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Today (18 June 2025): **President Bonnie Yeung**
Year End Summary

Last Meeting (4 June 2025): **Dr. Gilbert Wong**
Negotiation Expert at
Hong Kong Police Force



Members Present:

President Bonnie Yeung	PP Bernard Lee	IPP Rico Fung
PDG Norman Lee	PP David Li	Rtn Jason Chiu
PP Hubert Chan	PP Tim Lui	Rtn Christian Li
PP Desmond Cheung	PP William Wong	Rtn Peter Yeung
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Guests

Spouse Amy (PP David Li)
 Dr. Gilbert Wong and Ms Sita Chan (Rtn Christian Li)

President Bonnie welcomed our guests. We celebrated PP Bernard Lee's birthday.

The District Installation will take place on 12 July 2025 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. Additionally.

The second day of the District Conference featured Vivian Kong, Gold medalist, epee, 2024 Olympics. Henry Wong of Hong Kong Island West did a great job compering.





One of the creative ideas this year well received was to establish a hall of fame in the House of Friendship which enabled Rotarians to take a journey through history. PDG Y.K. Cheng was featured on the left.

President Bonnie also shared photos and highlights from the Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles

fellowship. It was great to see our members with their spouses, family and friends.

On 12 July 2025, Makati North will hold its 53rd Induction Ceremony. Those interested please contact President Elect Lawrence.

We look forward to President Bonnie's year-end summary on 18 June 2025.



Rtn Christian Li introduced our speaker of the day, Dr. Gilbert Wong.

Dr. Gilbert Wong is a strong supporter of Rotary and has spoken at several Rotary events. During his 10 years of service with the Hong Kong Police Force, he served both as a commander and a negotiator. He also founded a service group dedicated to improving mental health for police officers.



While movies often depict negotiations involving bank robberies, hostages, or kidnappings, real-life negotiations are more frequently focused on suicide prevention.

Statistically, more women attempt suicide, but more men lose their lives due to failed negotiations. Suicide typically follows four stages: consideration, planning, deciding on a lethal method, and committing the act. Negotiation serves as a critical intervention to prevent the final step. Anger and despair are two common causes of suicide attempts; anger is easier to address, while individuals in despair often remain silent, making negotiations much more challenging. However, with effective negotiation, the intervention

success rate exceeds 90%.

Negotiators must be part of the Police Force, as successful interventions require intelligence gathering—an essential task that only law enforcement can carry out. Dr. Wong invited his mentee, Ms. Sita Chan, to explain the distinction between information and intelligence.

Some negotiations can be particularly lengthy. Dr. Wong recalled an experience negotiating with protesters that lasted an entire week—an effort that would not have been successful without extensive intelligence from the Force.



Distilling intelligence from raw information requires a deep understanding of all available data and the ability to identify relevant pieces, a process that demands strong analytical skills. Nonverbal communication also plays a vital role. The three key tools of effective negotiation are active listening, stress management, and teamwork.

Happy Birthday to our Splendid June Birthday Members



2nd - PP Bernard Lee **24th** - Rtn Fredrick Wu
24th - Rtn Vagman Wai **30th** - Rtn Walter Wong

Dr. Gilbert Wong presented a book documenting major negotiation events handled by the Hong Kong Police over the past 50 years.

PP David Li gave the vote of thanks.

Red box for the day was HK\$1,140.

Next meeting on 2 July 2025 is our Club Installation



Rotary Year 2025 - 2026 is coming

Mario Cesar Martins de Carmago, President Elect of RI, tendered his resignation on 8 June 2025 and would not assume Presidency for the year 2025-26.

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become the RI President for 2025-26. Arezzo will become President on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new President Elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background - across races, religions, and professions - in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.



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/