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Last week's Proceedings -

2nd April, 2008

The meeting was started at 1.18 p.m. by President Laurence with a warm welcome to his wife Jennie and all the participating Rotarians including PP Grace Yen from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour.

PP Grace was asked to introduce to us the programmes of the upcoming District Conference to be held at the Regal Airport Hotel on the 24th and 25th of May 2008 and urged every of our member to actively participate with their family members this time as many events have been organized to suit their interests with lots of varieties.

PP Grace also asked us to support the Ambassadorial Scholar Program of the year and presented us the corresponding application information of the program as depicted in this newsletter under the section of Rotary Potpourri.

President Laurence then asked SAA Heman to report the Red Box collection of today which was amounted to HKD 1,300 this time, thanks for the generous contributions from all contributing members and guests.

Then came the highlight of the day after President Laurence formally introduced our speaker, Rotarian Tony Loy, who would speak to us a very special topic called "Mozi [墨子], Mohism [墨家] and Rotary", please see the extracted summary as follows:

Mozi (c. 468-376 BC) was a native of Song [宋], but lived for a long time in Lu [魯], now Shandong [山東] province, Northern China. He was in the era of early Warring States [戰國時代]. He was a member of the lower artisan class, but proved to be a master engineer and craftsman. He studied the Confucius thoughts but departed as to the tedious and cumbersome nature of the ways. He then started his own life philosophy and lived it out in a simple and practical way.

Joseph Needham, world authority on the scientific and technological history in ancient China, credited Mozi in saying, "[力,形之所以蓄也] The cessation of motion is due to the opposing force" "If there is no opposing force," the motion will never stop." Thus this was regarded as a precursor to Newton's first law of motion.

Mozi was a highly innovative man and was said to have built a wooden bird which was able to fly for 3 days and 3 nights without falling down. He was also a master strategist and defense expert. But he was best remembered as a life philosopher who lived out his beliefs.

Of the ten schools and nine branches of thoughts [十家九流] in China, Mohism usually ranked the third (1. Confucianism 儒家 2. Taoism 道家 3. Mohism 墨家 4. Logician 名家 5. Legalism 法家 6. Agriculture 農家 7. Miscellany 雜家 8. Political Strategism 縱橫家 9. Yin & Yang 陰陽家 10. Novelism 小說家).

However, in the era of Emperor Han Wu [漢武帝], the prime minister Dong Zhong Shu's [董仲舒] suggestion was adopted, and the hundred schools of thoughts were suppressed and Confucianism was elevated [獨尊儒術]. So, the thought, teachings and practice of Mohism demised in ancient China, though from time to time re-discovered by scholars throughout the ages.

In late Ching Dynasty [清朝], Mohism came into notice and was held in very high regard by scholars such as Liang Qichao [梁啟超]. Mao Zedong [毛澤東] called Mozi, the "proletariat saint [平民聖人]" and the study on Mohism rekindled in recent times in China.

There were ten teachings of Mozi:

1. Shared Love 兼愛
2. Against Attacks 非攻
3. Promotion of Merit 尚賢
4. Promotion of Harmony 尚同
5. Will of Heaven 天志
6. Know the Spiritual Realm 明鬼
7. Against Fatalism 非命
8. Against Pleasure Excess 非樂
9. Frugality 節用
10. Frugal Burials 節葬

An incident was recorded when Mozi successfully persuaded King Chu Hui [楚惠王] not to attack a city, by Mozi's mock defense against attack led by Gongshu Ban [公孫般, 又稱善班].

Of the three loves recorded in Chinese history, Confucius recommended extended love [推愛], Mozi recommended shared love [兼愛], and Dr. Sun Yat San [孫逸仙] recommended universal love [博愛].

Extended love acts as a ripple, shared love is more wide and far reaching. Mozi reckoned that if every person loves others as oneself, the world would be a far better place. However, due to the fact that man is selfish, this ideal is very difficult to live out.

Dr. Sun Yat San believed that the solution comes from Christianity and love of God, whose love is divine, selfless and can be poured out into the people's hearts. In fact, even Adam Smith wrote on this issue (The Theory of Moral Sentiments 1759) and recommended constitution and Christianity as the checkreins of capitalism.

Another one who recommended universal love was none other than our Premier Wen Jiabao [温家宝] in his recent speech on 18th March 2008:-

“To construct spiritual civilization we need to have 精神文明建设,
trustworthiness dearer than gold 信誉比黄金还要珍贵的诚信,
forgiveness broader than the ocean 比大海还要宽大的包容,
morality higher than the mountains 比高山还要崇高的品德,
universal love wider than loving ourselves 比爱自己还要宽大的博爱”.

Rotarian Tony Loy concluded by saying that:-

“When the Rotary 4-way Test is compared to Mohism,

1. Is it the Truth? - Mohism seeks and respects the Truth.
 2. Is it Fair to all concerned? - Mohism pursues fairness and equality
 3. Will it build Goodwill and Friendships? - Mohism's promotion of harmony & love
 4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned? - Mohism's universal love & greatest good of the greatest number
- Service above Self? - Mohism's shared love to others,

we find that all the tests are satisfied well.

Of all the ancient Chinese schools of thoughts and philosophies, Mohism is the nearest to modern day Rotary spirit”.

After several rounds of enthusiastic questions from the audience and thought provoking answers from the speaker President Laurence formally thanked Rotarian Tony for his very well prepared and inspiring talk to us. Everybody was invited to take a group photo after the meeting which was adjourned at 2.00 p.m. with a proposed toast to RI, coupled with the Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong Harbour and Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Potpourri

A New Paul Harris Fellow

Rotarian Eric Chin Shu Kai joined our club in January 2006 has become a Paul Harris Fellow in 2007. He was presented a PHF certificate, badge and medallion by PDG Peter Hall during the last week's regular lunch meeting.

Just a little supplement of what is a Paul Harris Fellow and how to attain this title: The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations and shelter for millions of persons.

These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

Please remember that fifty (50) percent of the US\$1,000 contributed to The Rotary Foundation, i.e. US\$500 will return to our District 3450 later for proper usage upon application by the clubs.

All Paul Harris Fellows are urged to wear the PHF pin at all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation for and support of the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Once again, I thank you, Eric, for your thoughtful contribution which will make a good example for other members to follow.

The 2009-2010 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
offered by District 3450 are now open for application.

Ambassadorial Scholarships Program Objectives

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports The Rotary Foundation's ultimate goal of world understanding and peace by -

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home community and country
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a permanent resident of Hong Kong or Macao or a citizen of Mongolia.
- The scholarships are for postgraduate studies in the academic year 2009/10.
- The scholarships are not open to students seeking to continue studies already begun at a foreign institute.
- Applicants must be proficient in the most commonly spoken language of the proposed host country
- Applicant cannot apply to study in a country where he/she has previously lived or studied for more than six months.
- Applicant must commit him/herself to reside in District 3450 in the year immediately before the scholarship year.
- Successful applicants must attend any orientation programs organized by District 3450; failure to do so may lead to withdrawal of the scholarship offer.
- Candidates cannot be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants, and ancestors of persons in the foregoing categories are also ineligible.

District Deadline - 5p.m., Monday 30th June, 2008.

Completed application form **with Rotary Club endorsement and all supporting documents** should be sent to **The Rotary Information Centre, 14/F Capital Commercial Building, 26 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong** by mail or by hand before 5 p.m., 30th June 2008. *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.*

Enquiry

Application form can be downloaded at <http://www.rotary3450.org/service/scholarship/ambassadorial.asp> or <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

For enquiries, please email to D3450scholarship@gmail.com

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who was our visiting guest today?

Answer:

2. Who and from which Club was our visiting Rotarian coming from?

Answer:

3. What subjects were brought up by our visiting Rotarian?

Answer:

4. How much we have collected for the Red Box today?

Answer:

5. Who was our speaker today?

Answer:

6. What was the subject of our speaker's speech?

Answer:

7. When and where was Rotary founded?

Answer:

8. Who was our new Paul Harris Fellow in 2007?

Answer:

9. What was the condition to become a Paul Harris Fellow?

Answer:

10. Which year was the Paul Harris Fellowship established?

Answer:

11. What is the district deadline for submission of 2009-2010 Ambassadorial Scholar Application?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

~~The Banana Test~~

There is a very, very tall coconut tree and there are 4 animals, a lion, a chimpanzee, a giraffe, and a squirrel, who pass by. They decide to compete to see who is the fastest to get a banana off the tree.

Who do you think will win?
Your answer will reflect your personality.

So think carefully . . . Try and answer within 30 seconds

Got your answer?
Now scroll down to see the analysis.

Lion - you're dull.

Chimpanzee - you're a moron.

Giraffe - you're a complete idiot.

Squirrel - you're just hopelessly stupid.

A Coconut tree Doesn't have Bananas!!!!
Obviously you're stressed and overworked.
You should take some time off and relax!
Try again next year.

Photographs of our meeting on

26th March, 2008

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PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Rtn Tony Loy & President Laurence Chan



Hon.Sec. Norman Lee, PP Grace Yen (RC of HK Harbour) & AG Eddy Wong



(L to R) Rtn. Gilbert, Rtn. Jackal, Rotarianne Jennie, PP David, PP Stephen & Rtn Heman



(L to R) Dir. Jason, PE Andy, PP Henry, Rtn Kenny & Rtn Peter



PP Grace Yen from RC of HK Harbour promoted the District Conference to be held in May



Rtn. Tony Loy gave us a very meaningful talk on Mozi, Mohism & Rotary



Group Photo with members, visiting guests & speaker