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What Happened Last Week

Today was indeed a very special day as all the nos. consisted of "3"s. This was our 33rd Meeting, It was the 13th day of March (3) and of course it was also Wednesday (3). President Stephen wished us all very "3" (pronounced in Chinese).

Kishu introduced our visiting Rotarian and guests. They were:

- (1) Karen Scott of Holbrooke, Australia;
- (2) Ragne Navare of Landskrona, Sweden and his wife Ingalill.

Ragne talked to us a bit about himself. He was on a business/leisure trip to Hong Kong, and this time, lucky for him, he was joined by his wife. He already knew something about Hong Kong, having lived here for one year in 1991.

Karen also talked to us. She was from a solid farming community, but her husband worked in Hong Kong for Philip Morris. She said that where she came from was absolutely idyllic and hoped that we could visit her sometime. She will be the president of her club next year.

President Stephen reminded us of the important events to follows:

- (1) ANNUAL FUNCTION - Racing Night at Hong Kong Jockey Club in Shatin on 3rd April 2002, followed by Golf in Macau the next day and dinner at the Military Club of Macau (famous for its colonial ambience and fine food).
- (2) JOINT FELLOWSHIP AND VOCATIONAL DINNER MEETING
Nine local clubs (including our own) on 10th April 2002 at World Trade Central Club at 7:00pm.
- (3) District Tree Planting Day on 21st April at Tai Mo Shan Country Park.
- (4) Walkathon at Aberdeen Reservoir on 14th April for charity.

That should keep us busy for next month!

Look further ahead:

- (5) On 19th May 2002, there will be a TV show "Walking Along with Rotary" from 10:30pm to 11:30pm.
- (6) The Rotary Theme for 2002-2003 will be "Sow the Seeds of Love" and the president will be Mr. Bhichai Rattakul of Thailand.
- (7) In 2004, it will be our 50th anniversary. VP Henry had agreed to start preparation RIGHT NOW!
- (8) In 2005, it will be 100th anniversary of RI. The logo will be "A century of service and new century of success".

Lawrence, S-at-A, then announced our weekly collection which was HK\$1,350.00.

The Birthday Boys were PP David Li and Jason. Uncle Peter was invited to lead the singing of the birthday song.

Then came the highlights of today's meeting. Uncle Peter talked about the good old days of HKIE. For those who unfortunately missed this talk, there it was, in the guru's own words:



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

District 3450

Chartered on 6 April, 1954 by Charter President
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

"Stepping into the 48 years of service since our charter in 1954, I just wish to give a brief picture of the formation of our club for the information of those newer members.

Rotary started in Hong Kong dating back to 1930 when we have only one Rotary club - The R/C of Hong Kong which is our mother club. It was spread to Macau and Kowloon and later the R/C of HKIE and R/C of HKIW were born.

In 1954, with the assistance of our founder, PDG John Yuen and Rtn. K.C. Goh from R/C of Hong Kong, this club was chartered in April 6th. The original language for our club was Mandarin Chinese but later, it was changed to English to accommodate more non-Chinese speaking members.

Our territorial limits embraced all part of the island from Arsenal Street eastward. Revision had been made when we sponsored our baby clubs, viz.,

R/C of Hong Kong South (1973)

R/C of Hong Kong North (1978)

R/C of Hong Kong Northeast (1983)

R/C of Hong Kong Harbour (1987)

The latest revision of our club's Constitution and By-Laws present a detailed map of our Rotary boundaries.

During our charter period, we were non-districted. The re-districting didn't come until 1960 which entitled us to join the District 345, comprised of Hong Kong, Macau and the whole of Taiwan. We were separated from Taiwan in 1987. Since 1991, our district was renamed 3450 leaving us the territories as Hong Kong and Macau. It was until 2001, the Republic of Mongolia was added into 3450.

We are proud to say that we produced 4 District Governors as follows:

PDG John Yuen (1973/74)

PDG Peter Hall (1981/82)

PDG Moses Cheng (1993/94)

PDG Y.K. Cheng (1996/97)

Of course, this is not the end yet. We expect one day another D.G. will be from our club.

We were the first club to sponsor Interact Club in Hong Kong and Macau area in 1964 starting with the New Method College, Hong Kong. This was followed by Interact Club of Queen's College, Interact Club of Shaukiwan Technical School and Interact Club of St. Stephen's College.

Apart from Interact, we have sponsored two Rotaract Clubs, viz, Rotaract Club of HKIE and Rotaract Club of Lingnan University, both of which are at present under the supervision of Rtn. Rudy Law.

In the past 48 years, we have had numerous projects for community service. It will be too long a list to enumerate all of them. Initially in 1954 as a new and small club, we were bold enough to raise HK\$250,000.00 to build the Victoria Park School for the Deaf in Causeway Bay on a piece of land granted by the Hong Kong Government. It took us five years to complete this huge project. The School is now incorporated into the Hong Kong School for the Deaf. A couple of our members are serving as directors in the School board.

Later, we had many other service projects such as setting up free dental clinic, library and youth centers, donating mobile vans, television sets, sewing machines, furniture, computers and hearing aid equipments, etc. We are not only locally but also outside Hong Kong by supplying urgent need of tents to the Turkey Earthquake and also donation to the China flooding.

We worked in conjunction with our partner in service, "Vision" on a big project for the benefits of the deaf children in Northern China with the potential support of our own members, viz., PP Hubert Chan, PP Andrew Chen and PP Sam Lam. A total sum of HK\$500,000.00 was raised for the said project.

To better our world understanding, we have cemented good relationship with Rotary clubs abroad by establishing sisterhood with the following clubs:

Rotary Club of Penang (Malaysia)
Rotary Club of Niigata (Japan)
Rotary Club of Kawasaki South (Japan)
Rotary Club of Makati-North (Philippines)
Rotary Club of Westwood Village (U.S.A.)
Rotary Club of Osaka-Jonan (Japan)
Rotary Club of Vancouver China Town (Canada)

We have changed several venues for our regular weekly meeting. The inaugural meeting was held in Winner House, North Point, before moving to Sunning House, then to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Victoria Restaurant, Lee Garden Hotel, the Caravelle Hotel and at present, we are housed in The Excelsior Hotel.

We started with only 25 charter members. We have the one and only charter member left in the person of PP James M.H. Wu. Due to the economic crisis, worldwide membership is the downward tendency and our club is no exception. Our membership now stands at 44. I hope I have painted a brief picture of our club for your information."

President then made a toast to RI coupled with Holbrooke Australia and Landskrona, Sweden and declared the meeting adjourned.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

- Mar 13 The Reminiscence of Hong Kong Island East
 BY PDG Peter Hall
 Rotary Club of HK Island East
- Mar 20 'NO KILL', and Responsible Pet Ownership
 by Executive Director Christopher Hanselman
 Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals
- Mar 27 Club Assembly
 (No speaker)
- Apr 03 Annual Dinner Function
 Racing Night at Jockey Club Shatin Race Track
 Joint Fellowship Meeting with Sister Rotary Clubs of Makati-North and Osaka-Jonan
- Apr 10 Lunch Meeting changed to Joint Fellowship and Vocational Dinner
 Meeting with eight other clubs of District 3450
 There will be 3 prominent speakers:
 - Mr. George Leung, Chief Economist of HSBC
 - PDG Moses Cheng of RC of HK Northeast
 - DGE Gloria Chan of RC of Queensway
 Venue : World Trade Centre Club
 Time : Cocktails 6.30pm
 Dinner : 7.00 p.m.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

With the miracle of fertility treatment, a woman was able to have a baby at the age of 65. When she was discharged from hospital, her relatives came to visit. "Can we see the baby?" they asked. "Not yet," said the 65-year-old mother. Twenty minutes later, they asked again. "Can we see the baby?" "Not yet," said the mother. Another twenty minutes later, they asked again. "Can we see the baby?" Not yet," said the mother. Growing very impatient, they said. "Well, when can we see the baby then?" "When it cries." "Why do we have to wait until the baby cries?" "Because I forgot where I put it."

"No, not at all," she said, nibbling away at his ear. "Well, who is he then?" demanded the bewildered guy. Calmly, the girl replied, "That's me before the surgery."

Do you promise to love, honor, cook for, clean up after, surrender your share of the covers, live with foul smelling flatulence, give up power of the remote and wipe up pee from the toilet seat for all the days of your life?

After a long night of making love, the young guy rolled over, was looking around, when he noticed a framed picture of another man on a desk in the distance. Naturally, the guy began to worry. "Is this your husband?" he inquired nervously. "No, silly," she replied, snuggling up to him. "Your boyfriend then?" he asked.



YEAR 2001 - 2002

Ex-Officio IPP Tajwar Shadikhan	Vice President Henry Chan	President Elect Chris Howe	President Stephen Liu	Secretary Eddy Wong	Treasurer Clark Lu	Advisor PDG Peter Hall
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**ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. AT
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY**



Our Own PDG Uncle Peter gave us a talk on the history of our club.



SAA Laurence, PDG Uncle Peter & Pres. Stephen at the head table.



Hon Sec Eddy sitting with Ingalill & Rtn. Ragne Navare from Landskrona, Sweden.



Dir Rudy, PP John IV & PP C.Y. seem to enjoy themselves very much.



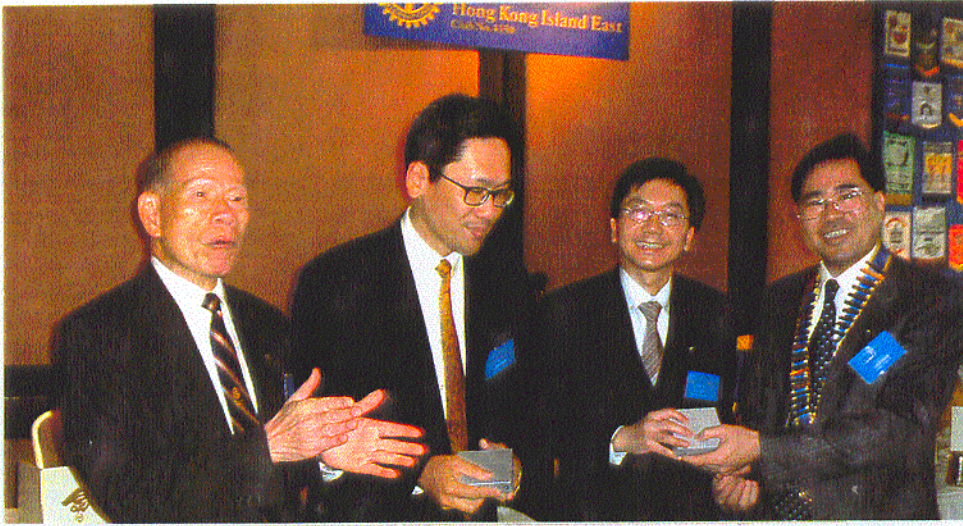
PE Karen Scott from Holbrook, Australia, Dir. Jason, & our own PE Chris enjoying the meeting together.



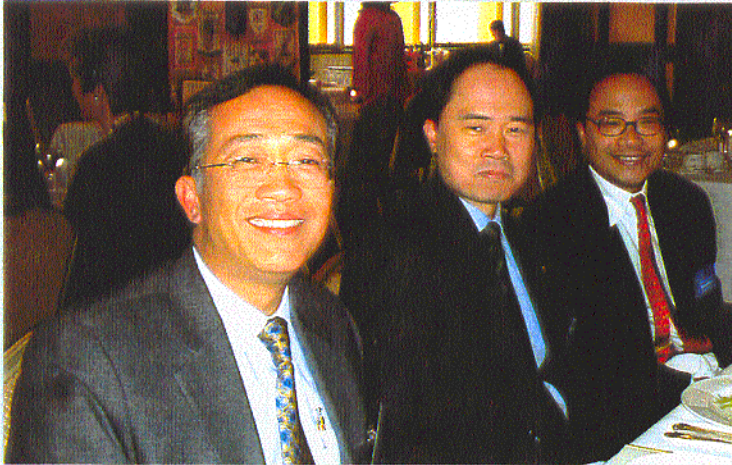
PE Karen Scott from Holbrook, Australia receiving a banner with Pres. Stephen.



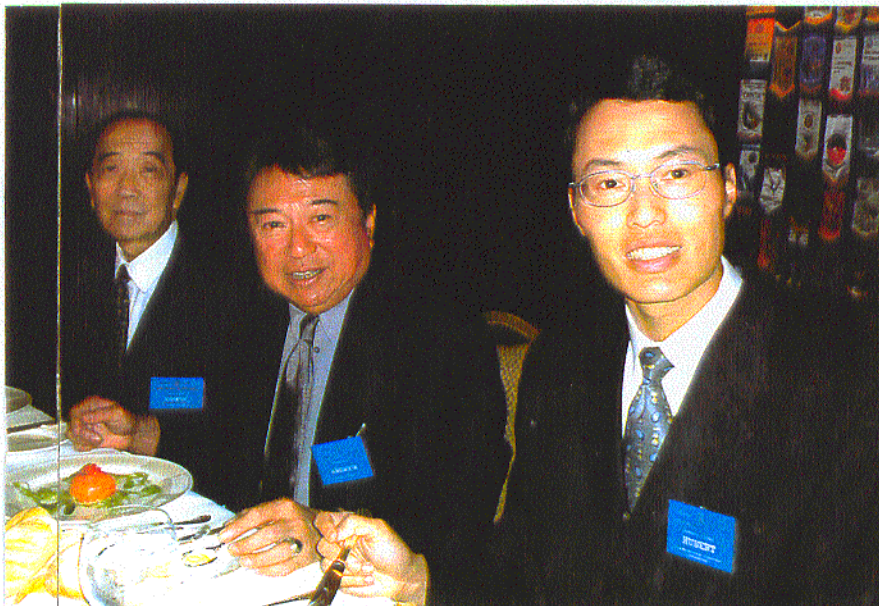
Rtn Ragne Navare from Lanskrone, Sweden also exchanged banners with our Pres. Stephen.



PDG Uncle Peter leading the birthday songs for our two birthday boys, Jason & PP Li, & receiving their birthday presents from Pres. Stephen.



PE Henry, Rtn Francis & PP Desmond smiling for the camera..



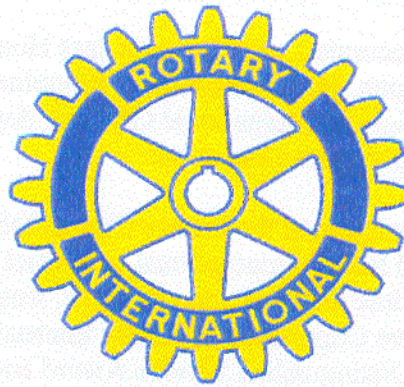
PP's Edwin, Andrew & Hubert enjoying their meeting.



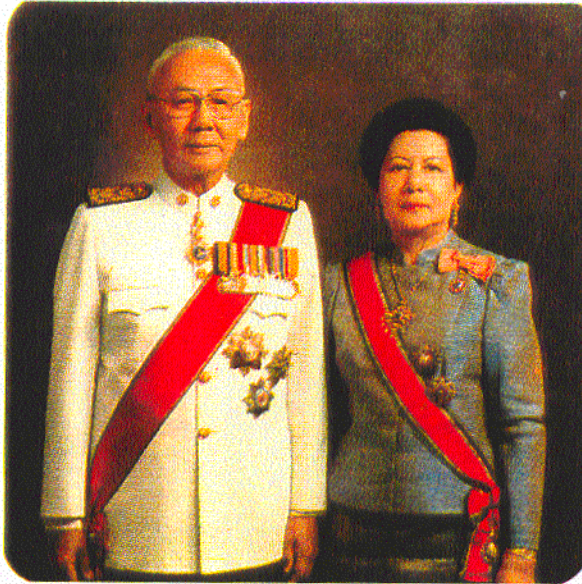
Rtn Tony, PP Li & Rtn Kishu showing their thumbs up signals.



Group Photo of our visiting Rotarians with PDG Uncle Peter & Pres. Stephen on March 13th, 2002.



Rotary Theme for 2002-2003



Rotary International President Elect
Bhichai & Charoye Rattakul

Bhichai Rattakul was educated in Bangkok and Hong Kong and received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Political Science from the University of Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok and Kensington University in California.

A Member of Parliament for nine terms since 1969 and Leader of the Democrat Party, he has served his country as Foreign Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Parliament. He has also led many Thai delegations to the United Nations.

Bhichai Rattakul is Honorary Vice President of the Thai Scout Council. He has also served as Chairman of the Anti Corruption Commission, Anti Drugs Commission, National Audit Commission and the 13th Asian Games Organizing committee.

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He has been decorated with Special Class Honor from the King of Thailand and honors from the Emperor of Japan, Presidents of the Philippines, Korea, Austria, and Nicaragua. He was also awarded the highest International Olympic Award and the Asian Olympic Award by the International Olympics Committee.

Bhichai Rattakul joined the Rotary Club of Dhonburi in Bangkok as a charter member in 1958 and has served Rotary International as district governor, international assembly group discussion leader, committee member and chairman, trustee of the Rotary Foundation, director and chairman of the Executive Committee of Rotary International. He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs. He will serve as president of Rotary International in 2002-03.

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