



# Tung Feng

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## What Happened Last Week

The meeting was opened by President Taj with a warm welcome extended to the visiting Rotarians. These Rotarians were then given a formal introduction by Rtn John Yao:

Rtn Paul Yang (HKNW)

Rtn Benny Ratnanni (HKNE)

Rtn John also reported that there were 17 members present and \$1,000 had been donated.

The following announcements were then made by President Taj:

- The Rotary Club of HK Harbour will make an official visit to our Club on 21 February.
- Over 500 proposals have been submitted to this year's Council on Legislation in Chicago. Members were invited to put forward any comments for changes.
- PP Rob and PP John were thanked for their weekly efforts in getting the Tung Feng published. (*It should be noted that others behind the scenes are instrumental in this publication: Secretary Miriam does a sterling job in collating information, typing) and printing, and Rtns Malcolm, Chris and Henry assist in writing up the meeting minutes.*)

Rtn Eddy Wong was then introduced to give his vocational talk. Eddy informed members that he is a graduate of the University of Hong Kong from 20 years ago and he is still available in the marriage stakes. One of his favourite pastimes is travelling overseas and he has already been to many countries. He was inducted into HKIE in May, 2000.

Eddy listed among his accomplishments:

- Chairman (1999-01) HKJC Long Range Planning Committee.
- Member, Executive Committee for Professional Practice on LUAHK (2001)
- Secretary-elect for HKIE (2001-02).

His vocation has been in Life Insurance since 1990, working for AETNA. In that time, he has acquired numerous professional qualifications, and received several distinguished awards: District Agent Award three times, and Life Membership of the Million Dollar Round Table.



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District 3450

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PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

Eddy is involved in most aspects of the insurance industry, including Education, Disability, Retirement, Illness, Business continuity, Group medical, MPF, Estate Duty, etc. In all of this, he maintains that giving good service is the key to success: He has over 500 clients.

In summing up, Eddy made three claims:

- One should strive to create positive change.
- In order to grow, one must contribute.
- By working together, everyone achieves more.

President Taj then thanked Rtn Eddy for giving members some insights into his life and work.

PP John gave some reminders about the golf competition on Thursday.

PE Stephen announced that there would be no speaker at the meeting next week. The meeting would be devoted to an Open Forum to allow members to raise issues about the Club.

Finally, President Taj closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of HKNE.

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# Rotary Information

## *Rotarians rally to the aid of earthquake victims in India*

In the wake of the massive earthquake that struck India's Gujarat State on 26 January, Rotarians from clubs in Gujarat and around the world are responding by delivering medical attention and aid packages to the needy.

The earthquake, which may have claimed at least 30,000 lives, also left 150,00 injured and a million homeless, largely due to poorly or cheaply constructed buildings. The Rotary Club of Raikot Midtown, India, visited the severely damaged town of Morvi, where 600 buildings were reduced to rubble.

"We decided that the most urgent and immediate need was to erect temporary shelters for the homeless," said Vikram Sanghani, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown and coordinator of the aid team. Rotarians worked with affected residents to clean up and bulldoze a new refuge area. So far, the campaign has set up 600 tents, with an additional 1,000 scheduled for delivery.



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Rtn. Eddy is sure to increase his business after his vocational talk.



Visitor, PP Ko Ying (HKNW) is flanked by HKIE members Rtn. Sam & Francis.



Rtn. Tony, Chris & regular visitor Rtn. Benny Ratnani (HKNE) enjoying the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2001.

## WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death ... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare indeed.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful ... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hands, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder ... you are blessed because you can offer a comforting or healing touch.

If you can read this, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day and count your blessings. You are truly a very privileged person.

The city of Bhuj, 43 miles northeast of the epicenter, was one of the hardest hit in the area. Hospitals in Bhuj and surrounding communities that were not razed or damaged were filled with casualties, making it necessary to set up temporary medical centers in the field. Rotarians were among the first relief groups to arrive on the scene at Bhuj, when a seven-person team made up of doctors and an environmental consultant from the Rotary Club of Anand Mid Town visited 44 hours after the quake. The team partnered with medics from the local medical college to treat 200 casualties in the first two days. Another team went to the small village of Mokhana, bringing tents, utensils, clothing and food for the 300 families there.

Local Rotarians are also responding to the disaster by pooling their efforts with other non-governmental organizations to help the victims in Gujarat. The Rotary clubs in Ahmedabad have worked with other groups to help set up a camp outside the city where a free kitchen has been organized to feed some 5,000 survivors there. Dr. Shashank Rathod, governor of District 3050, is also helping to coordinate the efforts of a six-member medical team from Malaysia.

Rotarians worldwide are also contributing to the relief efforts in Gujarat. Members of the Rotary Club of Derby, England, are sending 240 Aquabox water purification systems. Each box can purify enough water for a family of four for three months. They plan to send another 1,000 boxes of standard humanitarian aid, including clothing, cooking utensils, candles and torches. The Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds, England, is raising aid funds and plans to send Aquaboxes, clothes, hygiene items and tools. The Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, donated US\$750 to University of Oklahoma's Indian Student Association's earthquake relief fund.

### ***Australia recognizes Past RI president for international service***

Past RI President Royce Abbey has been named as an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO), in recognition of his contribution towards making the world a better place to live in.

Conferred on the past RI president on Australia Day (26 January), the award is one the several the Australian government bestows on its citizens for outstanding service every January when the nation celebrates its history and diversity.

According to the official citation, Abbey was honored "for service to the community, particularly through The Rotary Foundation's support for health and humanitarian projects in overseas countries, and through programs aimed at providing funding for health care and research facilities."

# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Two drunks were walking along, when one says to the other, "What a beautiful night, look at the moon."

The other drunk stops and looks at his friend. "You're wrong, that's not the moon, that's the sun."

They began to argue about this when they came upon another drunk. They asked, "Mate, could you please settle our argument? Tell us what that thing is in the sky that's shining. Is it the moon or the sun?"

The third drunk looked at the sky and said, "Sorry, I don't live around here."

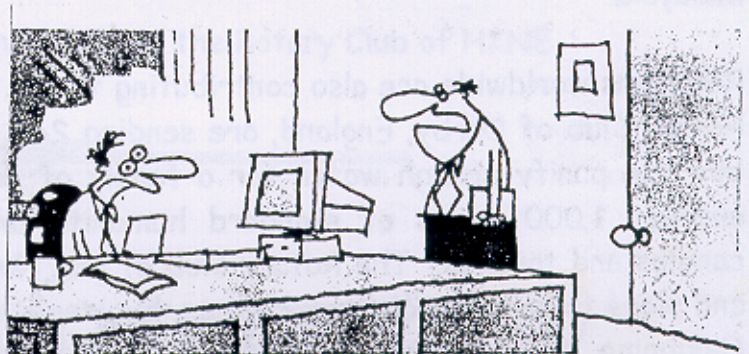
A beggar said to me, "Give me \$10 till payday."  
I asked, "When's payday?"  
He replied, "I don't know. You're the one who is working."

A 92 year-old man went to the doctor to get a check-up. A few days later the doctor saw him walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on him arm.

At the old guy's follow-up visit, the doctor said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

The old man replied, "Just doing what you said, Doctor, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

"That's not what I said," replied the doctor, "I said you've got a heart murmur - be careful."



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

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