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**70th Anniversary
Celebration Committee**

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Today: First Club Assembly

Last Meeting: Mr Lawrence Lui, Longevity Design Home



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President Rico Fung started the meeting and welcomed our visiting Rotarians, Rotarian Clayton Lam of RC Hong Hong South, Rotarian Rosanna Au from Rotary E-Club of Lantau, our speaker Mr Laurence Lui, and his friend Patrick.

We celebrated the birthdays of PP William Wong, PP Nancy Yee and Rtn Eric Poon. District and Club announcements followed. President Rico reminded us of the schedule on the day of our DG Visit on 18 Oct, 2023. At 5.20pm our Board will meet with DG Andy Li at Regal Hong Kong Hotel,



and dinner meeting will follow at 7:30pm instead of a lunch meeting on that day. We will also have a group photo session 6pm on that day.

As previously mentioned, we would target reaching EREY and 100% PHF status on October this year. PP Eddy will reach out to some of us.

PE Bonnie shared on the District Membership Seminar she attended. PP Nancy Yee introduced our speaker, Mr. Lawrence Lui.

Lawrence was trained as a PR professional, and he picked up all aspects of running an NGO himself. After his graduation, he got some funding from Oxfam to visit Cambodia for charity work. The experience was rewarding for him and his friends, and subsequently they started building more than 70 schools for Cambodia, India and Nepal with support from additional sponsors and crowd funding.

One day he met a renowned visiting professor on economics, and he got inspired about how to systemically run a social enterprise. Driven by his painful experience with the last days with his father, he soon quit his job to run Longevity Design Home full time. His father wanted to stay at home after the sudden news of his late stage cancer, but the toilet, furnitures, and layout made it difficult. Lawrence was helpless and depressed, and as he recovered, he found strong motivation to do more for solving similar problems for others who has similar needs.

Lawrence proceeded in sharing some stories on those he helped. One particular story involved a retired successful businessman who got dementia, and the layout of his home had suddenly become very inconvenient for him. Another sad but touching story involved another man also with dementia, which required his wife to take care of him very closely. She wanted their home to be like a home, not too functional like a hospital. While Longevity Design Home was working on making his home more accessible, he unfortunately slipped and fell and the modified home did not benefit him for long. This reinforced that some needs cannot wait, as sometimes like in the case of Lawrence's father, those who know they need a more accessible home for their poor conditions may not have much time.



Knowing the needs for their service targets was done often by doing interviews, asking questions for details on how they live their lives. It is also critical to train the newer generation on the knowledge and how to pass it on. As of today, 26 cohorts of 90 youths serving 3,500 house hoods.

PP Bernard Lee gave a vote of thanks.

PE Bonnie announced the red box amount to be HK\$1580.

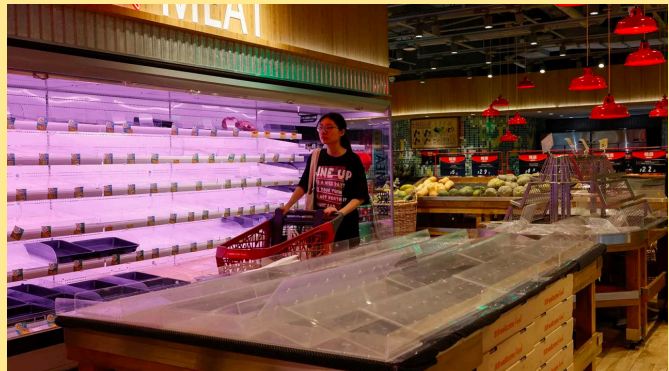
The night before that date, on 7 September 2023, Hong Kong Observatory recorded more than 158 millimetres (6.2 inches) in rain between 11 p.m. and midnight, the highest hourly rainfall since records began in 1884, the government said in a news release.

The Hong Kong Observatory also issued its highest "black" warning for the first time in two years, lasting for more than 15 hours from 11:05 p.m (11:05 a.m. ET) — the longest "black rainstorm" in the city's history.



The Mass Transit Railway announced it would suspend services on one of its lines after a station in the Wong Tai Sin district was flooded, with footage shared widely online showing floodwater gushing down the stairs. Another video shows workers at a different station up to their knees in water, struggling at the entrance to keep the flooding at bay.

Just a few days before, Typhoon Saola was recorded as the strongest typhoon Hong Kong has seen in five years. By afternoon the day when typhoon signal #10 was hoisted, Hong Kong authorities had received more than 1,200 reports of fallen trees, many of which were captured in dramatic images and videos shared by residents on social media. Some images showed scaffolding detached from building sites.



Hong Kong closed its stock market and schools, halted most public transportation and canceled hundreds of flights, the authorities said. Seas rose by up to 13 feet above normal tide levels.



We learnt that Hong Kong's Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme had actually saved much of our city from serious flooding this time around. The Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme for example has a capacity of 60,000 cubic meters, and was completed in October 2017. The surrounding area no longer flood like the incidents occurred in August 2000, April 2006, and June 2008.

Happy Birthday to our Splendid September 2023 Birthday Member



7th - Rtn Stephen Leung **9th** - PP Stephen Liu,
11th - PP Nancy Yee and Rtn Chris Wang **15th** - PP William Wong,
19th - PP Andrew Chen **24th** - IPDG Norman Lee

Club Activity



The District 3450 Peace Committee and Rotary Action Group for Peace Hong Kong and Macao Chapter are organising an International Peace Party on Sept 21 (UN International Day of Peace). It will start at 7pm at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The International Day of Peace, annually observed by the United Nations on 21 September, is set to urge a period of 24 hours worldwide of non-violence and cease-fire.



PP Nancy Yee and PP Leo Yu attended the District's Public

Image seminar. It sports an interesting topic - "AI Branding and Marketing". Google Cloud Strategic Advisor Michael Yung and HDCourse Digital Consultant

Ivan So appeared on stage as speakers.



Despite its benefits with work becoming much more time efficient and less labor-intensive, risks include data inaccuracy and copyright infringement, prompting the audience to reorient themselves on how to get better equipped.

Participants also partook in a quiz game and an IG challenge.

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