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# **President's Message**



As I write this, I am in Hangzhou where I went straight after the Taiwan visit (unavoidable timing), and the memory of the 2 days in Taipei is still lingering in my mind like an echo of a beautiful sound. It goes without saying that we all enjoyed the trip. But what struck me the most was the incredible hospitality of our hosts. We did expect the airport greeting, as is Rotary tradition. What we did not expect was how much these kind, generous folks put themselves out for us over the 2 days. Always cars were there to pick us up and ferry us around. Always

someone was on hand to lend help. They were charming, fun (you have to meet Doctor Tea) and completely giving, with no thought for the inconvenience to themselves. The last day, when some played golf, and the rest enjoyed a city tour, we all gathered in the mountains at the home of PP Chilin, which was beautiful and creative, designed by himself ( he is an architect), his home is simply stunning, and we enjoyed an afternoon of delicious food and snacks complete with a beautiful young lady who was the cellist to entertain us. Other club members joined us and they were al there to see us off. It was absolutely such a heartwarming occasion which we can never forget. I hope we will have the opportunity to return the favour! I'm sure that will happen.





COMING SPEAKERS

16 Nov 2016

SPEAKER
TO BE
CONFIRMED

30 Nov 2016

Club Annual General Meeting



LAST WEEK'S REDBOX COLLECTION \$1,100

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輸社週報 Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

## Spotlight On - Peter Yeung's Siem Reap Adventure

Peter has been cycling for over 20 years now, and was among the very early group of people who started cycling in China, mainly in Guangdong. He owns 6 different kinds of bikes, which are all old bikes, and his friends are amazed to find that his bikes all have good workmanship despite being built with antique components.

Peter usually joins biking tours as he is in many of the biking groups that advertised biking tours across different channels. He told us that once you start you'll become addicted. This is because biking is different



than racing, you don't count how far you go, how many miles you have covered, bikers usually take their time, see good scenery, and take the chance to take good photos. Unlike photographic trips where everybody is taking the same scenery, the same angle, on the same neighborhood, biking is quite individual. He has been in Cambodia 3 times in the past 3 years.



In Oct. 2015, he organized his first bike trip with 22 riders. He received a good response and people spread the word. and more than 30 people were interested and finally 27 jointed the 2nd bike trip. Why he likes Siem Reap - Obviously it's the United National Heritage, lots of history and lots of stories behind Angkor Wat and Anghor Thom. He has asked the tour guide how come they lost Angkor Wat for 500 years, and nobody discovered it until the French were digging it up again. He was being told that about 1000 years ago, when Thailand invaded Siem Reap every 2 years or every 5 years, the King was also in the process of converting from Hindu to

Buddhism and they actually abandoned these Hindu temples and start moving into Buddhism. The King decided to move the Capital to Phnom Penh, Siem Reap is a very small town and was forgotten for 500 years. The 1st batch of photos Peter shared were mainly about the people and children. By looking at the Khmer, they always have smiling faces, the smile is so genuine and natural. Peter and his friends brought stationery, candies (this time they brought dried raisins) and gave them out as small token of gift to school kids who waited for them after school. He showed us pictures taken by the water Tonle Sap, Local Market, White Cows, the Factory, the movable hardware store, the gas station where it is sold by

bottle. He said a lot of young people have no jobs, and Siem Reap depends on the tourist industry, if these youngsters do not want to be in the tourist business, they either stay at home or go out to fish.

The 2nd batch of pictures were mainly on scenery. When asked how many hours he rode the bike each day, he replied 3 hours in the morning, 3 hours in the afternoon. This time in Cambodia he rented the bikes from a local tour operator, and whole package cost about US\$50/day not including dinner/lodging. Total trip cost at US\$900 including the airfare.



# Last week's Proceedings - 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016



PP Norman chaired the meeting as P. Chris was away in Taiwan visiting out Friendship Club South Sea Taipei. PP Norman welcomed everyone and invited PP Rudy to introduce his daughter Jacqueline, before asking SAA Andy to introduce the speaker who was of course our own member, Peter Yeung, here to give us a talk about his travelling adventures. The birthday

boy this week was Rtn John Poon, who invited PP Eddy Wong to lead his birthday song, before PP Norman then read out the announcements, followed by asking PP Andy to reveal the the Red box collection which was \$1,100. Then it was time for Peter to give his talk. An



accountant by classification, Peter has shown before that he is a keen photographer, and he did not disappoint with his tales of travel. Once it was finished it was time again for the now popular raffle draw, who this week was Teresa Ho, who was presented with a bottle of white wine. That all said and done, PP Norman

proposed a toast to RI, HKIE and everyone joined for our regular group photo, meeting adjourned.





### Out & About

Visit to Friendship Club, Rotary Club of South Sea Taipei.

President Chris has promised a more detail account of this wonderful 2 days trip when he is back from his travels. Meanwhile, enjoy some photos. A wonderful trip, great hospitality, with the promise of future friendship now looking certain.







## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### These are the following announcements for our club:

- 1. The visit to our Friendship Club, Rotary Club of South Sea Taipei took place last week, from November 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>. P Chris reports that it was a very successful and enjoyable trip and we hope to build on the relationship.
- 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Happy Lunch will be held on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Details of the venue will follow. Please notify PIC John Poon if you can attend
- 3. Our club General Assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 30th. Please make yourself available to attend this important meeting.
- 4. The next Adopt An Elderly care visit will be on December 18th, and will involve the same teams visiting the same elderlies. If you are interested to join please advise Service Director Leo.
- 5. The HKIE Got Talent Show will be on December 30th evening. Please brush up your singing, music playing, dancing and any other talents.

#### **District Announcements:**

- 1. For For the District CPR Project, Chair P John Wong has organised 4 courses in Nov 2016 (in Chinese) and 1 course in Dec (in English) for sponsoring club members, including Rotaracters, Interacters or even non Members as long as they are older than 13 years old. P Chris has the application form, so pleaee advise if you have interest to join. The first course starts on Nov 9. Please try your best to attend this life saving course and to serve humanity in its best way!
- 2. The Area 7 invitation golf will be held on 18 Nov 2016. Venue: Faldo, Mission hill. Fee: \$1800 including transport and dinner. All Rotarians and friends are welcome.
- 3. Sign up for the 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute. PDG Ada is inviting all attendees to visit Zone 6B, 7A and 10B to be held from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 December 2016. Full details including highlight of the programme are available online at http://www.2016bangkokrotarvinstitute.org/ registration.php Over 20 Rotarians and spouses from our District have already registered and there are many more already promised to attend and/or in the possess of registration.

Please be reminded that the registration deadline is fast approaching and spaces are LIMITED, please do register online as soon as possible. For your information, the venue Centara Grand Bangkok Convention Centre is located right in town with easy access to everywhere.

Please kindly note that registration must be done ONLINE. If you have any further questions or need any help in getting the registration done, please feel free to contact the undersigned 2. RIC is encouraging all members to register for the RI Convention in Atlanta (to be held during 10-14 June 2017) by 15 Dec 2016 (Saturday), so that you only have to pay USD340 per person for registration. The registration fee will become USD415 if you register after 15 Dec 2016, and increase further to USD490 after 31 Mar 2017. 2576 8882 Email: ric@rotary3450.org

## THE LAST LAUGH

A sweet little girl is out in the back garden, digging a big deep hole.

A neighbour looks over the fence and says: "Why are you digging that big deep hole?"

"My goldfish died," the sweet little girl says, with a sob.

"I'm really sorry to hear that," the neighbour says, "but why such a big deep hole for a goldfish?"

The little girl gives him an evil look. "Because it's inside your cat.'



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