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## 70th Anniversary Celebration Committee

PDG Y.K. Cheng

# Today : Club Installation Welcome DG Andy Li & the District Team

Last Meeting - President Rico's Rotary Year (2022 - 2023) Review



#### Our members present were:

President Rico Fung DG Norman Lee PP Henry Chan PP Hubert Chan PP Andrew Chen

PP Rudy Law PP Bernard Lee PP David Li PP Andy Wong PP William Wong PP Leo Yu Rtn Christian Li Rtn Bonnie Yeung Rtn Peter Yeung

President Rico Fung started the meeting with club anouncements: Notice had been given to hold an EGM immediately before our next meeting on 5 July, 2023, to pass the resolution to collect additional dues this coming Rotary Year for our Club's 70th Anniversary Celebration. Club Installation would follow. New ties, scarfs and pins were also ready for collection.

President Rico then proceeded with his year end review. He felt privileged that DG Norman Lee was in our Club, with first hand information from District during his year. There had been four club assemblies, and a Four Clans Meeting. He thanked DG Norman for attending most of our meetings despite his busy schedule. During the past Rotary year, PP Rudy Law, IPP Bernard Lee, President Rico and PN Bonnie Yeung had the highest attendance, with PN Bonnie hitting a perfect 100%.

We all cheered for PP William Wong achieving Senior Active status in our Club.

DG Normal pinned PP Andrew Chen as a Major Donor, and PP Leo Yu and PP David Lee as multiple Paul Harris Fellows.









Our members had been active in supporting youth activites. We donated to Syria for earthquake relief, Ultimate United for DEI initiatives, and we achieved Green Club status. We also won an award for photo contest on our End Polio Walk event.

President Rico was proud to be President of Hong Kong Island East. He gave thanks to his board members, chairs,

and advisors on this past Rotary year. He had acquired precious experience, and had made new friends with presidents of other clubs. He encouraged our new members to experience the same by being involving more in Club affairs.

PP Leo Yu called on our members to write stories on being a Rotarian, to be published in our special booklet to commemorate our upcoming 70th Anniversary celebration. We would also be taking photos of our members for the booklet during our first meeting of July. Write ups can be submitted to PP Stacy Ho or PP Leo Yu before 15 August, 2023.



PP William Wong shared on the award ceremony at PolyU HKCC and the certificate of appreciation given to us for our scholarship to their students.



PP Andy Wong proposed a vote of thanks to President Rico, and to IPP Bernard Lee for his contribution to Tung Feng.

PP Leo Yu congratulated our Club for having an Honorary Secretary with a perfect 100% attendance.

DG Norman Lee thanked President Rico for his dedicated service, our members for

support to him as DG, and especially PDG Y.K. Cheng for his advice on how to run the District. DG Norman will be a Vice Chair for the Kaohsiung Rotary Institute later in 2023. He invited us to join him.

Red box for the day was HK\$ 1,450.00



## Continuing into our 70th Anniversary Celebration Year



Dear Members,

Thank you to all members for the outpour of support. It is my great pleasure to serve the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East as the President in my second term! Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East is one of the most venerable clubs in our District. I am always proud of being a member of it.

2022/23 was a challenging year. On the one hand, we were the 'home club' to many clubs. On the other hand, there were still full of uncertainties due to the different social distance restrictions in relation to the pandemic, in particular in the first half year of the Rotary year. Luckily, our society gradually returned to normal since early 2023. It allowed us to arrange different kinds of community services, youth activities club services activities, fellowship events and overseas visits to our Sister Clubs. At the same

time, we continued to hold virtual services and activities, such as the virtual vocational exchange with Rotary Club of Makati North, one of our Sister Clubs, online tutorial class to secondary school students and the joint-club health webinar.

In the past year, I have come to know a lot about new friends from my fellow presidents and the District officers. I would also like to congratulate IPDG Norman of our Club, who had led our District to achieve a lot in the past Rotary year, such as the membership growth, re-zoning and successfully launching the online directory.

The theme of Rotary Year 2023/24 is 'create hope in the world'. From 'imagine Rotary' to 'create hope in the world', the Board and I will bring you more creative services that could enhance our Club's brand, attach new member and serve the community better.

I strongly believe that we will have a better year this company year. While some of the board members has served the second terms in the new Rotary Year, there are also new members joining the board. They are our future leaders.

This year is also a remarkable year for our Club. Our Club was established on 6 April 1954. For Clubs like us, membership growth and development are important. Taking the chance of this meaningful year, I wish to lead our Club to enhance our membership and club services. The Rotary Foundation is another area which we need to focus on. It is closely connected with international services. We shall work together to re-enhance our relationship with our Sister Clubs, and also tell the good story of Hong Kong and our Club to our oversea Rotarians and friends.

As I mentioned last year, I first knew about Rotary since I was the President of an Interact Club in year 2023/04. It has been 20 years already. Rotary's commitment to

Service Above Self has been permeated throughout my body. Please join me to create more hope in the world. I believe all of you are looking forward to celebrating our 70th anniversary!

President Rico 1 July 2023

## Rotary Theme 2023-2024 Gordon McInally "Create Hope in the World"

In 2006, I visited the village of Ban Taling Chan in Thailand, where Rotary members had provided new houses, a meeting hall, and a child care and a health care facility following the tsunami of late 2004. There, I was approached by a woman who looked as worn as you'd expect of someone who'd faced what she had. The woman offered me a beautiful seashell — this beautiful seashell. She explained that the



shell had been in her possession for more than 30 years. It was one of her very few remaining possessions, and initially I was reluctant to accept it, but she insisted on giving it to me as a token of her gratitude for what Rotary had done for her. She told me we had given her hope.

The memory of the lady from Thailand and these colors made me realize what we should be seeking to do at this time, made me realize what our call to action is, made me realize what our theme should be, and so, I am delighted to tell you that our theme for 2023-24 will be Create Hope in the World.

Create hope in the world. This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world: one newly created hope at a time. And the theme also begins to explain how we help create a similar kind of change within ourselves. Because for many people on this planet, lost hope is not just a function of material poverty. All of us face challenges that threaten our well-being. Just as it takes tremendous courage to wage peace, so too it is brave to reach out and admit that you need help.

Reaching out for help is courageous — and continuing on a path toward wellness is even more so.

In all these actions, the goal is to create hope - to help the world heal from destructive conflicts, and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves.

- RI President Gordon McInally

## Happy Birthday to our Splendid July 2023 Birthday Member

9th - Rtn Simon Ng



## Congratulations, President Rico!



Contratulations to President Rico for the title of Outstanding President with Platinum Distinction. We look forward to your continuing leadership during our upcoming 70th Anniversary Celebration Year!



### Congratulations, PP Tim Lui for his Gold Bauhinia Star!

Congratulations PP Tim Lui for your recent honour. The citation reads:

Mr Lui is awarded GBS in recognition of his exemplary public and community services over the years, in particular his profound contributions to the education sector. During his tenure as the Chairman of the Education Commission, Mr. Lui spared no efforts in uniting the education sector and the community at large. In facilitating the Government to map out a wide range of policy directions from basic education to higher education, he put forward balanced and constructive views as well as practicable recommendations which contributed to enhancing Hong Kong's position as an education hub in the region and addressing the needs of our society and nation. Mr. Lui has demonstrated visionary leadership and is well-respected by the community.

## Junioract Club Service Project - Life Hands in Hands Carnival 24 June 2023

This year was the second year for the Life Hands in Hands Junioract club service project. Children of CCC Kei Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay) and Ultimate United got together on 24 June, 2023 for a morning of fun. Junioractors of Kei Wan prepared well ahead for games, activities, souvenirs, complete with musical performance. Teachers, volunteers and Rotarians blended in and participated.









Club postal address Meeting Venue Meeting Schedules Website : 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/