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In Focus

Guest of Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi's Speech at the World Understanding & Peace Day (WUPD) Meeting – 23.2.22



*Guest of Honour,
Mr Hawazi Daipi*

This Rotary Year's celebration of World Understanding and Peace Day saw a total of 18 Rotary Clubs occupying 3 ballrooms coming together for a physical meeting at the Marina Bay Sands Exhibition and Convention Centre, with other Clubs in the District present virtually.

Following is an extract from the speech made by Guest of Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi at the event:

A very good evening to all. I thank you for inviting me to the 117th Anniversary of the Rotary which you call "World Understanding & Peace Day" celebrated worldwide. Rotary Clubs in Singapore, Johor Bahru, Malacca, Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei

From what I know Rotary Clubs worldwide comprise diverse groups of individuals who are leaders within their chosen professions.

I am aware that in District 3310 — comprising Johor, Malacca, Sarawak, Labuan FT, Sabah, Brunei and Singapore — there are a total of 71 Rotary Clubs. In Singapore alone there are 23 Rotary Clubs. The good work of Rotary and Rotarians are immense and had benefitted many in our respective communities and worldwide.

I know that as Rotarians you serve not just one or a few communities based on race, religion or language but you serve everyone who needs help. In fact, your current Rotary theme of "Serve To Change Lives" is a most apt description of the good works Rotarians do. It is truly heart-warming to know that accomplished and busy individuals like you are willing to commit your time and resources to causes to answer the calling of "Service Above Self".

District 3310 truly represents this part of the world. It is a world rich in culture and diversity. There are certainly many people from many different racial and religious groups such as Malays, Chinese, Indians, indigenous groups and tribes living harmoniously together. Contributions by Local Rotarians

Rotarians in Singapore had indeed played a major role prior to and post the second world war. The contributions became even more significant during the formative years of independent Singapore. You had assisted in many aspects of nation building by helping the poor, the sick, the old and the disadvantaged. You were instrumental in setting up many institutions which today are independent charitable organisations.

You helped develop many youths through your Interact and Rotaract Clubs in schools and tertiary institutions and in the process helped groom leaders in the corporate world, professional services and politics. I came to know that quite several the Singapore political leaders, including DPM Mr Heng Swee Keat, had been Interactors or Rotaractors.

Thus Rotary and Rotarians not only help build lives, but you develop leaders.

In Focus

Guest of Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi's Speech at the World Understanding & Peace Day (WUPD) Meeting – 23.2.22... contd.

I am told that you have a program called Global Grants and it is through this program that many overseas projects are carried out successfully. Your contributions are significant and helping to build lives and develop future leaders are truly the embodiments of World Understanding & Peace Day.

My current appointment as the Non-Resident Representative to Palestine and High Commissioner to Ghana gives me an opportunity to also engage Rotary and in particular Rotarians in Singapore and all in District 3310 to explore opportunities to do community service in both Palestine and Ghana, through partnerships with local civic organisations there. As Rotary Clubs are also represented in both Palestine and Ghana perhaps you can explore doing your global grant projects in these two entities.

A distinguishing aspect of Rotary is its decentralised structure. Individual clubs are nimble and flexible and can easily form groups of like-minded and highly motivated individuals. This enables each club to gather the resources best needed to meet any gaps within the community. You can work in similar fashion with the local grassroots organisations.

This aspect has enabled local Rotarians to contribute to society in many meaningful ways including raising substantial monies during the last 2 years when we were fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic. Your contributions in terms of money, equipment, personnel and professional resources played a major role in aiding and assisting the poor, the old, the feeble and the sick. In many instances it gave dignity back to the beneficiaries. In turn they will pay it forward and this way the whole society can achieve understanding and peace. Future Challenges

Many lives, businesses, communities and youths worldwide are ravaged by the Covid – 19 Pandemic. Going forward, I do believe that Rotary will continue to play its role of contributing to your District and your community.

Several trends and issues have emerged in our social landscape in recent years, which will demand our time and attention. I sincerely believe that the Rotarians in Rotary District 3310 can and will help play a meaningful role.

Once again, thank you for inviting me to join you this evening and I wish Rotary International and Rotary District 3310 all the best in your endeavours this year. Thank you.

To view the WUPD meeting proceedings, [please click here](#).



Mr Hawazi Daipi delivering his address at the WUPD meeting

In Memoriam...

It was with sadness, President Louis informed members of the passing away on 16th February of Honorary Member (HM) Rtn Adam Moledina who celebrated his 102nd birthday on 4th February.

On behalf of the Club, President Louis sent deepest condolences to HM Adam's spouse, Mrs Roshan Moledina and family on the passing away of our beloved Honorary Member. As a mark of deep respect and affection, President Louis called on all Rotarians at the World Understanding and Peace Day meeting to observe a minute of silence in remembrance of HM Rtn Adam Moledina.

There was an outpouring of condolences from members, following are some extracts and photographs shared:



**Honorary Member
Rtn Adam Moledina**
4.2.20 – 16.2.22

He was a stalwart of one of our club's signature projects called the Ranfurly Library. RIP dearest Adam. – From PP Jimmy Ooi

The Ranfurly Library was truly Adam's passion in Rotary. What is more amazing was that he was a sharksfin trader (by Rotary classification) and a racehorse owner who can turn around to become a vegetarian, gave up his sharksfin business and even wrote a book on Animal Cruelty - truly fascinating. – From PP Philip Leong

He gave me a personal copy of his book ("Food For Thought") on animal cruelty. Unfortunately I am unable to find it at this time. If I find it soon, please allow me to post a photo of the cover in his memory. - From PP Peter Tan

Photos courtesy of PP Tan Chin Ngip - Taken May 2018 when members visited HM Rtn Adam, who was 99 years old then.



PP Peter Tan helping HM Rtn Adam with his hearing



HM Rtn Adam & Roshan



HM Rtn Adam Moledina



Members, spouses with HM Adam & Mrs Roshan Moledina

In Memoriam...

Rotary lost another stalwart, none other than Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Bhichai Rattakul who passed away on 28th February 2022.

Bhichai Rattakul was a Thai politician who served as the Deputy Prime Minister from 1983 to 1990 and 1997 to 2000, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the National Assembly. He was also leader of the Democrat Party between 1982 and 1991, and the World President of Rotary International from 2002 to 2003.



PRIP Bhichai with PDG Dr Philbert Chin and PP Perlita Tiro at the 2014 World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner



PRIP Bhichai Rattakul addressing Rotarians at the 2014 World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner



80 years of Rotary celebrations – cake cutting by those born before our Club was formed i.e. equal or older than 80 years



PRIP Bhichai with Club members on 6th June 2010 – 80 years of Rotary in Spore
(Photos courtesy of DGND Dr Yap Lip Kee)

Meeting Report

31st Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 16.2.2022

OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests to the hybrid meeting held at the Churchill Room of the Tanglin Club before inviting President Louis Lim to chair the meeting.

President Louis Lim took the Chair and invited Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani to formally welcome guests, who were present at the meeting as well as those attending virtually.

MAJOR PROJECT ROTARY YEAR (RY) 2022-2023

PE James Lee noted at the last meeting, he had given more time for members to pose their queries on the coming Major Project. He thanked members for their queries and support of the Major Project for RY 2022-2023 with FootballPlus, and added that should they have further queries to continue and inform him. In the meantime, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be signed with FootballPlus on 17.2.22. He added that members would be kept informed of the progress of the Major Project.



PE James Lee

PE James advised that hopefully after the Club's Installation, when the COVID-19 situation improves that a football carnival could be organized for members to take part of in some of the football programmes with the beneficiaries. He advised that the target to be raised was \$150,000 for FootballPlus to build two 7-side football pitches. He described some of the programmes such as Champions Unlimited whereby they look after young children and youths on a football values programme and another programme to train sixty coaches on mental wellness programme and training eighty youths on the mental wellness programme to bring back to the schools which will affect 2,000 to 3,500 youths. He hoped that the programme would give recognition to the Club on how we have benefitted children.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Louis called on Membership Chair Rtn Subhash Pritmani who introduced the following two new candidates prior to their induction to the Club:



Rtn Sissi Goh Yan Xi

Place of Work: Financial Alliance

Position: Financial Advisory Manager

Classification: Financial Services: Legacy Planning

Proposer: PP Mark Wang

Mentor: PP Philip Leong

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Sissi is a Singaporean who graduated with a Master of Public Administration in International Finance Policy and Management, from Columbia University, New York. She is also an award-winning author of the book 'Wealth Management Isn't Just for The Rich'.

Rtn Sissi is an avid follower of the performing arts. She has composed and released a music CD and is an accomplished dancer and choreographer.

Upon her induction to the Club, Rtn Sissi added that she planned to use her strength and abilities to help people both overseas and locally.

Meeting Report

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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS... *contd.*

Next to be introduced was Rtn Ng Jun Dong, who wished to be known in the Club as “J D”:



Rtn Ng Jun Dong (J D)

Place of Work: Purvis Pte Ltd

Position: Trader

Classification: Equity Trading

Proposer: Rtn Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP Jimmy Ooi

Recommended Committee: Community Service

Rtn J D is a Singaporean as well and comes from a Business and Finance background. His expertise lies in the various financial products such as stocks, futures, options and foreign exchange.

Outside of professional life, his activities and passions include cycling, weightlifting, Muay Thai, playing the piano and he is part of the Toastmaster Club.

In his short address to the Club, Rtn J D translated a Chinese quote as follows “whatever you learn, teach to others – whatever you earn, give to others” which he believes is the spirit of Rotary and he was here to serve.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CHUA HONG CHOON

TOPIC: STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH RESILIENCE IN SINGAPORE

President Louis invited Moderator of the Club’s 12th Fireside Chat, Rtn Uttam Kripalani to introduce the guest speaker, Dr Chua Hong Choon. Dr Chua is Chief Executive Officer of Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH) & Yishun Health, and Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer (Strategy & Transformation), National Healthcare Group (NHG) in Singapore. He is a psychiatrist by training, Dr Chua was the Chairman of the national Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) for Psychiatry from 2011 to 2021, and he is currently Adjunct Professor at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine NTU and Adjunct Associate Professor at Yong Loo Lin Medical School NUS.



Guest Speaker,
Dr Chua Hong Choon

Dr Chua began his talk with an introduction to Yishun Health and the collaboration between the Club and Yishun Health on the Share a Pot programme. He then went on to share the key findings and recommendations from the COVID-19 Mental Wellness Taskforce which he chaired, focusing on the various mental health initiatives that have been developed to response to the Covid19 pandemic, and key focus areas that continue to be important for us to achieve better mental health resilience in Singapore. Dr Chua ended his talk sharing some useful tips for self-care such as eating and sleeping well. He noted that lives have been disrupted due to working from home and thus the need for better habits and lifestyles. He emphasized the need for reflection on gratitude and appreciation in our busyness in Singapore would go a long way to support mental wellness.

Following his talk, Dr Chua went on to answer very pertinent questions posed to him from members on a range of mental health issues.

For the full coverage of this Fireside Chat, [please click here](#).

Meeting Report

32nd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 2.3.2022

OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Secretary Jessica Lim welcomed members to the virtual meeting and called on Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Vineet Iyengar who before handing over the Chair to President Louis, reminded members of the usual Zoom meeting rules.

TOAST

The toast to Rotary International was performed by none other than President Louis himself!

WELCOME OF GUESTS

President Louis called upon Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani who welcomed guests and prospective members – Mr Prashant Kanodia, Mr Denis Hew, Mr Klaus Duss and Mr Zahed Alam.



President Louis Lim

GUEST SPEAKER: ROTARIAN MANISH TIBREWAL

TOPIC: SETTING UP FAMILY OFFICE: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

President Louis called on International Service Director Rtn Varun Gulati to introduce a fellow member of the Club, Rtn Manish Tibrewal. Rtn Varun added that he has known Rtn Manish for 7 to 8 years, first as his client, and who is now his boss!

Rtn Manish is the CEO of Maitri Asset Management, which started as the family office of Tolaram Group and now transformed into an award-winning Multifamily office with a laser sharp focus on sustainability and wealth preservation. In his career stint with Tolaram Group for more than 17 years, he has been part of creating the value while working in business operations, unlocking the value by selling stake in two of the group companies to a US listed multinational as key member of strategy and corporate finance team; and now he is responsible for conserving that value in his role as the CEO of family office for the past 6 years.



Rtn Manish Tibrewal

In his presentation, Rtn Manish shared his deep understanding of complex issues surrounding the families including succession and legacy planning, structuring, defining the long-term goals of the wealth and managing the softer issues within the family. Following his insightful and informative presentation, Rtn Manish went on to answer the many questions posed to him on various aspects of family offices, investments and wealth preservation.

On the matter of investments, President Louis also called on IPP Dinesh Sharma to share on Club's investments. IPP Dinesh spoke briefly of the recommendations proposed for the creation of a Club General Fund and a small Investment Committee which would advise on investments. President Louis added that perhaps with the investments' returns the Club would not need to tap on members to raise funds for future projects.

President Louis invited Rtn Tom Wolf who warmly thanked Rtn Manish for so openly sharing his understanding of family offices which was insightful and helpful, as well as for his straightforward answers.

To listen to Rtn Manish's insights on "Setting Up Family Office: Practical Considerations", [click here](#).

Meeting Report

33rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 9.3.2022

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order at the Churchill Room, Tanglin Club as President Louis Lim took the Chair.

President Louis invited Membership Director Rtn Subhash Pritmani to formally welcome guests, who were present at the meeting as well as those attending virtually.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Louis called on Rtn Subhash Pritmani who introduced the following three new candidates prior to their induction to the Club:



Rtn Hulya Ucer

Place of Work: SparxGlobal

Position: General Manager

Classification: Consultancy: Market Research

Proposer: Rtn Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP J K Ong

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Hulya was inducted virtually as she was recovering from Covid-19. Rtn Hulya was born in Ankara, Turkey and later moved to Singapore and has taken citizenship here. She studied Economics and Finance and took a Master's in Business Administration Program at Ankara University. She got her master's degree in Economics from Fox School of Business at Temple University. She started her own consultancy business in Singapore.

She was a Rotarian both in Turkey and previously a member of Rotary Club of Orchard, Singapore.

Rtn Hulya is married and has two children aged 15 and 12 years old.



Rtn Vimal Narayanan

Place of Work: Tyco Electronics Singapore Pte Ltd

Position: Vice President Operations

Classification: Manufacturing: Operations

Proposer: Rtn Subhash Pritmani

Mentor: PP Tan Chin Ngiap

Recommended Committee: Vocational Service

Rtn Vimal has been living in Singapore since last 5 years with his family. He is married to Rekha, and they have 2 lovely daughters, aged 16 and 13 years old.

On the professional front, Rtn Vimal has 25 years of Industrial experience having worked and lived in India, US and Singapore. At present, he is Global Vice president for operations for the Data and devices business unit of Tyco Electronics.

He has been engaged in activities in his company through programs to engage with the society - most notable among them were solar electrification of a rural tribal village in India and a fisherman village in Indonesia, building 2 homes in Nashville for single mothers and repair of an old School near Hyderabad, India.

Meeting Report

33rd Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2021-2022 held on 9.3.2022

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS...contd.



Rtn Zahedul Alam

Place of Work: AFS Trading Pte Ltd

Position: Managing Director

Classification: Wholesale and Retail Trading: Garments

Proposer: PP J K Ong

Mentor: DGND/PP Dr Yap Lip Kee

Recommended Committee: Youth Service

Rtn Zahed as he would like to be known in the Club, is a Singaporean aged 26 years old.

Rtn Zahed is not new to Rotary and has volunteered in several Rotary events such as the Stop Hunger Now Singapore in 2015 and 2016 and the Betesda Orphanage 3-day visit in Batam to name a few.

He was President of the Interact Club of Global Indian International School in 2014-2015 and later served as President of Rotaract Club of Temasek in 2016-2017.

GUEST SPEAKER: MR. DONALD CHAN

TOPIC: AFTER COP26, WHAT IS NEXT FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION?

To introduce the Speaker Mr Donald Chan, President Louis called on Rtn Ingo Kleinschmidt.

Mr Chan is the Managing Director, Asia Pacific, CDP Disclosure Insight Action. He joined CDP with over twenty years of work experience including seven years as a co-founder of two successful companies. He joined from Temasek where he established the internal capabilities to setup and operationalise new ventures and businesses. Prior to this, he was the Chief Operating Officer of Clifford Capital, a project and structured finance company, and led the international business for CirclesLife, Asia's leading digital telecommunications company including its successful launch into Indonesia and Taiwan markets. He brings his entrepreneurship experience to grow CDP as well as his investment experience in Singapore, Australia, Japan and Hong Kong. In addition to his private sector experience, Mr Chan has also worked with the governments of Australia and Singapore to develop and execute strategies to achieve national objectives and economic outcomes. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Macquarie University as well as Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney.



*Guest Speaker,
Mr Donald Chan*

Mr Chan's interactive talk involved members' participation in thought-provoking questions on climate change which he posed to those present at the meeting. As CDP is a key player in the decarbonisation movement and a founding partner of the Science-Based Targets Initiative, aligning companies with the Paris Agreement on climate change, Mr Chan disclosed a font of information on climate, water and deforestation data. His talk highlighted the urgency for action to be taken to tackle climate change, and that collective efforts from all stake holders were required

President Louis invited Vice President Ronald Wong who warmly thanked Mr Chan for his great speech and insights.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants:

Raj Vaswani
Mathias Boegner
Terry Lobaton
Nick De Boursac
Ivan Lew
PP Mohan Mohandas
Director Mukundan A P
Deblina Chatterjee
Adnan Ansari
Ramu Arivuvel
Etienne Chenevier

This Meeting

30 March 2022
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Maestro Hans Graf, Chief Conductor, Singapore Symphony Orchestra

Topic: Orchestras and Society in Difficult Times

Next Meeting

6 April 2022
From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Mr Benjamin Wong, Co-Founder & CEO, TranSwap Pte Ltd

Topic: To be advised

Anniversary

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Hena Hoda & Gautam Hazarika
PP Dr Oliver & Irne Hennedige

Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm

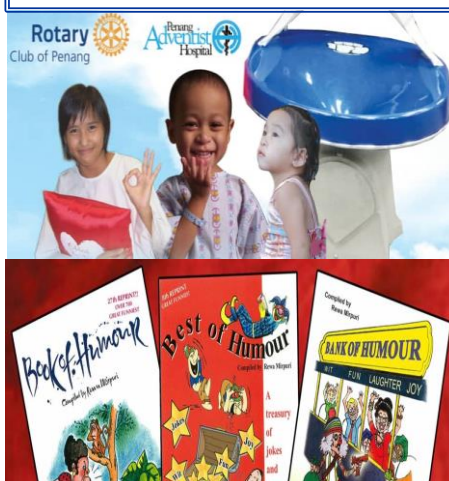
COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 7 April 2022

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 14 April 2022

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 21 April 2022

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 28 April 2022

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Coming Rotary Events

April
Maternal & Child Health Month

May
Youth Service Month

13-15 May – Rotary Intercountry Committee ASEAN (RICCA) Charter Assembly

June
Rotary Fellowships Month

1 Jun – 4th Club Assembly for RY 2021-2022

4-8 Jun – Rotary International Convention in Houston, Texas, USA

25 Jun – Installation Dinner at the Shangri-la Hotel

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

First: Have I spent some time in self-examination?

Second: Have I spent quality time with my family?

Third: Have I given my best to my work?

Fourth: Have I given some time to someone near and far?

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