spearheading the project, said at the recent meeting, "This project is an exemplary effort by Rotarians acting on international concerns and demonstrating concerted effort with Rotarians from other countries."

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## Joke & Cartoon

There were two golfers on the golf course. One of the men pulled out a cigarette, and asked his friend for a light. His friend pulls out a 12 inch Bic lighter.

"Wow, where did you get such a large Bic?"

"Oh, my genie got it for me"

"You have a genie ? Where is he?"

"He is in my golf bag."

"Can I see him?"

His friend says "Yes sure!"

So the friend looks in the bag and out comes the genie.

The man says to the genie; "I'm you master's best friend. Would you grant me just one wish?"

The genie says "yes, just one wish" So the man wishes for a million bucks. The genie goes back in the golf bag without saying a word. Then it gets even darker. The man looks up and sees a million ducks flying over. He get upset, and says "What is the matter with your genie? Is he hard of hearing? I said a million bucks, not a million ducks."

His friend says to him: "Do you really think I asked for a 12 inch Bic?"

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## Photographs of Our Meeting on

**15th December 2004**



Ms. Chung Lick Lai of the Hong Kong Employment Development Service talking about the employment situation in Hong Kong.



(L to R) Mr. H.C. Yiu & Ms Chung Lick Lai & Pres. Rudy.



(L to R) Hon Sec John, PE Eddy & VP Paul.



(L to R) Dir Jason, PP's Stephen, George, & Rtn Kenny.



(L to R) Dir Andy, Dr Tony, & PP J.L.



Group Photo of our members with Pres. Rudy, & Guest speakers on 15th December 2004

## Victoria Park School for the Deaf BBQ party





Victoria Park School for the Deaf's Christmas Party hosted by Santa Claus Kenny Chan.



Pictured are the happy children of the school sitting on the lap of Santa Claus.



Group Photo of all the children and hosted by The Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East and our club on 19th December 2004. If you look closely you will find our Dir Andy & RtnAnn Angela & Rtn Kenny Chan among them.

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