



# Tung Feng

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## What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the delegation from our daughter club, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast and invited President Kenny Shiu to introduce the other 12 members in the delegation:

PP David Tsoi	Rtn Richard Ong
Rtn Michael Ng	Rtn Mark Lin
Rtn Sidney Yuen	Rtn Ozer Ebralrim
Rtn Frank Lee	Rtn Juergen Thomsen
Rtn Richard Yin	Rtn Sung Nee
Rtn Patrick Kan	Rtn Benny Ratnani

Rtn Eddy then introduced the four visiting Rotarians from Rotary Club of Kwai Chung :

Rtn Johnny Leung  
 Rtn Samson Tam  
 Rtn Adrian Tam  
 Rtn Francis Lo

PE Stephen reported that 10 officers of the Club attended the District Assembly on 12 May, at which the District budget was approved. PE Stephen received a delegation from our sister club, Rotary Club of Osaka Jonnah and they extended an invitation to members to attend their annual function. Further details would follow. PE Stephen was organising a visit to our sister club, Rotary Club of Makati North from 18 to 20 July. Those interested should contact PE Stephen.

Sergeant Rtn. Lawrence reported that there were 17 members present, out-numbered by visiting Rotarians, and \$600 was collected.

PDG Uncle Peter gave us Rotary Information. He talked about the Council on Legislation (COL) of R.I. Uncle Peter is a member of the Council which meets once every three years. The Council met last month in Chicago, USA and considered a total of 631 Enactment and Resolutions, 98 of which were passed and the rest were either rejected or withdrawn. Uncle Peter for the benefits of members summarised the 13 legislation passed that would have direct effect to our Club:

1. To allow the Club board to cancel up to 4 meetings in a year;
2. To allow cancellation of a regular meeting due to the death of a club member;
3. To remove the automatic termination provisions for failing to attend 60% of regular meetings;
4. To allow attendance credit for a member who attends less than 60% of regular meeting when the member is unexpectedly called away from a meeting;
5. To allow attendance credit for attending a club sponsored community event or meeting or a club board or service committee meeting;



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6. To provide for a new club office, secretary-elect;
7. To reduce the types of membership in clubs to active and honorary;
8. To allow for transfer of membership;
9. To preclude clubs from limiting membership based on gender;
10. To provide that no person shall simultaneously be a Rotarian and a Rotaractor; likewise, no Rotarian shall hold the office of Honorary membership simultaneously in the same club;
11. To provide for termination of membership at the discretion of the board for failure to pay dues in a timely manner;
12. To elect representative to the COL two years preceding the COL meeting;
13. To collect US\$1.00 per year per member to defray the costs of COL.

These legislation would come into effect from 1 July 2001 unless there was opposition from 10% of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs world-wide. Members interested in more details about the legislation should contact Uncle Peter.

PP Rob introduced the speaker, Ms Mabel Mak, Head of Community Relations Unit of Environment Protection Department and the Secretary General of the Environment Campaign Committee. She talked to us 18 months ago and she gave us an update of the achievements of Government's environment protection effort to date.

The Chief Executive of the HKSAR promised in his policy speech to give priority to environmental protection and would focus the efforts on improving air quality, water quality, waste management, and reducing noise. Ms Mak told us that the air quality had improved by 8 per cent in the last 12 months. Government was aiming at increasing recycling rate from 30% in 1997 to 60% in 2007. There was a sewage treatment master plan in place and Water Pollution Ordinance enacted. On noise reduction, the Noise Control Ordinance had been enacted.

Ms Mak told us that the work of the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) was to promote and enhance public awareness in environmental protection. Many of the campaigns were targeting at the students and were organized jointly with local community and the business sector. Rotary Clubs had taken part in many of these campaigns. She urged Rotary Clubs as community service groups and Rotarians in their individual or professional capacity to support the work of the ECC.

At the end of her talk there was some discussion about the cross border pollution and the Smoke Spotter Scheme. Ms Mak told us that the Cross Border Pollution Committee is now co-chaired by the Chief Secretary of HKSAR and the Governor of the Guangdong Province and she asked members who are interested in the Smoke Spotter Scheme to contact her for more information.

IPP Desmond thanked Ms Mak for her informative talk and President Taj closed the meeting with a toast to R.I. coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast.





Our speaker, Ms. Mabel Mak, talking about Government's environmental protection efforts.



Pres. Kenny Kenny Siu (HKNE) giving his greetings to Mother Club Members.



PE Stephen entertaining Pres. Kenny & PE Ozer Ebrahim from our daughter Club HKNE.



Thank you for visiting us, Members of the Rotary Club of HK Northeast & the Rotary club of Kwai Chung on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2001.

# Rotary Information

## *Council on Legislation approves 98 proposals*

Meeting in late April in Chicago, Illinois, USA, the RI Council on Legislation approved 98 of a record 631 proposed enactments and resolutions, including decisions affecting every Rotary club.

The Council voted to reduce club membership to two categories - active and honorary - and decided that the same classification could be held by up to five members - or 10 percent of members, if the club has 50 or more. Another decision precludes clubs from limiting membership on the basis of gender.

The Council also voted to allow the RI Board to implement a pilot project chartering up to 200 Rotary clubs based on new models that may deviate from the standard club constitution for up to five years. Additionally, the delegates adopted a resolution asking the Board to consider the possibility of clubs convening in cyberspace.

In another key decision, the Council ended the concept of a club's "territorial limits," allowing clubs to be established in the same locality as existing clubs. Rotary clubs will no longer be required to agree to share or relinquish territory.

Among the resolutions that the Council approved for review by the RI Board, one endorsed the goal of 1.5 million Rotarians by 2005 and another, the goal of a US\$100 annual contribution to The Rotary Foundation from every Rotarian.

A book of all adopted legislation will be sent to every club within two months of the close of the Council. Barring opposition from 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs, Council actions take effect on 1 July. A new Manual of Procedure incorporating the changes will be published later this year.

## *Past RI Director Chin dies*

Past RI Director Tan Sri Dato James Peter Chin of Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia, died on 1 May 2001. A Rotarian since 1967, Chin was named to the RI Board in 1997 and served a two-year term. At the time of his death, Chin was chairman, Public Relations and Rotary's Image Task Force and Asia World Affairs Committee, and member, Districting Committee and Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2002-03.

A member of the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya, Chin also served RI as district governor, International Assembly discussion leader, consultative group member and chairman, and committee member and chairman. In addition to being, together with his wife, a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Major Donor and member of the Bequest Society, Chin was a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, and its Citation for Meritorious Service.

The past RI director was chairman of Innovara (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. and Marquest Sdn. Bhd. He had also served as chairman of Walter Thompson (Malaysia) and president of the Malaysian Advertiser's Association and was a fellow of the Advertising Institute of Australia and the Institute of Public Relations in Malaysia. Knighted three times by the king of Malaysia and the state government of Selangor for public service, chin had served as director of the Assunta Hospital.

# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A man and a woman are sitting next to each other in the first class section of a plane. The woman sneezes, then takes a tissue and gently wipes in between her legs. The man isn't sure he saw what he did, and decides he must be hallucinating.

A few minutes pass. The woman sneezes again. She takes a tissue and gently wipes between her legs. The man is about to go nuts. He can't believe that he's seeing what she's doing.

A few more minutes pass. The woman sneezes yet again. She takes a tissue and gently wipes it between her legs again. The man has finally had all he can handle. He turns to the woman and says, "Three times you've sneezed, and three times you've taken a tissue and wiped it between your legs! What kind of signals are you sending me, or are you just trying to drive me crazy?"

The woman replies, "I am sorry to have disturbed you, Sir. I have a rare medical condition which gives me an orgasm every time I sneeze."

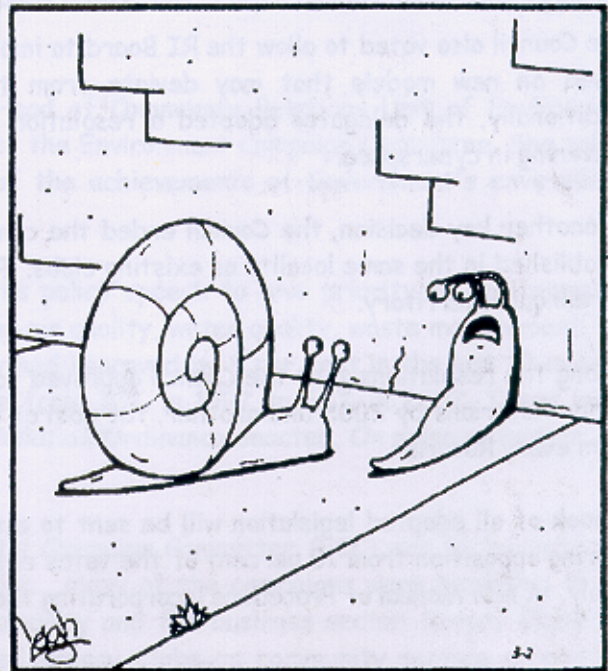
The man, now feeling bad, says to her, "Oh, I'm sorry. Are you taking anything for it?"

"Yes, pepper," she replies.

It was a bitterly contested divorce hearing, and after three weeks of bitter acrimony, the judge was ready to hand down his decision.

He said, "Mr. Johnson, after hearing both sides of the case, we find that you are at fault, and therefore the court will give your wife alimony of six thousand dollars per month."

Johnson replies, "Thanks, your Honor ... and to show I'm not such a bad guy, I'll throw in a thousand myself."



"Things have been kind of rough since the divorce. As you can see, my ex got the house."

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