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Today : Rotaract Club of THEi Installation and Sharing

Last Meeting - Mr. KWAN Ping Kan



Members attended were:

President Rico Fung
DG Norman Lee
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PP Henry Chan
PP Stacy Ho
PP Rudy Law

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Guest of PP Nancy Yee, speaker of the day, Mr. Kwan Ping Kan
Guest of Rtn Bonnie, Mr. Harry Ho

President Rico welcomed back PP Tajwar, PP Nancy and PP Jonathan, and guests of the day. District announcement were made, followed by club announcements as follows:

- Photo Contest was completed. Schools had uploaded posts on their web sites, which is good for our public image.
- Visit for Yeung Yat Lam Memorial School on our adventure and bicycle training service project was scheduled for 10 February 2022.
- Second meeting for VVE 2022 with Makati North was already planned. Register link for the program will be circulated shortly

DG Norman Lee made two important District announcements.

- RI had had confirmed our District's rezoning, with July 2023 as our effective date. The response was sooner than expected.
- There was only one candidate for DGN election. PP Casey Cheng will be DGN 2025-2026.

PP Nancy introduced our speaker, Mr Kwan Ping Kan (Ping). She hopes to see him spending more time with us in the future.

Ping thanked PP Nancy, President Rico and Rtn Bonnie for this sharing opportunity. He had been practising law in Hong Kong and neighbouring jurisdictions. He had also been fascinated by Africa, under the influence of National Geographic, his favourite documentary channel.



He had served at a primary school in Zambia for orphans and underprivileged children. Zambia had high rates of HIV, and many kids did not have both parents. English classes were conducted, and a school library was set up with the Singapore Library Board for books donations. His reflections came after 2 years to see utility of project by being there for 3 weeks, and a bursary fund had been set up. One of the bursors had gone to University of Zambia to study medicine. This is very meaningful to underprivileged kids.

A second service project took place in Uganda, where he made prison tours and death row visits which was started by British magistrate in Uganda. Prisons were overcrowded, and the conditions there were bad. He saw a handcuffed prisoner died in hospital, and it left a deep impression on him. The service project involved implementing a legal education system with support from University of London and setting up a library in prisons. As prisoners become more familiar with the law, prison conditions improved as a result.

Rtn Chris Wang gave vote of thanks in the usual Rotarian manner.

SAA Rtn Bonnie Yeung report the red box amount of HK\$1,850.

Important Information - RI Approved Rezoning of District 3450 to Zone 10

Dear members of Rotary International District 3450,

I am pleased to extract the following from the General Secretary's e-mail sent to all Zones 9 & 10 Governors & Governors Elect on Friday 27 January 2023 at 12:38a.m. (Hong Kong time):

"I hope this message finds you all well!

Please note the following decision from the RI January 2023 Board meeting:

B-14. Rezoning Request from District 3450



DECISION: The Board agrees to move District 3450 from Zone 9 to Zone 10C, effective 1 July 2023.

This decision will have no impact on the timing of the selection of future RI directors in Zones 9 or 10.”

The RI Board has acceded to the prayers of our petition to be re-zoned to Zone 10. I am delighted by this outcome. That the arrangement will begin on 1 July 2023 is a bonus. I will work closely with Zone 10C to ensure a proper and smooth transition.

The sub-group under the PDG Council led by PDG Y.K. Cheng which later became the District Re-zoning Committee deserves our recognition for their hard work and dedication in this re-zoning exercise. I would also like to thank all of you for your support.

A new chapter awaits our District. Let us continue to imagine Rotary and scale new heights in whatever we do.

Yours in Rotary,
DG Norman Lee

Rotary Information - Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar. It also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905. It is now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

By end of 2021, 60 million people were displaced from their homes and forced to flee within their own countries by armed conflict or persecution. 90% of them are civilians, and half of those civilians are children. That's millions of reasons why Rotary is so engaged in service projects, fellowships and other Rotary-sponsored campaigns in pursuit of peace in our world.

I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness.

(Paul Harris, 1940 Rotary Convention)

Rotary's 100 plus years effort to promote global understanding and peace has made a big difference in many parts of the world. Hundreds and thousands people have benefited from Rotary projects around the world. Many Rotarians had an opportunity to gain a first hand experience about the projects as well as develop Rotary fellowships.

Rotary supports training, education, and practices related to peacebuilding and conflict prevention through initiatives that help transform conflict in our communities and around the world. Conflict transformation involves identifying and working with the underlying conditions, relationships, and social structures that give rise to conflict. Through this process, one moves beyond conflict resolution or management to change the environment that has led to conflict. This focus on transformation helps ensure sustainable peace.

This month is a great chance for every Rotary member to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service - Rotary's continued quest to promote goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

Happy Birthday to our Splendid February 2023 Birthday Members

2nd - Rtn Tony Loy, 7th - Rtn Christian Lee, 20th - PP Stacy Ho



Service Project - Yeung Yat Lam Memorial School



As one of the major community service projects of RCHKIE, the Adventure Training program for special needs students had resumed this Rotary year. PP William and Rtn Vagman visited Yeung Yat Lam Memorial School on 10 February, 2023 to show support.

This year, the program has been upgraded and is now comprised of cycling, abseiling, and floor curling. While dedicated bicycle training sessions had been arranged in February to help 30 junior students, the other two programs took place weekly.

The activities were designed to help build wisdom, courage, and improve communication and physical skills of autistic students.

A number of parents have provided highly positive feedback. They are highly appreciative of this RCHKIE supported program and wished it could be continually available.



Club Activities



1. President Rico had selected a photo and submitted it for the End Polio Photo Competition. We have been notified of a cash award of HK\$500. Congratulations and kudos for Rtn Bonnie Yeung for taking this wonderful shot.
2. President Garrison Yeh of our sister club, Rotary Club of Taipei South Sea, had invited us to join their anniversary event this year. The celebration will be in the form of a vocal music concert - "SouthSea 30 concert". It will be held on May 6th (Saturday) afternoon in Taipei. Please contact PP William Wong if you wish to attend.
3. New Member Orientation Seminar will be held on Saturday, 25 February 2023 at Alexandria Hotel, Fortress Hill, Kong Kong. New members are strongly encouraged to attend.

25 FEB

RSVP 25 Feb 2023 (Sat)
9:30 am - 1:15 pm
Alexandria Hotel, Fortress Hill, Hong Kong
Limited Seat. First Come First Serve

SCAN TO JOIN

New Member Orientation Seminar
(Chinese Session)

Rotary
District 3450

Club postal address : P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong
Meeting Venue : Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Meeting Schedules : Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm
Website : <http://hkie.rotary3450.org/>