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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East
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President's Message - Fighting modern slavery



A couple of years ago, a man called Matt Friedman was invited as guest speaker at our club, and his topic was 'Modern Slavery' or human trafficking, a little talked about (comparatively) but enormously tragic global situation which exists all around us. Matt works for The Mekong Club, a Hong Kong based group made up of business people dedicated to tackling the issue of modern slavery, about the millions of poor unfortunate people who are abducted around the world and forced to work in extreme conditions for little or no money. Imprisoned by trickery and deceit. After the presentation, I kept in touch with Matt, and offered my help to him in any way possible. Helping him to raise awareness about the issue, which I have been doing outside of Rotary. This summer, along with his wife Sylvia, Matt has embarked on a 70-day road trip across the USA, taking the story to a variety of organisations in different cities, to not only create awareness about modern slavery, but also try to involve companies to do their part (especially where cheap labour in Asian countries is concerned). The goal was to do 100 presentations in all (as I write he has done 96). According to his findings so far, he concludes 'General awareness about the topic is low in every category (business, business coalition, Rotary, school, faith based and the general public).

There is no repository for basic information and data on this topic anywhere'. This is an amazing story about a very dedicated man, who lives and breathes this cause. I also think it's an issue that Rotary should get behind. We have the resources, we have the people who care. We are in most of the countries who could help. Matt has been writing a daily blog about his journey, if you have time, do take a look. You'll find it at: <https://mattonroad.wordpress.com>



COMING SPEAKERS

24 August 2016

Speaker:
Eric Lam

Youth Square



REDBOX COLLECTION
10 AUGUST \$1,300

Spotlight On - Chris Chan, LeSports TV



TV Presenter Chris started off by sharing a rather lively video with us, featuring a football commentator from Iceland who was handling the live presentation of the recent England vs Iceland match at Euro 2016 for his own compatriots, and could not contain himself as his country scored an historic victory. It was a 'behind the scenes' look at just how exciting football commentary can get. Chris then shared some interesting facts with us. Did you know that, in terms of what countries pay to purchase the rights to broadcast the English Premier League, Hong Kong pays more than anywhere else in the world?? Three times as much as China. Astounding. Chris also then showed us how many people involved in producing every show, a vast team of behind the scenes specialists, and also shared some of the famous people he has interviewed since becoming a presenter and commentator, including Sir Alex Ferguson, the ex Manchester United manager. It was a fascinating

look into a world we see every week on our TVs, but did not know much about, and with the new football season kicking off, quite a timely topic.

About the speaker

Chris Chan is an advertising creative director-turned TV presenter with a passion for football. He was with the NOW TV football channel team for over 7 years, and has covered major tournaments including the English Premier League and the European Championships. He has now joined LeSports who will be showing.



Out & About



Welcome dinner for RC South Sea Taipei

The venue was the Chinese club in Central, which we hosted courtesy of PP Paul Chan, and it was a great and lively dinner to welcome our special visitors from Taiwan, coordinated thanks to IPP William and PP Jonathan. P Chris gave a quick burst of his usual Mandarin song (which is getting a bit tired by now) and we enjoyed some great food and wine.



Last week's Proceedings - 10 August 2016



What a great turnout and what a memorable luncheon it was this week, with many distinguished guests and a great speaker. President Chris rang the bell at 1pm and began, once again, on a solemn note, as we all observed a 1 minute silence to mark the passing away of the mother of Uncle John. After this, P Chris began introducing special guests, starting with our own DG Eric Chin, before introducing President Benson from RC South Sea Taipei, who P Chris then asked to name introduce all of the members joining him from his club, which he duly did. P Chris then invited P Benson to exchange banners, and also gifts, with P Chris presenting P Benson with a copy of his book. Other visiting Rotarians included PP William Yim from RC HK Northwest, and PP Vickie from RC Tai Po. So many guests in one luncheon! P Chris then read out the announcements before inviting SAA Andy to announce the Red

Box takings, which came to \$1,300. Then it was time for the guest speaker, Chris Chan, who is a football presenter at LeSports TV, who had come along to give us some interesting insights into the world of football



SAM OWORI IS SLECTED TO BE 2018 - 19 ROTARY PRESIDENT

Samuel Frobisher Owor, a Ugandan business man and a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, will become president-nominee on 01 October.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the following announcements for our club:

1. A delegation from RC South Sea Taipei visited our club on August 10th and a welcome dinner was held in their honour on the evening of August 9th.
2. The installation for RAC THEi will be on Saturday September 17th afternoon. If you would like to come and support our young Rotaractors, please advise President Chris or Youth Director Jonathan.
3. Adopt An Elderly. The first care visit for this meaningful project will be on Sunday 18th September 2016. We are looking to form 10 teams to visit 20 families. Each team will consist of 1 HKIE member and 2 Rotaractors. If you are interested to help lead a team, please advise President Chris or Service Director Leo.
4. The first Potential Member Cocktails is confirmed for Thursday August 25th, 2016. If you are interested to join, and if you have anyone in mind who you think would be a possible good new member, please let President Chris or Director Kevin know. Time and venue to be confirmed soon.

District Announcements

1. The DG visit to Mongolia will take place from 19 to 23 Aug 2016. P Chris (with family) will be joining DG Eric this year.
2. The Rotary Foundation Centennial District 3450 PPE Hong Kong Chord- phonia Concert will take place at the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts on 24th August 2016. The main purpose of the concert is to celebrate the Rotary Foundation Centennial and at the same time raise fund for the Serving Humanity Marketplace Fund and the Preserve Planet Earth Fund.
3. The District PR seminar will be on 27 August 2016, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m at the Hong Kong Management Association, 1/F., First Commercial Building, 33-35 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay (opp to Crown Plaza Hotel). Fee is HK\$200. If you would like to attend, pls inform P Chris (who is a speaker at the event).
4. The District New Member Orientation which will be held at 7-10pm, on 28 September 2016, at Craigengower Cricket Club, 1/F., Centenary Building, Happy Valley. Language: Cantonese (with English if necessary) Cost:HK\$350 (Including Dinner)

THE LAST LAUGH

A man left for work one Friday afternoon. Instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spending all his wages.

When he finally got home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife.

After two hours, she stopped nagging and said: 'How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?' He replied: 'That would be fine with me.' Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Thursday, the swelling went down just enough for him to see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.



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