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## What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting and extended new year greetings to all members, wishing everyone happiness and good fortune in the Year of Snake. He reminded members that there would be no meeting next week before Chinese New Year holiday.

Rtn. Rudy, as SAA, reported that there were 18 members present and the collection was \$800. He then introduced the visiting Rotarians from Rotary Club of Peninsula South, Rtn. Bin Selena and Rtn. Bessy Ho, and his guest Mr. Sandroff Ma.

Rtn. Bill introduced his son Jonathan and it was obvious that Bill firmly believes that Rotary is good for the young man.

President Taj took over the floor and introduced PE Stephen as the speaker for the day.

PE Stephen joined the Club in 1986 and this was the first time he was called upon to give his vocational talk. PE Stephen left the Club in 1991 when he emigrated to Australia and he re-joined the Club in 1993 when he returned to Hong Kong. His better half is a banker and they have a son aged 18 studying in the US.

PE Stephen is a Quantity Surveyor and is at present the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors which is the professional body for land surveyors, estate surveyors, building surveyors and quantity surveyors. He is very involved and busy with the work of the professional institute. He is often approached by the media for professional opinion and he has to speak for his profession.

He works for a company called Levett & Bailey, which is one of the biggest quantity surveying companies world-wide and has 300 staff in the Hong Kong office. The founder of this company Mr. David Bailey was also a member of this Club. PE Stephen and his firm have been



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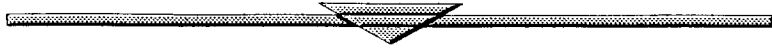
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involved in many big projects in Hong Kong, including the HongkongBank building and Convention Centre.

After giving a brief introduction of his personal background, his profession and his work, PE Stephen showed us some slides of the major projects he and his firm had undertaken.

President Taj thanked PE Stephen for his informative and interesting talk and he closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Peninsula South.



## Rotary Information

*Besides its well-known humanitarian programs, Rotary also promotes awareness and care of our environment through the Preserve Planet Earth program: Here is a good example of this program in action:*

### ***Club promotes environmental protection in Japan, Russia***

In the absence of any formal environmental treaty between Japan and Russia, the Rotary Club of Nemuro West, District 2500, Japan, is inspiring citizens of the two countries to find ways of taking care of their shared environment.

Located in the Hokkaido region of northern Japan, the club is at the forefront of efforts to clean polluted rivers and re-forest large swathes of Hokkaido. Environmental degradation in the region has been accelerated by a large-scale farm project of the Japanese government and the resettling of large numbers of Japanese who emigrated from the neighboring South Kuril Islands, which have been ruled by Russia since World War II but are still claimed by Japan.

While carrying out its environmental program, the Nemuro West Rotary Club discovered that the population of sea otters and seals living in the waters between Hokkaido and the South Kuril Islands was being rapidly depleted by aggressive Russian and Japanese fishermen. Although citizens of both areas had previously held discussions about ways to preserve their environment, their efforts were hampered by the unresolved territorial dispute between Japan and Russia.





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PE Stephen on the rostrum.



Rtn Bill getting support from his son Jonathan.



Rtn. Laurence entertaining Mr. Sandroff Ma, guest of Rtn. Rudy.



Rtn Rudy & Rtn Eddie with visiting Rotarians Bin Selena & Bessy Ho from Peninsula South



Hoping to change attitudes by opening new channels of communication, Nemuro West Rotary Club persuaded the Japanese and Russian governments to allow people living in the two regions to travel back and forth without passports. Taking advantage of the human contacts resulting from the relaxed immigration policies between the Kuril Islands and Hokkaido, last year, the club invited elementary and junior high school students from the islands to Nemuro city.

The club also held educational seminars to educate students in both countries about the shared environmental problems and responsibilities of Russia and Japan. Participants in these seminars made resolutions calling upon their governments to cooperate in solving the environmental problems faced by the communities living in Hokkaido and the South Kurils Islands. In a follow-up to the seminars, the Nemuro West Rotary Club made and distributed environmental awareness posters in Japanese and Russian, that appealed to both communities to create a more wholesome living environment.

"These ongoing activities have been reported by several Japanese publications, and have already resulted in at least the partial replenishment of sea otters and seals in the affected area," said Hajime Sakamoto, Environmental Concerns Task Force coordinator for Zone 1.

### *Time to register for African Presidential Conference*

The African Presidential Conference, scheduled for 26-28 January 2001 in Cape Town, South Africa, will offer a platform for all Rotarians to examine and discuss ways to enhance Rotary service in Africa. Summarizing Rotary's challenge in Africa, RI President Frank J. Devlyn explained: "Rotary has done so much over the years to improve the quality of life in Africa, from PolioPlus to our many grants projects. But there's much more to be done."

South African President Thabo Mbeki has been invited to give a keynote address. Taking full advantage of the open forum format, a special conference feature, President Devlyn and senior Rotary leaders will exchange ideas with Rotarians on a wide range of Rotary-related issues. The RI president and Past President Glen Kinross will address participants on "Creating Awareness and Taking Action in Africa" and "A Look at The Rotary Foundation in Africa."

Discussion topics include preventing urban violence, creating jobs to impact the quality of life for people with disabilities, addressing African health and world population concerns, ensuring literacy for the girl-child, and identifying opportunities and challenges in African membership development and retention.



# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Jim was in a terrible car accident. He was taken to hospital where he remained in a coma for two weeks, and when he awoke, he was starving. Finding the call button, he rang for the nurse and asked if he could have something to eat. She told him, "You have a broken jaw and your mouth is wired shut. I can't think of anything that you could eat in that condition."

"Well, could I 'pwease' have a cup of coffee?" Jim asked through his clenched jaw.

"We'll try," the nurse told him. "Maybe we can get a straw between your teeth."

But try as they did, the straw just wouldn't go in. Jim grumbled and moaned and swore he was going to die without coffee, until the

nurse finally said, "Maybe we could give it to you in an enema."

She fixed up the tube and began to administer the coffee when suddenly, Jim winced and sat up.

"Is it too hot?" the nurse asked.

"No, but could you please put some more sugar in it!"

Now, here's some interesting questions posed by PP John:

- Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "assteroids"?
- If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times, does he become disoriented?

*President Clinton leaves office on Saturday. Here's a parting shot:*



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