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SHENYANG ORGANIC FARMING ENGAGING THE DISABLED 2024

-A COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PROJECT-

Dear Friends,

As part of the Rotary Club of Singapore's continuous commitment to improving lives through sustainable initiatives, we are proud to support the 2024 Organic Farming for the Disabled Project in Shenyang, China. This project seeks to provide individuals with disabilities the necessary skills and resources to engage in organic farming, helping them become more self-reliant and reduce the financial strain on their families.

For the second year in a row, a team of Rotarians and spouses from RC Singapore travelled to Northeast corner of China. We witnessed the opening and now the fruits of the Organic Farm, and worked side-by-side with the staff workers, comprised of autistic, and neurogenic youth. The experience is rewarding for both parties.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between multiple Rotary Clubs, including Shenyang Dynasty, Clubs in Beijing, Shanghai and Taiwan. We have engaged local government agencies to promote organic farming and engaging handicapped youth. The local Rotarians are providing crucial on-the-ground support, including cleaning up after a recent flood. The project has been approved and supported by several Rotary districts, including District 52, District 3501 and our own District 3310.

Project Overview and 2024 Objectives

The Shenyang Organic Farming engaging the Disabled Project aims to build a self-sustaining agricultural ecosystem, providing disabled individuals with training in organic farming, greenhouses, and the necessary tools to support their livelihoods.

However, one of the primary challenges we face is covering the cost of the teachers' salaries, which amounts to approximately CNY 260,000 per year. Unfortunately, the revenue generated from the sale of crops has not been sufficient, resulting in a shortfall of about CNY 200,000 annually.

To overcome this challenge, we are actively seeking donations to help fund the teachers' salaries, while also experimenting with growing various crops such as vegetables, rice and corn to identify high-survival, high-value produce that can create sustainable income.

In 2024, our goal is to expand this initiative to reach an additional 50 disabled individuals, create 10 new jobs, and build five new greenhouses to further empower the community and enhance economic opportunities for the disabled population in Shenyang.

Partnerships and Community Impact

The Rotary Club of Singapore is proud to be a part of this collaborative effort, alongside organizations such as the Shenyang Heart Appointment Social Work Service Center and the Shenyang Disabled Persons Employment Service Center. These partners provide essential support, helping us deliver agricultural training and resources to the disabled community.

We are especially grateful to the Rotary Clubs of Shenyang Dynasty, Hsinchu Silicon Valley, and Rotary District 3310 for their unwavering support and contributions to this project. Their leadership and commitment are critical to the ongoing success of this initiative.

Measuring Success

We will measure the success of this project through several key indicators:

- Number of individuals trained: We aim to train 20-49 participants per month in organic farming techniques.
- Number of jobs created: 1-19 jobs will be created every six months as a result of this project.
- Community engagement: Quarterly surveys will assess the participation of institutions, volunteers, and groups, targeting 50-99 active participants.





How You Can Help

Until the Organic Farm becomes self-sustainable, you can sponsor one year of training and resources for a disabled participant in the project at US\$125 each. Your support will provide these individuals with the train and skills they need to create a meaningful life for, and earn the gratitude their families.

Acknowledgments and Thanks

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following Rotary members and districts for their contributions and leadership:

- Rotary Club of Shenyang Dynasty
- Rotary Club of Hsinchu North, District 3501
- DGE Shahul Hameed, et al Rotary Club of Singapore, District 3310
- Rotary Clubs of HongQiao, GuBei, Sheshan and SuZhou, District 52
- Rotary Club of Taipei Southwest, District 3523
- AKS Frank Yih, Huaqiao Foundation

Together with our partners and supporters, the Rotary Club of Singapore remains committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of disabled individuals in Shenyang and nearby Liaoning Province.

In addition to the Project visit, the delegate participated in

- the 5th Charter Anniversary of Rotary Club of Shenyang Dynasty, the first all Chinese Nationals Club in China.
- an excursion to the Jilin Province to the north, including cities of Changchun and Jilin.

Mark Wang, Country Champion, China

Lynn Chenyu, Co-Country Champion, China



The 11th Weekly Meeting

ROTARY TOASTS

By Rtn Shari Sr

TO

**Rotary Club of Karachi
&
Rotary International**



WELCOME OF GUEST

By Rtn VJ Africa



VISITING ROTARIAN FROM RC KARACHI



EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Rtn Wali



Jazz Musician, Dubbed "Singapore's King of Swing"
PBM, FRSA, FLCM

Professor Jeremy Monteiro

All that Jazz

What is jazz, and how did it develop? What is improvisation, and why is it essential to Jazz? As a Cultural Medallion recipient, jazz pianist, composer and producer, Prof. Jeremy Monteiro will begin by providing an overview of his life and career. He will then offer a brief history of Jazz, tracing its evolution and significance, before illustrating how improvisation skills can help us live our life.



Rtn Shari Sr:

Our distinguished speaker at the Club's dinner meeting at Raffles Hotel on 25th September was Professor Jeremy Monteiro, Jazz Musician, Dubbed "Singapore's King of Swing".

The speaker reflects on his musical journey, beginning with a heartfelt introduction filled with gratitude and humour. He invited to share his experiences and decided to incorporate music into his talk to keep the audience engaged. The speech is structured into three main parts: his personal musical story, a brief overview of jazz history, and a special contribution.

The speaker recounts his early childhood experiences with music, highlighting how he would create instruments from household items. His father, a policeman and a jazz guitarist, played a crucial role in his musical upbringing. At the age of four or five, the speaker began to engage with music during jam sessions at home, leading to the decision to invest in piano lessons after a friend encouraged their parents.

He enjoyed his lessons initially but lost interest after moving to Kentucky at around eight or nine. A particularly rebellious moment involved him burning his leg on a hot motorcycle engine to avoid practicing piano. However, a turning point came when he met a new piano teacher, Mr. Tanguito, who reignited his passion for music through engaging teaching methods. This teacher emphasized the emotional aspects of music, which profoundly impacted the speaker's approach to performance.

At 14, the speaker experienced a transformative moment while listening to a beautiful piece that prompted him to pursue a professional music career. Since then, he have worked as a professional musician for nearly 48 years, with a significant career that started in 1976. He shared stories from his early career, including an audition at a jazz club, and the respect he garnered from older musicians.

The speaker also touched on his time in the army, where he were expected to join a music and

drama company due to his background in music. He humorously recounted his experiences and challenges during this time, which ultimately led to a flourishing career after leaving the military. A notable milestone was being invited to play at a prominent jazz festival in 1988, which helped launch his international career.

Throughout his journey, the speaker has performed over 8,000 shows, emphasizing the joy and support he have received from audiences. He also highlighted his work writing jingles in the 1980s, including a famous Coca-Cola jingle for Singapore, jingle for KFC, also he was the music director of 3 out of the 4 national songs. He composed his landmark song "one people, one nation ,one Singapore".

In conclusion, the speaker encourages the audience to ask questions to fill in any gaps in his story. His narrative is one of resilience, passion, and the deep connections forged through music, illustrating a lifelong commitment to his craft.



VOTE OF THANKS

By HM Uttam





YSC Meeting

The 3rd Youth Service Community Meeting took place on September 26th at 6:30 PM in Healthverse Studio. YSC Director Chng Weilong, along with students from the Interact Club of Global Indian International School, attended the meeting. They introduced their team for the 2024-25 term and expressed gratitude to their teacher advisor, Mr. Ashwin Kumar Gite from GIIS.

Gaspar Tan, CEO of Samaritans of Singapore Limited (SOS), delivered an impactful speech on suicide prevention. The Rotaract Club of Singapore also presented their initiative, Project Pinay 2025.

Additionally, Director Weilong shared updates from the YSC, including the joint installation of BGEIC and RACBG on September 21st, the development of the NUS Business School Rotaract Club, and ongoing collaborations with Inspiring Girls and ICC.



Cheque Donation to Willing Hearts

On September 28th at 10 AM, at the entrance via Joo Chiat Place, President Tom presented a fundraised amount of \$1,500 from the Durian Event to support the Willing Hearts Walkabout Tour.



3rd Bi Monthly Chess Event





On September 28th, the 3rd Bi-Monthly Chess Event was held on Seawolf from 3 PM to 6 PM. Everyone had a fantastic time enjoying the games.





In Loving Memory Of
Wong Hong Kwok,
Alfred

Called Home To the Lord on 28th September 2024



Johnathan: 8438 8888
Joseph Thow: 9450 9552

Wake Will Be Held At

31 Bin Tong Park, Singapore 269812
2:00PM - 10:00PM(Sunday)
10:00AM - 10:00PM(Monday)
10:00AM- 2:00PM(Tuesday)

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1st October 2024, 2:45PM

For Cremation At

Mandai Crematorium Hall 3 at 3:45pm

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Of the things we think, say or do:

01. Is it the **TRUTH**?
02. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
03. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
04. 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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