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# In Focus

# Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Vocational Visit to the National Gallery Singapore

By: Rtn Denis Hew

On 24 February 2024, the VSC had its first vocational visit for the year at the National Gallery of Singapore with a trained docent. Organised by HM Joseph Chia and VSC Director Vineet Iyengar, the vocational visit comprised of 21 participants that included Rotarians and family members as well as two prospects (Major Francis Ng and Mr VJ Africa).

The National Gallery houses the world's largest public collection of artworks from Asia, particularly Southeast Asia. It has over 8,000 artworks from Singapore's National Collection, spanning over two centuries from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the contemporary era. The tour covered paintings by well-known Singaporean and Southeast Asian artists as well as the history of the former Supreme Court (which is now part of the National Gallery complex).

The participants left the National Gallery highly impressed with the curated collection of artworks. Furthermore, they also appreciated docent Patrick's expertise and deep knowledge of the history of the National Gallery.

Following are photographs of the visit:



Listening to the knowledgeable narrative from docent Patrick (in orange shirt)



# In Focus Vocational Service Committee (VSC) Vocational Visit to the National Gallery Singapore... contd



Viewing some of the 8,000 artworks



Learning history of the former Supreme Court

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# **Community Service Project** Photo Album of Food From The Heart Project held on 16.3.24

Following are some photographs of the Community Service Committee (CSC) monthly food distribution project to over 90 families in the North Bridge Road area:





All set for the distribution



Enjoying a cold drink and warm fellowship

Rtn Vivek Chhabra handing out food gifts

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# **Meeting Report**

# 30<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting for Rotary Year 2023-20234 held on 20.3.2024.

### **Opening Remarks**

President Dr Chan Siew Luen opened the lunch-time Meeting with a warm welcome to PDGs Dr Philbert Chin and Rajamohan Munisamy, Honorary Member Paul Phua and to Rtn T K Chew and Ambassador Member Rtn Bob Chien.

#### Welcome of Guests

President Siew Luen called on Rtn Grace Roache to officially welcome the following guests and visiting Rotarians:

#### Guests:

First Lady Patricia Wang and Mrs Kajal Agrawal Speaker Dr Howard C. Bauchner and his guest Ms Laura Mr Kishin Aswani Mr Michael Leong

#### Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Rajamohan Munisamy – R C Pandan Valley Leo Wang – R C Taipei (Sister Club)



Rtn Grace Roache

VP Frank Pao

#### Toast & Exchange of Banner

Toastmaster V P Frank Pao invited members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Taipei coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

He added that the Taipei Club recently celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary in November 2023.



- International Service Committee (ISC) meeting on 21.3.24 at 7.00pm at Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 2 Tessensohn Road #03-01, Khalsa Association, S 217646
- Swimarathon will be held on Good Friday, 29.3.24 at Sports Lifestyle Centre, 3500A Bukit Merah Central (S 159837) from 8.45am to 4.45pm.
- Membership Learning Seminar on Saturday, 6.4.24 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Venue to be confirmed. Please register early at <u>https://shorturl.at/fjx68</u>



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#### Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Presentations

President Siew Luen invited the following members to receive their Paul Harris Fellow recognitions:



President Siew Luen presented Rtn T K Chew with a PHF +8 pin



Rtn Subhash Pritmani (left photo) and Rtn Vijaygopal Krisnnamurthy receive their PHF +2 and PHF recognitions respectively

#### Call for Volunteers for 2024 Rotary International Convention (RIC)

Host Organising Committee (HOC) Vice Chair Rajamohan Munisamy called for volunteers to contribute to the smooth operation of the coming RIC. He advised that the call was especially for Singapore Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, regardless of members having registered or not, they would be able to volunteer. He added that non-Rotary members could also volunteer as long as they were 18 years and older.

There are various locations to volunteer as Hosting Guides - at airport terminals, MRT stations, Sands Expo & Convention Centre, and at the House of Friendship (however volunteers at this location must be registered for the Convention).

To register as a volunteer for jobs in & outside of the venue through the VolunteerLocal software, this is the link: <u>https://rotarysingapore2024.org/volunteer/</u> Click '<u>Register to volunteer</u>', you will be redirected to: '<u>https://2024sgriconvention.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=73379</u>'



PDG Rajamohan Munisamy



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## **Guest Speaker Series**

Speaker: Dr Howard Bauchner, Vice Chairman of Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM)

Topic: Evolving Issues in Medicine: A 50 Years Review and Looking into the Future

President Siew Luen called upon ISC Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal to introduce the Speaker, Dr Howard Bauchner. He served as the 16<sup>th</sup> Editor in Chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) and the JAMA Network between 2011 and 2021 and Editor in Chief of Archives of Disease in Childhood between 2003 and 2011. At BUSM, prior to JAMA, he was Vice-Chair of Research for the Department of Pediatrics and Chief, Division of General Pediatrics. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. In 2022 and 2023 he was a Visiting Scholar at the National University of Singapore and has continued to write on issues such as conflict of interest, pre-print servers, drug-approval, and open-science.



At JAMA Dr Bauchner focused on publishing important and novel research articles including randomized clinical trials, opinion pieces, and special

communications, improving and expanding clinical content, using electronic/digital approaches to enhance communication, ensuring a commitment to innovation and increasing diversity.

Dr Bauchner's presentation gave a tour of the last 50 years of medicine, highlighting major themes such as Quality Improvement which is a framework used to systematically improve processes and systems. He spoke of Precision Medicine, sometimes known as "personalized medicine", an innovative approach to tailoring disease prevention and treatment that considers differences in people's genes, environments and lifestyles. Another major theme covered by Dr Bauchner was Learning Health System where "science, informatics, incentives, and culture are aligned for continuous improvement and innovation, with best practices seamlessly embedded in the care process, patients and families active participants in all elements, and new knowledge captured as an integral by-project of the care experience. Dr Bauchner also spoke about Artificial Intelligence in the field of medicine and its impact as well as future themes, such as genetic revolution; worldwide obesity epidemic, healthy longevity; climate change and sustainable healthcare and subjective interpretation of

From left: President Siew Luen presents the Club's gifts to Dr Bauchner

medicine evidence. After which, Dr Bauchner graciously answered questions posed to him by members.

Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund extended the Club's vote of thanks to Dr Bauchner for his interesting presentation and open discussion on the last 50 years of medicine and future advancements.

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Speaker, Dr Howard Bauchner

# Mark Your Diary

## **Birthday Celebrants**

# RCS sends Birthday greetings to celebrants this week:

Amit Chatterjee for 26 March Lisa Gwee for 27 March Raj Vaswani for 31 March



# Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

#### RCS sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:

Dr Ganesh & Lisa Ramalingam for 25 March



## **This Meeting**

#### 27 March 2024

Speaker: Mr Ng Kok Song

**Topic:** Sovereign Wealth – What it means to the citizenry

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## **Next Meeting**

### 3 April 2024

**Speaker:** His Excellency (H E) Allaster Cox, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore

**Topic:** Singapore – Australian relations in a strategic context

## **Coming Rotary Events**

<u>March</u> – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month 29 Mar – Swimarathon @ Sports Lifestyle Centre from 8.45am -4.45pm

<u>April</u> – Environmental Month <mark>6 Apr –</mark> Membership Learning Seminar

**10 Apr –** Meeting cancelled in view of public holiday, Hari Raya Puasa

<u>May</u> – Youth Service Month 17-19 May – 33<sup>rd</sup> District Conference @ Kuching 25-29 May – Rotary International Convention, Singapore 27 May – Host Hospitality Night

<u>June</u> – Rotary Fellowships Month 22 Jun – Installation of the 90<sup>th</sup> President & Board of Directors



# **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:

- 1. Have I spent some time in self-examination?
- 2. Have I spent quality time with my family?
- 3. Have I given my best to my work?
- 4. Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

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