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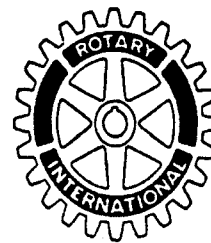
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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF
HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

It was a sight to behold on arriving at this meeting: The room was full of lovely young ladies and Rtn Flicker was nowhere to be seen! Actually, it was Secretaries week and these were some of the secretaries of members, invited along as a mark of appreciation for the dedicated work they perform for their companies. Therefore, in opening this meeting, President Desmond gave all these ladies a very special welcome; as well as PDG Moses Cheng from HK North East.

Rtn Rudy then took over to make the formal introductions. The only visitor was:
PDG Moses Cheng (HKNE)

The guests were:
Ida Chan (Pres. Desmond)
Miriam Young (Sec. Ates)
Emily Kwan, Cherie Yeung, Cheng Sau Kuen, Carmen Kwok (PP John Luk)
Winnie Or, Elsa Li, Joei Man, Annie Ng (PP David Li)
Li Wai Ching, Wong Siu Chun (PP George)
Lydia Wong, Polly Wan (Rtn Rudy)

President Desmond then welcomed PE Tajwar back from his trip to Indonesia.

Announcements:

- VP Stephen gave a report on the recent visit to our sister club, Kawasaki North. (This report can be seen as a separate feature in this issue.) Stephen also informed members that there is a delegation consisting of PDG Uncle Peter, PP John Kwok, Rtn Rudy and family, and VP Stephen going to visit RC of Negata on the coming weekend.

- President Desmond said that the delegation from Makati North left behind gifts for the club members who helped to host them. These he distributed to those members involved. He also notified members that there would be no meeting next week due to the Easter break.
- IPP C.Y. informed members that Rtn Henry Chan's father had recently passed away and a service would be held on 24 April, 8:00 p.m. at the Universal Funeral House, Hung Hom. Members were invited to attend to represent the Club. IPP C.Y. also said that only four members had nominated to attend the PP Dinner on 29 April. More support would be appreciated. Finally, as acting Sergeant, C.Y. reported that there were 19 members present and \$760 had been collected.

The only problem this week was that there was no guest speaker available. The problem was solved by Rtn Malcolm who managed an impromptu discourse on the meaning Rotary has for various members and the part secretaries can play in supporting their boss' involvement.

Malcolm asked several members why they come to their Rotary meetings:

IPP C.Y. was very honest in admitting that if he missed the meeting he would have PP John on his back, and it was less traumatic to attend regularly. Edmund Tao advised that he has been a member since 1954, and after 46 years, it is just part of life to come to his meeting every week. Rtn Manolo opined that it is an important part of his weekly routine. He feels that the membership is like a brotherhood, and that his club is just like a family that he likes to see regularly.

Malcolm read out the four rules to the Rotary Four Way Test. He said that the secretaries should be aware of these rules and might try to ensure that their bosses do not inadvertently breach these.

To involve the secretaries further, Malcolm asked a number of members how they thought their secretaries might be able to assist them to be good Rotarians. PE Tajwar said that his wife would not allow him to have a secretary (We can only speculate on this.) but he thought that they might be able to ensure that the meeting time on Wednesdays was kept free of appointments.

President Desmond admitted that his secretary Ida was his brain because he is absent-minded. She ensures that he fulfils his obligations on time. Rtn Rudy said that his secretary has been invaluable in actually organizing many of the duties that he took on, like the export licence for the relief equipment sent to Turkey. PP John Luk advised that his secretary reminds him to return phone calls; and she was a big help to him during the busy period of his Presidency.

In concluding this session, President Desmond said that his view on being a Rotarian was that it contributed to something worthwhile for the community, rather than to the commercial interests of each member.

He then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East.



Report for Niigata Rotary Club Visit

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Day One

The delegation was warmly received by IPP Tateo Koyama of Niigata R.C. and their international liaison officer - Ms Michiko Okura at the Narita airport. It took 2.5 hours of express train and Shinkansen to get to Niigata. President Jun-Ichiro Ogi and a group of Rotarians of Niigata R.C. (Rtn Fukuchi, Kobayashi and Kato) welcomed the HK delegation at a Japanese restaurant. Some of them visited HK before (e.g. Rtn Yoshiro Yokoyama, their famous flutist) in the Island East Annual Dinner in 1998. The delegation had a wonderful time and also the first taste of the famous Niigata rice and saki.

Day Two

Niigata R.C. organised a sight seeing tour for the HK delegation and their visiting Rotarians from Khabarovsk R.C. from Russia (close to Haibei of China). The group visited a historical manor house / Japanese gardens of the late Itoh Bunkichi VII, (who happened to be a charter member of Niigata R.C. and then District Governor) one of the 1880's wealthiest land owners in Japan. The group was greeted by Itoh Bunkichi VIII (the son who spoke many languages and traveled widely) and had a special viewing of private rooms and Triangular House, not normally open to public. Then the group had a taste of Zen at a Buddhist temple down the slope of a snowy mountain, surrounding by towering Pine trees and a rapid stream. There were still some relics of the snow piling in the courtyards. PP John and VP Stephen had a blessing by a monk's rod (kyosaku) on their right shoulders after they sat for a 3-minute meditation facing the wall. There was finally a visit to the Niigata botanical garden to see their plants in the green house, and many colors of their city flower - Tulip, before passing by the bay of Japan Sea. An international welcoming dinner was held in the Japanese hotel / restaurant owned by IPP Koyama.

Day Three

There was a golf competition at the Niitsu golf club. The weather was fine and cherry blossoms still blooming, and 17 of us finished the first 9-holes before lunch. The second 9-holes were completed by 3:30pm and the HK delegation had a chance of a hot bath in the pool before heading to Kinsu Hotel for an award presentation. PDG Uncle Peter finished five overall (due to his consistency in most golf tournaments) and PP John scored the nearest to the pin at Hole 3. All members of HK delegation got a souvenir after all. (At the same time, Eileen and Jacqueline and the Khabarovsk visitors enjoyed the group tour to VP Kasima's food processing factories and Rtn Tsukada + other Rotarians' shops). A formal reception was held for 100 people and PDG Uncle Peter used Japanese script to address the Niigata audience before he presented the Lai See (contribution to Niigata's community fund) to President Ogi. The HK delegation sang the Cantonese version of Happy Birthday song to entertain the Niigata R.C. and also for their 27 years of sisterhood.

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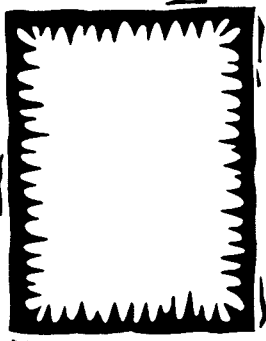
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The dinner reception was well organised, using same menu of their Chartered Night, opened by President Ogi, and well attended by more than 300 Rotarians, including VIPs such as DG Teiichiro Takagi (District 2560) and President H. Suzuki of Tokyo R.C. (as the mother club of Niigata R.C.) and President T. Soga from Maebashi

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Notice

We missed you on 19th April 2000!!!

- Team 1 Chan, Hubert
- Team 2 Lamport, William; Lui, Tim
- Team 3 Chan, Henry; Fung, Lewis; Lai, Robert; Pang K.T. ; Wong, Sam
- Team 4 Cheng, Y.K.; Kuang, Peter; Leung, Geroge; Li, David
- Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishu; Shek, Andrew; Yao, John
- Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Howe, Chris

18 members missing 46.1%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!

President Desmond and members of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East convey their sincere condolences to Rtn Henry Chan and his family on the passing away of Henry's father, Mr Chan Fook Chee.

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Secretaries galore
Enjoying their annual
Visit to HKIE.



...and more !



Visitors & guests to
The club, 19 April, 2000



Rtn. Malcolm in action showing Secretaries how they can assist Their bosses to be good Rotarians.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST
香港東區扶輪社週報



VP Stephen reports on the HKIE visit to Kawasaki S.



PDG Moses enjoying the company of PP Andrew & Rtn. Kenny.



Pres. Desmond poses proudly With his Secretary Ida.



No escape! Pretty Miriam hemmed in By IPP C.Y., Sec. Ates & Rtn. Malcolm.

REPORT ON VISIT TO KAWASAKI SOUTH FOR THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (11TH APRIL 2000)

Our club was represented by VP Stephen Liu and Director Rudy Law.

We left Hong Kong in the afternoon of 10th April.2000 (Monday) and arrived at Narita airport at 8:00 p.m. We were greeted by their PP Kinichi Kakusho and International Service Chairman Hirokazu Komiya. They drove us to and arrived at the hotel at about 10:00 p.m. We were invited to meet their club's President Katumi Nagaura, Secretary Yasuyuki Kikuchi and Youth Exchange Committee Chairman Tosjio Inokuma in a karaoke bar owned by Mr. Inokuma.

We had snacks, drinks and karaoke up to 12:00 midnight before they released us back to the hotel to sleep.

They were having their golf game within their district on that day but we were not able to join them due to our tight schedule.

The next day, we took an easy morning walk around the Kawasaki by ourselves and then we had to get ready our official speech to be given during the ceremony.

The ceremony started sharply at 4:00 p.m. Our member Francis Li who was having his own business trip in Toyko managed to join us at the right time for his expert knowledge in Japanese language.

We are the only sister club they have and there are a total of about 70 members in their club. They have one PDG in their club who was presented in the ceremony but did not join the dinner.

VP Stephen was asked to give our official address to the meeting. VP Stephen gave it in English first and then Francis Li gave it in Japanese in a simplified version.

After the speech, VP Stephen presented our Club's gift to their President which includes a beautiful sculpture of crane, the CD ROM of our club bulletin, our 45th anniversary pocket watch and a contribution to their community service fund.

The ceremony finished at about 6:00 p.m. and followed by dinner and entertainment.

Everything finished at about 8:30 p.m. and then we were invited to a karaoke bar to continue the celebration and fellowship. We drank a lot but sang a few. Francis represented us to sing two Japanese songs with a great applause from our Japanese friends.

They kept on asking for information on Uncle Peter Hall and recalled their memories on the various visits from either clubs.

As we have to wait up at 5:00 a.m. in the morning to catch our early hour plane, we had to leave before 11:00 p.m. to end our happy fellowship gathering.

Attached to this report are some photos taken by us during the celebration. Some

more will be sent to us later from the Rotary Club of Kawasaki South's professional photographers.

It was a wonderful trip to our sister club and we all enjoyed very much of it.

Report prepared by VP Stephen Liu

THE NIIGATA CONNECTION

Little did we know that our trip to Niigata would bear the fruit of fellowships between three Rotary clubs from three different countries, namely Japan, Hong Kong & Russia. We were all connected through our sister club the Rotary Club of Niigata. This is the true spirit of the Rotary movement. We are forever grateful to President Junichiro Ogi of the Rotary Club of Niigata for bringing about this union of the Rotary movement. This occasion made us all proud to be Rotarians. This booklet will serve to remind us of the short but happy times we have spent together.

PDG Peter Hall
VP Stephen Liu
PP John Kwok
Dir. Rudy Law

Dated 29 April, 2000



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From: Rudy Law (fax : 2528-2858)
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The most happy welcome reception.



Ganbei, cheers!!
(left to right) Rtn Fukuchi, Kobayashi & Pres. Ogi.



Top (left) IPP Koyama San our welcoming committee!
Front center Pres. Ogi. Shown at the reception party at
Koyama San's Hotel/Restaurant on the end of day two.



The golf group photograph taken just before the tee-off.



PP John looks bemused at the tricky greens.



The eventual winners of the tournament. 1st prize Rtn Takayama (right) & Ogawa- 2nd shown here being congratulated by PP John.



The whole party shown at IPP Koyama's hotel/restaurant.



Bunkichi VIII showing us the Triangular house.



Rtn Yoshiro Yokoyama playing a beautiful piece on his flute.



The group at the botanical garden.



VP Stephen shown here at the sea side with Eileen Law and her Daughter Jacqueline.



The Russian Rotarians sing their songs with enthusiasm.



Our own Rotarians VP Stephen and Rudy and Rtne Eileen and daughter Jacqueline are not to be outdone doing their own birthday song in Cantonese.



The Russian Rotarians singing their songs with gusto.



PDG Peter Hall speaking in Japanese & presenting our birthday gift to Niigata Rotary Club's Pres. Ogi.



PDG Peter Hall receiving some gifts from the Pres. Oleg Chichilo of the Rotary club of Khaborovsk.



The 60th Anniversary dinner reception started with the photo of our group shown here.



Two generations of Rotarians (left to right) next to PP John is the daughter Aki Takahashi, the Senior Yokayama, Mrs. Yokayama, & Yoshiro Yokayama, PDG Peter & Rtn Rudy.



Pres. Ogi addressing the gathering.



The most charming Geishas dancing for us.



PDG Peter Hall sitting with Pres. Suzuki of the Rotary Club of Tokyo the mother club of the Rotary Club of Niigata.



An overall shot of the Anniversary dinner.



PP John & Rtn Yokoyama shown here with the charming Geishas.



VP Stephen giving his thank you speech at the post dinner gathering.



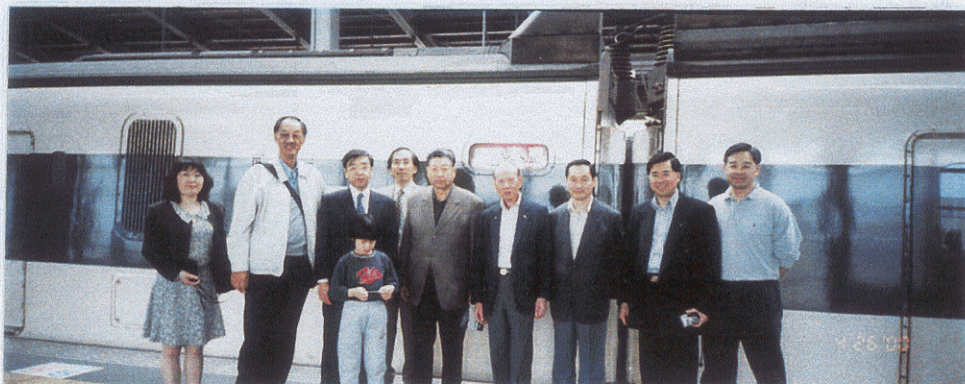
Some tourist shot taken on our free day before the Anniversary dinner.



Our group pictured here at the Hakusan Temple which is managed by Rtn Kobayashi.



Farewell lunch before our departure.



Farewell at the train station.