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Last Meeting: Your Gift, Our Future - Ronnie Yeung, Chairman, HKGETA

Meeting called to order at 13:02

Rotarians present: P Bernard, PDG YK, DGE Norman, PP Rudy, PP Andy, PP William, PP Tim, PP Henry, PP Stacy, Dir. Mofiz, HS Rico, Rtn Jason. Guest: Eric Poon

P Bernard started with a warm welcome to everyone. We celebrated the birthday of PP Tim. Rtn Mofiz was the song leader.

P Bernard shared our club announcements and district announcements and gave a warm reminder to everyone to do their very best to attend the AGM on Dec 1st, as we need to meet the quorum of 16 members.

P Bernard invited DGE Norman to share about the Virtual Rotary Exchange. Our club will be one of the leading club in this initiative.

Ronnie Yeung gave a passionate sharing on the topic of Gifted Education in Hong Kong.

Ronnie shared with us that in the current education system - only clinical and educational psychologists can certify if a student is 'gifted'. His organisation is passionate about empowering teachers, "train-the-trainer", to pin-point/identify potential gifted students and

elevate these students. Currently Hong Kong schools can assess a grant called, DLG (Diversity Learning Grant) from the EDB - and this grant will enable schools to engage in diversity learning/gifted education service providers.

More and more schools in Hong Kong are including "Gifted Education" as SMC (School Major Concern) - and expanding their staff offering to include two assigned "Gifted Education" coordinators.

Questions for Food for Thought:

- 1. How do we implement school based gifted programme?
- 2. How do we enhance a student's creativity?
- 3. Who is responsible to say if a student is gifted or not?

7 Traits for Talented and Potential Gifted Students: Good Focus on topics they are passionate in.

Memory, Originality, Curiosity, Fluency of Thought, Ease to Observation - Learning Precocity, Fast Learning Pace, and

Ronnie ended the presentation by sharing these two quotes:

- 1. "A wise man will make more opportunities that he finds." Francis Bacon
- 2. "If you are not failing every now and again, it is a sign you are not doing anything every innovative." - Woody Allen.

PP Tim thanked our speaker in our usual Rotary Manner. Red Box: 1,500 HKD Meeting adjourned at 14:02.





# **Group Photo**



Annual General Meeting Special Edition - Rotary Information



#### **District Governor**

The Rotary district governor performs a very significant function. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International (RI) in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes 50 to 100 Rotary clubs.

The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the International Assembly, provide the "quality control" for the more than 30,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an "inspector general". Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counsellor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals, and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community and Rotary club. The governor supervises the organization of new clubs and strengthens existing ones.

He or she performs a host of special duties to ensure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district and is responsible to promote and implement all programs and activities of the RI President and the RI Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special events.

Each district governor performs a very important role in the worldwide operations of Rotary. He or she is truly a shining example of 'Service Above Self' performing a labour of love.

# Virtual Rotary Exchange

This year, Hong Kong Island East is an important participant of a new pilot initiative - Virtual Rotary Exchange. District Governor Elect Norman, Past District Governor YK, Past District Governor Kenneth, Past District Governor HW and Past District Governor Ada are primary supporters of this. We will be working with two of our sister clubs, RC Penang and RC Makati, to gather youths together to promote international communication



Virtual Rotary Exchange Kickoff Meeting

and foster international collaboration during and post COVID-19 pandemic. The format shall be modelled after international exchanges in the past such as Rotary Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange, except for being online.

### Annual General Meeting Special Edition - Rotary Information



The graduating DGEs and spouses celebrate at International Assembly 2021 in Delhi

# **International Assembly**

DGE Norman Lee will attend the International Assembly which will take place from 16 to 20 January 2022 in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. The privilege of attending this Assembly is a mark of Norman's achievement in Rotary and advancement to the forefront of Rotary leadership. We wish Norman & Isa a safe and rewarding trip, and the very best for a wonderful Rotary year 2022-23.

An International Assembly is held each year during January or February to prepare all the district governors-elect from around the world for the office they will assume on 1 July. Accompanied by their spouses, the 500 plus DGEs will join a host of experienced Rotarian leaders for a week of training and motivational sessions. At the Assembly, they will meet the special Rotarian who will serve as RI President for their year as governors and learn the RI theme for the coming year.

This training meeting prepares DGEs for their role as governor, introduces RI's organization's priorities for the coming year, and provides ample opportunities to network with fellow DGEs. The Assembly also features an engaging and informative program for the spouses, designed to appeal to their diverse interests and experiences.

The first International Assembly was held in Chicago in 1919. Later assemblies were held in Lake Placid, New York; Boca Raton, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; Anaheim & San Diego, California. Regardless of the venue, the message on the sign above the plenary hall has remained unchanged for years: "Enter to learn, go forth to serve".

We all wish DGE Norman a safe and fruitful trip!



DGE Norman Lee and Spouse Isa

# CCC Kei Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay) Musical ~ In His Eyes



It was a great pleasure that P Bernard, PP Nancy and myself were invited to the special musical event produced by C.C.C. Kei Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay) to mark the school's 50th anniversary. This is the first year that RCHKIE is joining the Pilot Run of Junioract Club with C.C.C. Kei Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay). It was definitely an eye-opening experience seeing the efforts put together by the students, alumni and teachers there. During COVID-19, they

could not perform the musical on stage, instead they filmed the musical!! It shows team

work, collaboration, mutual appreciation and cooperation. "In His Eyes" is an English musical produced by the school to promote the uniqueness of individuals. It spreads the message that we are all God's children and everyone can appreciate themselves, care for others, cherish and value all lives and stay positive and optimistic every day. Great work by all students and teachers in C.C.C. Kei Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay)!



Rotarian Bonnie with PP Nancy and P Bernard

- Rotarian Bonnie Yeung

# Photo Competition Service Project Update



Kickoff meeting for Photo Contest was held at the proposed venue - Tai Yau Building, Wanchai. Sponsors are being confirmed, prizes are being arranged, online submission system is being developed, and Rotaract Club of THEi and we will be working with Interact Club of SKH Holy Carpenter Secondary School to co-organize the University / College Students Group and the Secondary / Primary Pupils Group respectively. RCHKIE will be in charge the Public Group and overall management of the event. Updated dates are as follows:

Date of commencement: January 15, 2022 (Saturday midnight)

Date of deadline: February 28, 2022 (Monday midnight)

Date of award notice: March 28, 2022 (Monday)

Date of exhibition: April 15 (Good Friday) – 18 (Easter Monday), 2022

HS Rico had agreed to step up as Project Chair with PP Rudy guiding and mentoring behind. Latest specifications bad been updated to take the latest Youth Protection Policy into consideration.





### **Boat Trip Fellowship**

For I will go to my second home in Macau every weekend, I cannot remember when was my last boat trip with friends in Hong Kong.

Luckily, Director Mofiz organized the boat trip on 20 November 2021. I had a chance to get closer with fellow PPs, Rotarians and guests under an extremely good weather condition. More importantly, my friend, Carlo, and I never go to the Lamma Island and Po Toi Island before.

About half-an-hour trip, we arrived Lamma Island and visited "Tin Hau Temple". The most attractive thing was the 9-feet-long fish specimen "白龍皇". There are

only 4 specimens in Asia, 3 in China including Hong Kong and the other one is in Japan. The tourist guide told us the history of the temple and the tale of the fish. Then, we went to a cave called "Kamikaze Cave", which was used to conceal speedboats that were launched from here by the Japanese on suicide missions against allied shipping.

After sight-seeing, we had a very delicious seafood lunch in a famous restaurant with beer.

One of the events of the trip was hiking. So we boarded the boat again and heading to Po Tai Island.

I was so excited for this was my first hiking with friends.

Although no shade on the paths, the sun was not that fierce with mild sea breeze. I was feeling mellow. We saw Monk Rock, Tortoise Rock, Palm Cliff, Rock Carvings, Nam Kok Tsui Lighthouse and Gold Panning Cliff along the paths,

We also tried the famous refreshment drink in Po Tai Island, i.e. Lemon Barley Water "檸檬薏米水".

Time flies, the trip was come to an end when we were returning to TsimShaTsui.

I treasure every moment with fellow PPs, Rotarians and guests during the trip. Hopefully, Director Mofiz can organize another trip in the near future.

- Rotarian Benson Ng

# District Foundation & Grant Management Seminar

District Foundation & Grant Management Seminar was held on 27 November 2021. DGE Norman and PP Stacy attended the event. PP Stacy was the grant management seminar chair and the MC for the day. The event welcomed talks from Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Past Rotary International President John Germ and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator of Zone 9, PDG ENT Chen. The event had over 240 participants from Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia.











#### Happy Birthday to our Splendid December Members

Dec 2nd: PP Desmond Cheung
Dec 8th: Rtn Bonnie Yeung
Dec 20th: PP Henry Chan
Dec 12th: PP Hubert Chan
Dec 25th: Rtn David Ng
Dec 26th: IPP Leo Yu



#### Presidential Conference 2021 Manila



RPC21MNL was held online on the 26th, 27th and 28th of November. The conference opened with

performances from internationally renowned Filipino talents to its 100+ global leaders and 16,000+ delegates. Rotary's International Dignitaries highlighted Asia Pacific's economic potential and introduces the Presidential Conference's mission of enacting 4 BEST deeds



focused on Growing Economies and Protecting the Environment for the communities it serves.

On day two and day three, keynotes and breakout sessions by speakers from Korea, USA, Kenya, Thailand, Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan, India, Germany and the Philippines set the tone for the two selected focus, and relate them to what we as Rotarians can do to serve in our everyday lives. DG Keith Chow and PDG Eric Chin represented our district.







#### **Upcoming Events**

December 15 will be Vocational Talk by Eric Poon, our upcoming new member. He had a diverse career in finance, manufacturing and retail, and is currently in Asset Management for Family Office.

RCHKIE Christmas Party will take place December 17, 2021 at Regal Hong Kong Hotel, starting 7pm.

The Second HKCRA Cup - Hong Kong Inter-School Go Open will take place December 27, 2021.

January 5 will be Vocational Talk by Jason Lam, a very passionate enthusiast in aviation and technology. He received his bachelor and master's degree in Aerospace Engineering in the US, and has his private pilot license.



Club postal address Meeting Venue Meeting Schedules : P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong

: Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm

: http://hkie.rotary3450.org/

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