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PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

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What Happened Last Week

President Desmond opened the meeting with a special welcome to PP and past member Tony Rackham, who was visiting us from Chislehurst, U.K.

Vice President Stephen also welcomed other visiting Rotarians, including PP Pertti Hellemaa from Pori, Finland, and PP Peter Tse from TST East.

President Desmond then exchanged banners with Pertti Hellemaa.

Our two birthday boys today were President Elect Taj and PP David Li. The splendid duo of PP George and President Desmond himself led the birthday song.

President Elect Taj reported that the Installation of John Wan as District Governor and his incoming Board plus the installation of all club Presidents would take place at a dinner ceremony to be held at the Convention Centre on 29 June. This was in line with the theme of the year "Create Awareness and Take Action"

PP John Kwok made an announcement about the inter-sister club golf tournament to be held on 13th and 14th April.

PDG Uncle Peter then reported on the District Conference (reported separately).

Acting Sergeant at Arms Peter Kuang reported a collection of \$1370, boosted by handsome contributions from the two birthday boys.

Rtn Malcolm then introduced the speaker, our own Robert Lai, who spoke on "Youth".

Rtn Robert identified four stages in our lives, when we:

Believe in Everything Know Everything Query everything Know nothing

He went on to describe his experience when at the age of 15 years he found himself one cold morning travelling down to a boarding school in Exeter, England. He was accompanied by other "foreign" (i.e. British) students, who made racial slurs against him until he challenged one of them by pointing out that his English was better than theirs.. Things began to improve from there on, and he learnt how to mingle with foreigners, and began to understand the funny accents and terms he encountered. He had a Malaysian friend called Loo, and he couldn't understand why people kept on "going off to the Loo".

He believed that his early experience in the UK taught him to appreciate different cultures, and that to appreciate the difference, you had to be different.

Rtn. Robert was thanked by President Elect Taj, who appreciated his efforts to continue the theme of senior Rotarians telling the less senior something about themselves.

President Desmond concluded with a toast to Rotary International, coupled with the Rotary Clubs of Chislehurst, UK and Pori Finland.



Severe winter wipes out livestock, causes starvation in Mongolia

The residents of Mongolia are experiencing the worst winter in the past 30 years. As a result of extremely cold temperatures and heavy snowstorms, more than one million animals have died from starvation. Relying primarily on livestock for their livelihood, thousands of nomadic people are suffering without food, fuel, or medical supplies.

The Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar is seeking international support to help these victims. To support relief efforts, contributions can be made payable directly to "Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar," account number 21251070, and sent to Trade & Development Bank, Baga Toyruu, Ulaanbaatar, 11 Mongolia [Swift Code for wire transfers: TDBMNUB].

40th Annual Conference

After finishing the R.I. Presidential Conference in February 2000, we have again witnessed another great successful Rotary event - "The 40^{th} District Conference" which had just completed on the 2^{nd} April this year in the Special Administrative Region of Macau.

Over 500 Rotarians and guests took part in the conference starting from 1^{st} April to discuss ways and means to promote Rotary. There were 12 delegates plus 6 Rotaractors from HK Island East participated.

The Hon. Edmond Ho, Chief Executive of Macau, S.A.R. was the keynote speaker at the opening session followed by R.I. Special Representative, M.A.T. Caparas.

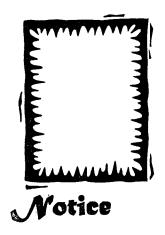
The 2-day programme was well conducted with several workshops for discussions. The high light in the Agenda was the business session when the Resolution Committee Chairman, PDG Arthur Au presented the proposed resolutions.

No.1,2 & 3	Courtesy resolutions	Passed
No.4	Ballot by mail for the nominating committee to select a D.G. nominee	Withdrawn
No.5	Council on Legislation: Proposing PDG Arthur Au as candidate and PDG Moses as alternate to attend the 2002 Council on Legislation	Passed
No.7	Bidding to hold the future R.I. Convention in Hong Kong	Passed

During the informal breakfast meeting on the 2nd day, the question of merging Clubs was raised by PDG Peter Hall to P.R.I. President MAT. The answer was loud and clear that it is in order to merge clubs when deemed necessary. Merging of clubs had been done before, especially in area such as mining field when recruitment of new members proved impossible. Details of the merging was explained to our satisfaction.

It was worthwhile mentioning that HKIE received the most number of certificate of recognition totalling 4 citations. Our former member, PDG Moses Cheng also received his well deserved "Distinguished Service Award" from TRF through the hands of P.R.I. President M.A.T. Caparas.

All in all, it has been a wonderful gathering in Macau for Rotary business as well as fellowship.



We missed you on 5th April 2000!!!

Team 1 Challaram, Manolo; Luk, John

Team 2 Lamport, William; Li Francis; Lui, Tim

Team 3 Chan, Henry; Pang K.T.
Team 4 Cheng, Y.K.; Killis, Danny

Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishui; Shek, Andrew;

Yao, John

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Chiu, Jason

17 members missing 43.5%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!



Here's one of those crazy jokes about the Irish again:

Paddy and his two friends are talking at a bar. His first friend says, "I think my wife is having an affair with the electrician. The other day I came home and found wire cutters under our bed ... and they weren't mine."

His second friend says, "I also think my wife is having an affair, but with a plumber. The other day I came home and found a shifting wrench under the bed ... and it wasn't mine either.

Paddy then say, "I think my wife is having an affair with a horse."

Both of his friends look at him with utter disbelief. "No, I'm serious," he says, "the other day I came home and found a jockey under our bed."



"Your new hairstyle suits you, dear . . . it's horrible."

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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel. Club 4350 - District 3450 of Rotary International



VP Robert Lai talking on his "youth".



And PP Li....

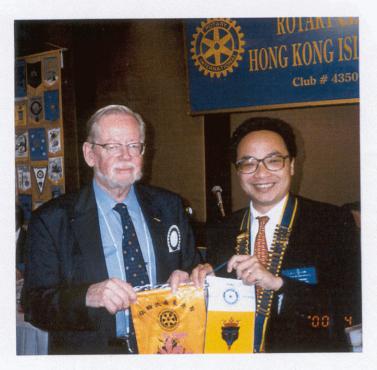


Birthday boy PE Tajwar....



Two birthday boys and two singers.





Pres. Desmond exchanging banners with PP Pertti Hellemaa from Finland.



Pres. Desmond and Rtn. Robert with the visiting Rotarians on 5 April, 2000.