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**Today
(10 December 2025)**

**Last Meeting
(20 November 2025)**

Christmas Party & Meeting

**Four Clans Meeting
Professor the Honorable LO Chung Mau,
BBS, JP, Secretary for Health,
Government of Hong Kong SAR**



Members Present at Last Meeting:

President Lawrence Lui	PP Rico Fung	IPP Bonnie Yeung
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President Vin Ip

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President Edwige Radlo, PP John Wong, PP John Chan, PP Brian Ho, IPP Ariel Lai, VP Pauline Wong, Foster Fung,

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President Lewis Man, CP Tobi Doeringe, Rtn Reza Rezaiean, Rtn Benjamin Kullman

Soho Hong Kong:

President Irene Law

Star Avenue:

PE Joyce Lee, DGE Jimmy Lau, AG Adrian Lau, Mrs Loletta Lau

Tai Po:

PDG Anthony Hung

e-Club of Lantau:

PP Patrick Lee, PP ST Leung, Rtn Rosanna Au

The HUB HK:

President Jason Chan, DAG Tony Leung, CP Heman Lam, PP Percy Cheng, PP Betty Chiu, PP Sunny Chen, IPP Gary Lau, PE Victor Lau, Rtn Winnie Ng, Rtn Bella Tung, Rtn Hugo Hui

Rotaractors:

CP Cyrus Cheung, Lingnan University
IPP Otto Ho, PolyU CPCE
VP Vincent Yeung, Education Culture
HT Mayukhraj Ray, Hong Kong Island East

Guests:

Ms. Stephanie Lam, daughter of DG Cassy Cheng
Mr. Warren Chan, guest of Rtn Simon Ng
Ms Bernice Aguirre, guest of President Lawrence Lui



The **4 Clans Meeting** attracted over 120 Rotarians and friends. It was co-chaired by **President Lawrence Lui** and **President Jason Chan**, with **IPP Bonnie Yeung** as Master of Ceremony.

DG Cassy gave her welcome remarks, emphasizing that health and wellness is one of Rotary's key service focus, and looked forward to the opportunity of working with the Government on meaningful health projects.

President Jason introduced our Guest of Honor, **Professor the Honorable Lo Chung-mau, BBS, JP, Secretary for Health of the HKSAR Government**.

Professor Lo brought the energy of both a seasoned surgeon and a policy reformer to our meeting, offering members a sweeping tour of Hong Kong's past achievements and future ambitions in healthcare.

Introduction

From the outset, **Professor Lo** reminded us that **Hong Kong's healthcare system** is an achievement we can genuinely be proud of. International rankings consistently place the city among the world's best in health outcomes and efficiency. Bloomberg's Health-Efficiency Index has ranked Hong Kong at the very top. Behind those accolades lies a simple yet powerful principle that has guided policy for decades: no one should be denied adequate medical treatment because of a lack of means. In practical terms, this is reflected in heavily subsidised public hospital charges and a robust "safety net" provided by the **Hospital Authority (HA)**, which delivers the vast majority of inpatient services in the city.



Yet pride, he stressed, cannot be an excuse for complacency. Hong Kong faces familiar pressures: an ageing population, rising expectations, the cost of new therapies, and the strain on public hospitals. His central message was that the healthcare system must evolve from one that is largely hospital-based and treatment-focused to one that **emphasises prevention, primary care, and "whole-person" health across the community**.

A major thrust of current reform is the strengthening of **primary healthcare**. Rather than waiting for people to turn up at hospital when they are already seriously ill, the Government aims to build a system that encourages regular screening, early detection, chronic disease management, and better self-care in the community. That shift also requires revisiting the governance of HA, refining how resources are deployed and how quality and accountability are maintained.



Finance

Financing is another important pillar of the reform agenda. **Professor Lo** noted that Hong Kong's total health expenditure now accounts for a significant share of our GDP, and the challenge is to keep the system both fair and sustainable. On the public side, that means reviewing fees and charges carefully, while maintaining protection for those with genuine financial difficulty. On the private side, the Government is pushing for greater price transparency so that patients can make informed choices. **The Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme** plays a strategic role here, channelling demand to the private sector and relieving pressure on public hospitals, provided that products are well regulated and clearly understood by consumers.

Digital Transformation

If there was one theme that threaded through his entire presentation, it was **digital transformation**. Hong Kong, he explained, is exceptionally well positioned to

lead in this area. HA has spent three decades building an integrated **Clinical Management System** that now holds digital records for millions of patients. On top of this, the territory-wide electronic health record system, eHealth, was rolled out in 2016 and now covers the vast majority of Hong Kong residents. The current phase, branded eHealth+, will knit together data from public hospitals, private clinics, and community services into a genuine health infrastructure rather than a mere record-keeping system.

Digitalisation is not just about convenience; it is the foundation for "smart hospitals" and data-driven medicine. The HA has already implemented dozens of **smart initiatives**, from AI-enabled diagnostics and workflow optimisation to technology that improves patient safety and experience. At the same time, anonymised clinical data is being made available, under careful governance, to support biomedical research and biotech innovation in Hong Kong.

Greater Bay Area

No discussion of the city's future would be complete without looking across the boundary to the **Greater Bay Area**. **Professor Lo** painted a vivid picture of a dynamic region of more than 80 million people and enormous economic weight. He was clear that Hong Kong's healthcare system is not an isolated island. Several **cross-boundary initiatives** have been launched in recent years. Among them are pilot schemes for cross-boundary ambulance transfers, allowing seriously ill patients to be moved directly from designated hospitals in Shenzhen, Macao and other GBA cities to Hong Kong. Another initiative extends the use of Hong Kong's **Elderly Health Care Vouchers** to service points across GBA cities, giving Hong Kong seniors living or staying there greater flexibility.

He also highlighted a pilot arrangement that allows selected HA patients to receive subsidised follow-up consultations at **HKU-Shenzhen Hospital**, easing pressure on local facilities while offering patients high-quality care closer to home. Exchange programmes bringing doctors and nurses from GBA institutions into Hong Kong hospitals are building professional networks and sharing expertise in both directions. Parallel to this, a new **hospital accreditation framework**, aligned with mainland standards but implemented with Hong Kong characteristics, is being rolled out. Several public hospitals are already accredited and more in the pipeline.

Hub

Another major aspect of his vision is positioning Hong Kong as an **international health and medical innovation hub**. Here, **Professor Lo** described an integrated “**bench-to-bedside**” ecosystem. It starts with strong biomedical research in universities and research institutes, continues through efficient pathways for clinical trials and regulatory approval, and culminates in clinical adoption within the public health system. The newly established **Hong Kong Centre for Medical Products Regulation**, and collaborative structures such as the **Greater Bay Area International Clinical Trial Institute**, are designed to shorten the journey from promising discovery to real-world use. Special arrangements that allow Hong Kong-approved drugs and devices to be used in parts of the GBA underline the strategic role the city can play in raising standards across the region.

Third Medical School

Looking further ahead, **Professor Lo** turned to a subject that resonated strongly with many members: the nurturing of future generations of medical professionals. With two medical schools already well established, the Government has now endorsed a **third**, to be set up at the **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**. After a competitive process, HKUST was selected for its innovative positioning and alignment with long-term manpower and innovation needs. The first cohort of students is expected to begin in 2028 and graduate in 2033, adding much-needed capacity to a system that will rely on new blood, new skills, and new ideas.

Chinese Medicine Hospital

The Chinese Medicine Hospital at Tseung Kwan O would open its door on 11 December, 2025. This is a first in the region, and will serve the purpose of a teaching hospital, research centre, an international focal point for developing integrated Chinese & Western medicine, and for the globalization of Chinese Medicine.

President Jason & **Professor Lo** then engaged in a **fire side chat**, during which **Professor Lo** further elaborated on Rotary participation opportunities, Chinese Medicine development and manpower issues in the health sector.



In closing, **Professor Lo** struck a hopeful note. Hong Kong, he argued, has every ingredient required to remain a world-class healthcare system: a strong public service ethos, a critical mass of clinical and research excellence, an increasingly sophisticated digital infrastructure, and a unique role within the Greater Bay Area. The task now is to deepen reforms so that healthcare remains people-centred, financially sustainable, and innovation-friendly. If that can be achieved, the result will be not only a stronger system for Hong Kong residents, but also a meaningful contribution to the health of the wider region.

We all agreed that **Professor Lo**'s sharing was informative, inspirational and illuminating.

PP Percy Cheng delivered the Vote of Thanks to Professor Lo.

The joint meeting proceeded with birthday celebration, followed by a brief report from each club. President Lawrence and President Jason concluded the meeting with a toast to clubs present at the meeting.



In Mourning with Tai Po

The Members of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East wish to place on record our deepest sorrow and heartfelt condolences to all affected by the tragic fire in Wang Fuk Court, Tai Po. Our thoughts are with families who have lost loved ones, those injured, and residents whose homes and security have been affected.

As a club that has served the Hong Kong community for many years, we feel this loss as a tragedy for the whole city. We mourn with the people of Tai Po and stand in solidarity with everyone who is grieved or displaced.

Happy Birthday to our Splendid December Birthday Members



2nd - PP Desmond Cheung, **8th** - IPP Bonnie Yeung,
12th - PP Hubert Chan, **20th** - PP Henry Chan, Rtn Ping Kwan,
26th - PP Leo Yu, **31st** - Rtn Lawrence Lui

We also pay tribute to the firefighters, emergency personnel, medical teams and volunteers who responded with courage and dedication. Their selfless service, often at personal risk, is a powerful reminder of the compassion and strength found in the darkest times.

In this period of mourning, we remember the victims, honour the resilience of survivors, and extend our sympathy to the Tai Po community.



District & Club Activities



President Lawrence Lui and IPP Bonnie Yeung went with several Presidents and Rotarians of Area 3 to support the community affected by the destructive Tai Po fire, distributing emergency supplies at various locations.

DG Cassy Cheng had established the **Wang Fuk Court Care & Support Committee**, with AG Stephen Cheung as Chair and DAG Andrew Jones as Vice Chair.

The Committee will focus on providing medium to long-term support, including family assistance and psychological rehabilitation to help with community rebuild with resilience.

Our Board has earlier approved our support of the proposed **District resolution** in that **District 3450 will join Zone 8B instead of Zone 1B in the current RI zone realignment exercise**. President Lawrence had returned the resolution ballot to Rotary Information Center on 2 December 2025.

Rotary

CLUB BALLOT : ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3450

Ballot Instructions:

RI Bylaws provide that each club is entitled to at least one vote and one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members (excluding honorary members), based on the club invoice dated 1 July 2025. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the RI Board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The Governor shall prepare one ballot for each club. If a club is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same option provided by the Governor in the proposed Resolution. Votes are based on club membership total as follows:

Your club has 43 members (excluding honorary members) per the 1 July 2025 invoice, thus entitling your Rotary club to 2 votes(s).

Mail this ballot to District Governor Cassy Cheng at d3450resolution@gmail.com no later than Saturday 6 December 2025 5:00 p.m. (GMT +8).

[Signature] Paul District Governor
P.W. Fung

[Signature] Anthony Hung
Anthony Hung

Resolution proposed by District Governor Cassy Cheng:

"IT IS RESOLVED, by Rotary Clubs of District 3450 to support RI Director Jennifer Scott to file a proposal to request the Zone Realignment Committee to realign District 3450 along with District 3300 and District 3330 to Zone 8B."

The Club:

☒ Votes For the Resolution
☐ Votes Against the Resolution

Rotary Club of: Hong Kong Island East

President's name: *Lo J. Wai Ching* Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 3-12-2025

Secretary's name: *Yes Ka Yee Norel* Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 2022.12.25

Club postal address	: Room 36, 2/F, Jumbo Industrial Building, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong
Meeting Venue	: Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Meeting Schedules	: Every 1st Wednesday 12:30pm at Regal HK Hotel : Every 3rd Wednesday dinner time at other venues