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Last week's Proceedings -

10th February, 2010

President Norman called the meeting at 1:15 pm with a warm welcome to District Officer AG Edward Lau, Chief District Secretary Eddy Wong & District Secretary Grace Yen. Our Guest Speaker DG Ada today has just arrived before introducing visiting Rotarian Benny Ratnani from RC of HK Northeast. Hon Secretary Eric had a guest Ms Sophia Zou, his mentee student from HK Poly U.

President Norman encouraged all members to register for the 50th Rotary District Conference to be held on 17-18 April 2010 at Disneyland Resort Hotel. He expected HKIE would have about 15 participants. He further appealed our members to join the 50th Anniversary Celebration of RC of Kawasaki South in Japan from 7 to 10 April. President Norman will bring his family to visit our Sister Club at that time and hope more members can share the joy of our counterparts in Japan. If any members are interested in singing, there will be a "District Singing Contest" to be held on 20 March 2010. Any interested members please let President Norman know. In addition, due to Chinese New Year holiday, next week luncheon on 17 Feb 2010 will be cancelled and will resume normal on 24 Feb 2010.

Acting SSA PDG Uncle Peter reported the red box collection on 10 February 2010 would be HK\$1,400, but after the report, both Uncle John Kwok and Rotarian Jason Chiu topped up HK\$500 each and made today's red box contribution to HK\$2,400. What an attractive figure for our community service fund!

AG Edward was invited to introduce DG Ada to our members. The topic of our Guest Speaker DG Ada would be "2010 National Immunization Day in Delhi, India 8-11 Jan". First of all, DG Ada apologized for her late arrival due to busy business engagement in the company. She was happy to meet all the HKIE members again after the Area 3 Joint Meeting in latter part of 2009. She felt like at home since there were so many familiar faces she knew in our Club.

She has visited India 3 times and each time gave a different feeling for her memory. During this trip, the delegation consisted of 34 participants. This "Dream Team" included herself as DG, and, DGN, 2 PDGs, 7 Presidents, 2 AGs, 1 outbound scholar, 3 inbound scholars and children of our Rotarians. Her special feelings were created by what the things this delegation had done and the people they met in this trip. All participants were touched by the work done by Rotarians for how to help end Polio in India. It was glad that 7 Club Presidents participated in this mission and they could share their experience with all other Rotarians in their Clubs. The after trip influence will have more impact in District 3450.

The success of this trip was heavily depended on the timeless efforts made by District Foundation Chair PP Kenneth Chow, Trip Coordinator Thomas Mo, Polio Plus Committee Chair Dr Lau Suet Ting and many other sponsors. When they arrived at Delhi, they found that a lot of banners and posters were around the city to promote this National Immunization Day in order to attract children under Age 5 to take the vaccine of Polio. 1 bottle of vaccine is enough to immunize 20 children. The vaccine must be stored in ice box in order to keep it fresh and good for immunization. The delegation was amazed and widened their horizons because **"two drops of vaccine can really change the poor children's life forever"**.

On 9 Jan 2010, the delegation visited St. Stephen's Hospital to interview the Polio patients. Incidentally DG met an 18 years old girl again who had encountered before 2 years ago. This girl had gone through a series of surgery for her polio sickness but she is still grateful to the doctor since she is luckier than many other patients to have the chance for her cure of this sickness. Thus, we really should treasure that **"Prevention is better than correction."** This hospital is supported by a few Rotary Clubs and The Rotary Foundation.

On 10 Jan 2010, the delegation firstly performed the duties of immunization to children in the assigned booths in the street of the City. Later, they were divided into group of 4 or 5 and to search for needy children to do the

immunization exercise around every corner in the Delhi, especially in those slump areas. It was sad to know that some kids came because they were attracted by getting pencil and other stationery items, not for their own health reason. This time during the immunization exercise, a lot of Indian Rotarians also participated and this made them know that someone in other side of the world also care the public health of their children in India.

On 11 Jan 2010, the delegation went to visit individual houses by using the maps provided by local volunteers. This made them have the chance to see their culture and daily living habit of Indian people. In fact, most of all these people are living in a relatively dirty environment if comparing with Hong Kong.

After this trip, all delegates had a common dream "**To end POLIO NOW**".

After DG completed her presentation, PP Hubert asked when we can actually end POLIO in this world. DG Ada responded that there are around 1000 cases still existing in four countries including India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan. Unless we can fully educate the people living there to prevent its happening again, it will never end. For this reason, Rotary Foundation has worked very hard to make it come true. DG also encouraged HKIE members to participate in the Matching Grant program provided by Bill & Melinda Gate Foundation with the Rotary Foundation to raise more funds to eradicate Polio as soon as possible.

President Norman then invited IPP Andy to formally thank our Speaker for her touching presentation. DG Ada further appealed our members to participate in the District Conference in April 2010 and also the Beijing visit in May 2010 for the Hepatitis B project finale. Also she sent her final greeting to all members for a prosperous year of Tiger. President Norman presented a photo and gift to DG for her fond memory with our Club.

Finally, President Norman declared the close of the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Clubs of Wanchai, Kingspark HK & Hong Kong Northeast and invited all guests and members to take a group photo. On 24 Feb 2010, the guest speaker will be an ex-Ambassadorial Scholar.

Rotary Potpourri

The Rotarian Magazine

The mailing of the Rotarian monthly has been interrupted for almost one year resulting to the non-delivery to our members of the said magazine each month, either due to change of address or incomplete of details of address.

The Hon. Secretary, Dr. Eric Chin had taken up the job to inquire to Rotary International about the missing copies for nearly one year. After great effort exercised by Hon. Sec. Eric, the case is now settled and normal delivery resumed by the RI mailing agents.

Should any members still receive no Rotarian monthly magazine by now, please inform our Hon. Secretary, Eric Chin to follow up. Please remember that we have paid the subscription already to Rotary International for the magazine.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

1. Who and from which Rotary Club were our visiting Rotarians came from ?
Ans)
2. Who was the visiting guest being introduced by our Hon. Sec. Eric Chin ?
Ans)
3. When and where will our 50th District Conference being held this year ?
Ans)
4. Why will our next week's luncheon be cancelled and when will it be resumed ?
Ans)
5. What was the Red Box collection's final figure today ?
Ans)
6. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about ?
Ans)
7. Who was asked to introduce the speaker to us ?
Ans)
8. Who was asked to thank the speaker for us ?
Ans)

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Joke

Subject: Gender

A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. they are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. as soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a

better model.

The women won.

Photographs of our meeting

on

10th February, 2010



Hon. Sec Eric Chin, AG Edward Lau from RC of Kingspark HK & CDS PP Eddy Wong



PDG Uncle Peter, DG Ada Cheng & Pres. Norman Lee



IPP Andy Wong, PE Heman Lam, Dir Jason Chiu & PP Laurence Chan



PP Tim Lui, Hon. Sec Eric Chin, visiting guest Sophia Zou, Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy & PP Henry Chan



Rtn. Kevin Leung, PP Hubert Chan & PP Stephen Liu



Rtn. Dr Tony Loy & visiting Rotarian Rtn. Benny Ratnani from rC of HK Northeast



Rtn. Teresa Ho, Dir Nancy Yee & DS Grace Yen from RC of HK Harbour



DG Ada Cheng from RC of Wanchai shared with us of their NID trip to India



IPP Andy Wong gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the club to DG Ada



Pre. Norman Lee presented a photo in action to DG Ada Cheng



Group photos with members, DG, District officers, visiting Rotarian & guests

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