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HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## **Last week's Proceedings -**

**15th April, 2009**

Pres. Andy started the meeting at 1:03 pm by welcoming visiting Rotarian Peter Tse from E-club and all attending members. Pres. Andy welcomed back Rtn. Tony Loy and PP Rudy Law who had just returned from Australia and Rtn. Alex Ling who had just returned from Canada.

Pres. Andy reminded us the District Assembly on coming Saturday at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shatin Club House. The District Assembly will start at 8:30am with light breakfast. The board meeting is scheduled on 16th April in PP Paul Chan's office in Central.

Acting SAA PP Rudy reported the red box collection of HK\$1,600. Hon. Treasurer PP Rudy also announced that he had successfully collected the Club dues from all 40 members.

Dir. Dr. Eric Chin introduced the speaker today who is none other than our own PP Hubert Chan. His topic was "One Laptop Per Child" - An Education project for the poorest children of the world.

Dr. Hubert Chan is the Chairman & CEO of HKC International Holdings Limited who joined the Group in 1984 and is responsible for the formulation of corporate strategies and business development of the Group. Dr. Chan has received a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Hong Kong. He was then transferred to Japan receiving professional training on Telephone Network Design. He started the manufacturing business in 1987, and has won the CMA Machinery & Equipment Design Award and the HKITCC Technological Achievement Certificate of Merit from the Hong Kong Awards for Industry in different years. Dr. Chan has also attained an EMBA Degree from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and DBA from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University which further strengthens not only his industry experience but also his leadership in the Group with cutting-edge management knowledge.

PP Hubert introduced to us the "One Laptop per child" project and shared with us his recent trip to Szechuan to deliver the Laptops and provide the training to the school teachers.

The mission of "One Laptop per child" project is to create educational opportunities for the world's poorest children by providing each child with a rugged, low-cost, low-power, connected laptop with content and software designed for collaborative, joyful, self-empowered learning.

Most of the nearly two-billion children in the developing world are inadequately educated, or receive no education at all. One in three does not complete the fifth grade.

The individual and societal consequences of this chronic global crisis are profound. Children are consigned to poverty and isolation-just like their parents-never knowing what the light of learning could mean in their lives. At the same time, their governments struggle to compete in a rapidly evolving, global information economy, hobbled by a vast and increasingly urban underclass that cannot support itself, much less contribute to the commonweal, because it lacks the tools to do so.

PP Hubert has brought to us a specially designed Laptop computer called XO.

XO embodies the theories of constructionism first developed by MIT Media Lab Professor Seymour Papert in the 1960s, and later elaborated upon by Alan Kay, complemented by the principles articulated by Nicholas Negroponte in his book, Being Digital.

XO creates its own mesh network out of the box. Each machine is a full-time wireless router. Children in the most remote regions of the globe-as well as their teachers and families-will be connected both to one another and to the Internet.

PP Hubert also showed us a short video showing his recent trip to Szechuan for the donation of 100 sets of XO to a school as a pilot project. Should this first implementation become successful, they will plan to expand similar services to other schools in China.

PP David Li was invited to thank our speaker. PP David has known PP Hubert for many years. PP Hubert has been a very successful business in town. He had never forgotten his obligation to serve the community.

Our luncheon meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm. Pres. Andy Wong then proposed a toast to RI, coupled with the E-club and the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. All members were invited for a group photo.

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**Rotary Potpourri**

## **Magazine Month**

Although Rotary was founded by our founder Paul Harris in 1905, yet the Rotary Magazine only started in 1911 which was called The National Rotarian. It was not very long before the Rotarians who were coming together around the world wanted a publication of their own as well.

In 1915, the first regional magazine started up, serving club members in Great Britain and Ireland. In 1928, the predecessor to Rotary Down Under was launched to support all things Rotary in Australia.

At present, the Rotary World Magazine Press is the umbrella under which our 32 magazines flourish. Though The Rotarian is still the flagship publication, both in terms of circulation and scope, our 31 regional magazines are distributed in more than 130 countries and written in 25 languages.

The following publications are regional magazines all over the world serving the countries of their own language, such as the Rotarian Monthly in Chinese issued in Taiwan, ROC :

Brasil Rotario (Portuguese)

Colombia Rotaria (Spanish)

Vida Rotario (Spanish)

Rotarismo en Mexico (Spanish)

Revista Rotaria (Spanish)

El Rotario Peruano (Spanish)

El Rotario de Chile (Spanish)

Rotary Africa (English)

Espana Rotario (Spanish)

Le Rotarien (French)

Portugal Rotario (Portuguese)

Rotary Good News (Czech, Slovak)

Rotary (Italian)

Rotary Suisse Liechtenstein)

Rotary Contact (Dutch, French, German)

Rotary Magazine (Arabic, English)

Rotary Israel (Hebrew, English, Arabic)

Rotary Dergis (Turkish)

Rotary in Bulgaria (Bulgarian)

Rotary Today (English)

De Rotarian (Dutch)

Rotary Magazin (German)

Rotarianin/Glos Rotary (Polish, Ukrainian)

Rotary Thailand (Thai)

Rotary News (English)

Philippine Rotary (English)

Rotary Down Under (English)

Rotary Norden (Norwegian, Swedish)

The Rotarian Monthly (Chinese)

The Rotary Korea (Korean)

After you have finished with your copy of the Rotarian magazine, leave it at an office, library or clinic so other people can read it. Once again, please notify the Hon. Secretary of your club in case you have not received your copy from Rotary headquarters.

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

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1. Who did we welcome back today ? Ans)
2. What was the red box collection today ? Ans)
3. How many members' membership due have been collected successfully by Hon. Treasurer ? Ans)
4. Who introduced our speaker today ? Ans)
5. Who was our speaker today ? Ans)
6. What has been shown to us by the speaker during his presentation ? Ans)
7. Who thanked our speaker today ? Ans)
8. What year the Rotary Magazine was started and what was it called ?

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## Joke

Subject: THE SUCCESS OF MARRIAGE

Once upon a time a married couple celebrated their 25th marriage anniversary.

They had become famous in the city for not having a single conflict in their period of 25 years. Local newspaper editors had gathered at the occasion to find out the secret of their well known 'happy going marriage'.

Editor: ' Sir. It's amazingly unbelievable. How did you make this possible? '

Husband recalling his old honeymoon days said: ' We had been to Shimla for honeymoon after marriage. Having selected the horse riding finally, we both started the ride on different horses.

My horse was pretty okay but the horse on which my wife was riding seemed to be a crazy one. On the way ahead, that horse jumped suddenly, making my wife topple over. Recovering her position from the ground, she patted the horse's back and said 'This is your first time'.

She again climbed the horse and continued with the ride. After a while, it happened again.

This time she again kept calm and said 'This is your second time' and continued.

When the horse dropped her third time, she silently took out the revolver from the purse and shot the horse dead !!

I shouted at my wife: 'What did you do you psycho. You killed the poor animal. Are you crazy?' .

. She gave a silent look and said: 'This is your first time!!!'.

Husband: 'That's it. We are happy ever after.'

## Photographs of our meeting

on

15th April, 2009



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter Hall, PP Dr. Hubert Chan, Pres. Andy Wong



(L to R) Hon. Sec. Heman, Rtn. Peter Tse from E-club & PP John Kwok



(L to R) PP Henry Chan, Rtn. Alex Ling & PP Rudy Law



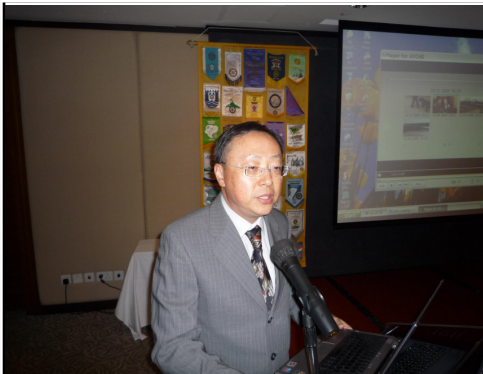
(L to R) IPP Laurence Chan, PP Eddy Wong, PP Tim Lui & PP David Li



(L to R) Dir. Dr. Eric Chin, PE Norman Lee & Rtn. Tony Loy



PP Stephen Liu



Dir. Dr. Eric Chin introduced our speaker of the week, PP Dir. Hubert Chan



PP Dr. Hubert Chan gave us a talk about donating some laptop computer to Sichuan





PP David Li gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the club to PP Dir Hubert Chan



Group photo with members & visiting Rotarian

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