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From Brushstrokes to Breakthroughs

Last Meeting (6 May 2026)

**PP The Honorable Jonathan Lamport
Create Lasting Impact**



Members Present at Last Meeting:

President Lawrence Lui	PP Jonathan Lamport	IPP Bonnie Yeung
PDG Norman Lee	PP Bernard Lee	Rtn Christian Li
PP Henry Chan	PP George Leung	Rtn Bennet Tsui
PP Hubert Chan	PP Tim Lui	

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

AG Adrian Lau of Star Avenue and Ann Loletta
CP Dicky Tong of Butterfly Valley
PE Hazel Ip of Braemar Hill
Mr Gary Chan, Mr. Keiji Fujimoto and Mr. Kit Yip,
guest of President Lawrence Lui
Mr. Christian Lee, guest of PDG Norman Lee

Our 20 May dinner meeting — the final dinner meeting of this Rotary year — brought members and guests to The Craigengower Cricket Club for an evening of warm fellowship and an inspiring talk by our own Past President Jonathan Lamport, who shared his remarkable journey from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.

President Lawrence Lui opened the evening by welcoming guests, including Ms. Yi Yi Heizel, Mr. Kenji Boto, Mr. Christian Lee of BDG London, and Mr. Gary Chan, who had previously joined the Club's Tennis Experience Day. President Lawrence noted that the Club's 11-member delegation to the 66th District Conference on 30–31 May would be the largest in half a year, and reported that the Dragon Boat team — ten paddlers including himself and his wife Tina — would race at Shatin on 19 June, with training sessions on 1 and 7 June.

A Second-Generation Rotarian, A Third-Generation Legacy

President Lawrence then introduced our distinguished speaker — Past President Jonathan Lamport, Legislative Council Member, former Chairman of the Committee for Asia, Africa and the Middle East of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (HKGCC), and President of our Club in 2013–2014.

PP Jonathan began by greeting "Uncle Harry" and "Uncle Joe" — senior Rotarians whose mentorship shaped his early years — and expressed deep gratitude to the Club, and particularly to PP Peter, who had told him decades ago: "You don't need to be somebody else's president — you just need to be the president of yourself." Those words, he said, gave him the confidence to lead at a young age.

He shared that his father was also a Rotarian and a member of this Club, making him a second-generation member. His son is now 18 and heading to Boston for university. "I hope when he returns to Hong Kong, he will also join this Club and become the third generation," he said — drawing smiles and warm applause.

Rotary as the Foundation

PP Jonathan traced a direct line from his Rotary presidency to his present role in LegCo. "Without being a Rotarian," he said, "maybe today I would not be a Legislative Council member."

It was the Rotary ethos of "service above self" that set him apart when he joined the HKGCC as a young entrepreneur. A fellow Rotarian, William [Wong?] *** VERIFY ***, had introduced him to the Chamber. Once inside, he did not treat it merely as a business-networking platform. "My heart went there more like service," he recalled. "I always asked them what I could do."

This attitude attracted the attention of senior business leaders. He joined committee after committee — European, SME, China, and ultimately the Asia, Africa and Middle East Committee — and was successively elected Vice Chairman and then Chairman, a role he held for seven to eight years. He brought delegations to Japan, the Middle East, and beyond; he pioneered business-matching sessions with international chambers; and when the Hong Kong Government signaled its intention to engage the Middle East, he organized a delegation to Bahrain, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia using his own connections.



From Business to Public Service

"All the uncles who know me know I never mentioned that I wanted to be a politician," he said. He was running a clean-energy start-up when, in September [2025?] *** VERIFY YEAR ***, he received a call from his predecessor, the Honorable Jeffrey Lam. "Do you want to run?" came the question. PP Jonathan had never thought about it — "not even one percent" — but he agreed.

With only two weeks to submit his nomination, and with no campaign team, he improvised. Two friends — one a retired Executive Officer from the government who knew election procedures, the other a PR consultant — became his entire staff. He made call after call to Chamber members, many of whom, he discovered, already knew him from 14 years of volunteer service. Some flew back from abroad to vote. "This is really a sign that the services I did in the past 14 years for the Chamber actually carried me," he said.



Rotary's Ethos in the Legislative Council

Now five months into his LegCo term, PP Jonathan has maintained 100% attendance — "I think this is Rotary training," he smiled. He has attended 43 Chamber events, 64 public events, and given over 100 media interviews. His social media views have reached about 140,000 — a number, colleagues told him, that usually takes two or three years to achieve.

He serves on six LegCo committees — far more than the typical two or three — and works six days a week in the Legislative Council complex. "The reason I go into committees is because if you go into the committee, you will learn more about what the policy direction is," he explained.

Within the 15th Five-Year Plan framework, he sits on the regional development division. The Plan's six divisions, comprising all 89 LegCo members, will gather sectoral input and feed it back to Government as formal comment. PP Jonathan has already prepared pages of submissions on behalf of the Chamber's constituency.

A key message he has brought to Government is that Hong Kong must evolve beyond being just a "super connector" or agent. "We need to be a chosen partner," he argued. "We need to work together with overseas companies — not just earn an income as a bridge, but create jobs and opportunity in Hong Kong itself." He drew on the example of an incoming Uzbek delegation, representing a government chamber of 75,000 members: a population of 38 million with a median age of just 29, looking to Hong Kong for funds and partnerships. "They come to Hong Kong because it is the only jurisdiction in mainland China under common law — and that flexibility matters for business."

On the Northern Metropolis, he noted that different zones would have different regulatory frameworks — comparable in some respects to special economic zones in Dubai or Malaysia — and that AI and data centers would be a significant focus, with CLP already planning electricity provision for the new area.

PP William Wong delivered her vote of thanks.

Happy Birthday to our Splendid June Birthday Members

2nd - PP Bernard Lee
30th - Rtn Walter Wong

24th - Rtn Fredrick Wu



66th District Conference 30 & 31 May 2026



The 66th District Conference of Rotary International District 3450 was held on 30 & 31 May 2026 at the Nina Hotel, Tsuen Wan West, Hong Kong, under the Conference theme "Body, Mind and Soul."

As the District's flagship annual gathering, it brings together Rotarians from across District 3450 for a weekend of fellowship, reflection, and celebration of the year's service achievements.

President Lawrence Lui led a strong delegation consisting of PDG Y. K. Cheng, PDG Norman Lee & Anne Isa, PPs Rico Fing, Eddy Wong, William Wong & Nancy Yee, IPP Bonnie Yeung, President Nominee Christian Li, and Rotarians Bennet Tsui & Tommy Yeung.



The Conference was reasonably well attended, a fitting tribute to DG Cassy's year of service.

RI President's Representative PDG Pauline Leung from Taiwan was particularly good in every aspect and we enjoyed her presence and participation.

IPP Bonnie moderated the fireside chat with Rep Pauline in the Leaders Lunch which was very well received. She also stood in for PP Rico as discussion leader at the group session on cybersecurity. This is no ordinary feat. PP Rico was the MC at the Sunday Foundation recognition lunch. They did us proud.



Our Club has talent: President Lawrence, clad in a tiramisu colour raincoat, impressed us with his dance performance which truly reflected the spirit of the year. Club presidency changes life, and Club presidents often create wonders towards the end of their tenure. We look forward to more acrobatics from him next year.

We learn a lot attending Conferences. I hope more of us would join in the future.

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