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What Happened Last Week

President Desmond opened the meeting and Rtn. Paul Chan introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests:
Rtn. Sam Ching (Rotary Club of Channel Island)
Rtn. Norman Lau (Rotary Club of Mid Level)
Rtn. Kevin Wong (Rotary Club of Admiralty)

Rtn. Rudy announced further details about the school for the deaf project in China described in President Desmond's fax to members. There would be a working meeting on 15 May Monday to sort out the details arrangements and members who are interested to attend should contact Rtn. Rudy. In appreciation of the donations by members, President Desmond would host a dinner at the Hong Kong Golf Club on 26 May and all members and spouses are invited.

Uncle Peter presented the Paul Harris Fellow badges to President Desmond and Rtn. Rudy, both are already multiple Paul Harris Fellow. President Desmond's donation was in the name of his better half Donna and Rudy's was in the name of his lovely daughter Jacqueline.

PE Taj announced that there would be a meeting of the officers of the new Board at 4:00 PM on 20 May Saturday at his house followed by a dinner gathering. Members are invited to attend.

Rtn. Kishu announced that he was looking for summer job opportunities for the Rotaractors who are first and second year university students. Members who are able to help should contact Rtn. Kishu.

PP John announced he was organising a visit to sister clubs in Philippines but he was not quite sure about the dates yet. He asked members to take note of this and he would provide further details later.

PP George reported that there were 24 members present and \$1,400 had been collected by Sergeant Chris.

Rtn. Malcolm introduced the speaker who was Mr. Peter Ip Pau Fook. Mr. Ip is a Chief Inspector of the Hong Kong Police and he has been with the Force for 35 years. The title of his talk was Triad Societies in Hong Kong and he is a world known expert in this subject.

Mr. Ip introduced the history and structure of the triad societies and the laws in Hong Kong to combat their activities. The underground or secret societies started in the middle of 1700 with the aim of turning down the Ching Dynasty to restore the Ming Dynasty. These societies late developed into gangs and involved in criminal activities. They have well organised structures with both operations and administrative arms, and their languages and ceremonies have created the myths to attract followers. Each of these societies has its own territory and their size could range from 500 to 10,00 members. There are 12 active triad societies in Hong Kong and about 5 per cent of the total crimes in Hong Kong are triad related.

The first law in Hong Kong to suppress the triad societies was enacted in 1845. Under the law, being a member of these societies or claimed to be a member of these societies is a criminal offence. Any organised group which uses triad ritual, or ritual commonly used by triad or resembling triad ritual are deemed to be a triad society under the law.

The triad societies have spread into China since 1978 and Mr. Ip has been advising law enforcement agencies in China on triad activities and tactics to suppress their activities. A new law has been introduced in China that if the law enforcement agencies have grounds to believe one is a member of the triad societies they could lock him up for up to three years. Mr. Ip has also been advising the Macau government and he believes that after the arrest of Mr Broken Tooth the police has resumed control and the members have been keeping their head down.

Rtn. Rudy thanked the speaker for his most informative and interesting talk. To close the meeting President Desmond proposed a toast to Rotary Club of HKIE.

Potary Information

Sponsorship of Ningxia School for the Deaf Project

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East is proposing a China School for the Deaf Project in Ningxia in May, 2000.

This educational project was a follow-up event after the Club sponsoring four Ningxia senior teachers and officials to attend a 10-day school for the deaf conference in HK, and interviewing them about their purpose and organization in details thereafter. Ms Bao Sui May, JP - the Principal of HK School for the Deaf, and Ms Lun - the Principal of Victoria Park School for the Deaf were kind enough to be our project advisors in this respect. The WorldVision has a few long term voluntary helpers in Ningxia, and would act as our Project Manager in this community project.

The school of the deaf project would conclude by May 26, and it takes a few months for the hearing aids, testing and language laboratory equipment to be shipped and installed for Ningxia before September - the new term. The school is already recruiting 90 deaf pupils from many remote areas in the region and planning to start in three classes form Year-1 to Year-3.

The following list of equipment and services would be supplied to Ningxia project:

(1) GSI 61 Two-Channel Clinical Audiometer

- one unit

(2) Interacoustic Auditory Trainer Model DU-7

- two units

(3) Microvox FM Communication System (1-to-10)

- three units

(4) Hearing Aids (40XSF-PPC2, 50XA-PPCS)

- 90 units

(5) Fonix FP35 Hearing Aids Analyzer

- one unit

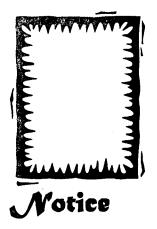
(6) Hearing Aids Repairing Tool Set

- one unit

PP Andrew, PP Sam and PP Hubert already commit funds in their private capacity or through connection to the Guideposts Educational Foundation to make our HK\$500,000 project possible. Nevertheless, the Club is doing a fund raising drive (target - individual member of HK\$1,500 each) to extend the members' participation.

To perform a cheque presentation ceremony, President Desmond would like to play host to invite all members and the spouses, as well as the major donors to a dinner at the HK Golf Club in Deep Water Bay at 7pm on May 26 (Friday).

For further details in the project, you can contact Rtn Rudy (TEL-2876-2180 or rudylaw@hkc.net).



We missed you on 10th May 2000!!!

Team 1 Chan, Hubert; Liu Stephen; Luk, John

Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Fu, C.Y.; Lamport, William; Lui, Tim

Team 3 Lai, Robert; Pang, K.T.; Wong, Sam

Team 4 Kuang, Peter

Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Shek, Andrew; Yao, John

Team 6 Chan, Joseph;

16 of 40 members missing 40%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!



A woman walked into a Watson' store and said to an employee, "I want to buy a vibrator."

The employee waggled his finger and said, "Come this way."

The woman replied, "If I could come that way, I wouldn't need a vibrator."

Here's some figures that might put things into perspective:

If there were 100 people in the world, there would be:

57 Asians

21 Europeans

14 people from the Americas

8 Africans

52 females

48 males

30 whites, 70 non-whites -

59% of the entire world's wealth would belong to only 6 people, all residents of the United States

80 would live in sub-standard housing

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death

1 would be near birth

1 would have a college education



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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





10 May, 2000

Our speaker, Mr. Peter Ip talking about the Triad Societies in Hong Kong.



Uncle Peter presenting a Paul Harris Fellow certificate to Pres. Desmond for his wife Donna.



Rtn. Rudy has now gotten a Paul Harris badge for his daughter Jacqueline and his wife will not be jealous because she has already got one.





PP George sitting here with Rtn.Norman Lam of Mid-Levels.



PP Li keeping company of frequent visitor Rtn. Kevin Lam.



PE Taj sitting here with Rtn Sam Ching of Channel Island

