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of RC Brunei Downtown



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General Manager, Raffles Hotel Singapore

Mr. Christian Westbeld

**Raffles Singapore –
A Landmark Destination.
A Legendary Welcome.
A Birthplace of Rotary Club.**

Founded in Singapore in 1887, Raffles Hotel is one of the few remaining 19th century hotels in the world. What is the history behind it? Why has it become a Singapore landmark? What is the magic that attracts guests from all over the world? He will talk about the fascinating history of one of the most famous hotels in the world.

Rtn Allard Nooy:

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Christian Westbeld, Managing Director at the Raffles Hotel shared in a great amount of detail the rich history and legacy of the Raffles Hotel Singapore. The hotel is also known as the birthplace of the Rotary Club of Singapore, back in 1930. Over the years the hotel has evolved in many areas. This to stay relevant and cater to the needs of modern luxury travellers, while honouring its traditions. Christian shared insights into the hotel's positioning, its adaptability to changing times, and its focus on the human connection. The hotel embraces technology and innovation, but ensures that these tools do not come between the human connection and conversation, which is the core value of Raffles.

RAFFLES HOTEL A LANDMARK OF HISTORY AND SERVICE

Christian Westbeld, provided for a great introduction to Raffles Hotel Singapore. This highlighted the fact that the Raffles is more than just a hotel. It is also the birthplace of the Rotary Club of Singapore and a landmark of history and service with an unwavering passion for excellence and innovation. Christian shared the fascinating history of one of the most famous hotels in the world.

RAFFLES, STAYING RELEVANT AND ADAPTING TO THE TIMES

Christian Westbeld, discussed how Raffles Hotel has been built in 1887 and has always evolved sensitively, moving with the times and with its guests. This means that the hotel has stayed ahead of the curve, trying to understand the future needs of travellers and the Singaporean market, and adapting to these needs over time. The hotel is inspired by the warmth and eloquence of the

human encounter, the brilliance and curiosity of the mind, and the desire for enrichment. Embracing Technology and Innovation while Maintaining Human Connection. Christian emphasized that the Raffles Hotel embraces tools like AI. However, this would never allow these tools to come between a human connection and conversation, as that is the core value of Raffles. The hotel aims to balance technology and innovation with the human touch, ensuring that the guest experience remains centered on personal interaction and enrichment.

The management of the Raffles will explore opportunities to further enhance the human connection and guest experience, while leveraging technology and innovation in a way that complements and strengthens the hotel's core values. It will also deepen the hotel's ties to the local community, including its historical connection to the Rotary Club of Singapore.

During the Q&A Christian Westbeld, addressed how during the two years renovation, where there were obviously no revenues, the hotel has focussed on sustainability. This has included energy efficient cooling systems, double glassing and renewable energy.





4th CSC Meeting

The 4th Community Service Committee Meeting convened on 3rd October, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Her Sanctuary, Agape Seed Fellowship, a non-profit organization dedicated to community support in Singapore.

The primary focus of the meeting was the Migrant Worker Health Screening initiative spearheaded by the Interact Club of Sembawang (ICS). This initiative aims to address the crucial health needs of migrant workers, ensuring they have access to essential medical screenings and resources.

In addition to the health screening initiative, members brainstormed potential outreach strategies to raise awareness among migrant workers about the available health services.

Overall, the meeting underscored a shared commitment to improving the well-being of migrant workers in the community and fostering a more supportive environment for all.



VSC Visit to Hyundai Innovation Centre

On 5th October, the Vocational Service Committee organized a visit to the Hyundai Innovation Centre located at 2 Bulim Link, Singapore. The event featured two guided tours, one at 10:30 AM and another at 11:30 AM, each accommodating 16 participants, resulting in a total of 32 attendees.

During the visit, our Rotarians and their families experienced a transformative and immersive brand journey that included flexible vehicle customization, a virtual reality factory tour, test rides on the Skytrack, and an exploration of Hyundai's sustainable Smart Farm.

We were introduced to a cutting-edge smart manufacturing production environment featuring nearly 200 robots. The use of cell-based production and digital twin technology highlighted a new era of human-centric manufacturing, integrating robotics and AI to enhance operational efficiency.

Beyond its role as a smart manufacturing hub, HMGICS also offers an engaging customer experience space. Equipped with VR goggles, we embarked on an interactive journey, where we could design our very own IONIQ vehicle. The pioneering Smart Farm—one of a kind in the world—allowed us to participate in fully automated, robotics-driven farming, presenting innovative solutions to enhance Singapore's food production capabilities.

One of the highlights of the visit was the immersive test ride experience on the facility's stunning 618-meter rooftop Skytrack. This unique handover zone is designed for the final quality checks of new vehicles.

HMGICS stands as the epicenter of innovation, where individuals from around the globe converge to envision and shape a future that promotes societal betterment—much like the mission of our Rotary Club of Singapore to do good for a better society.





Rotary Club of Taipei 76th Charter Anniversary

On 5th October, we celebrated the 76th Charter Anniversary of our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Taipei. Our delegation included President Tom, Past President Mark Wang and his spouse Tracey, Rotarian Frank Pao and his spouse Fancy, along with Past Rotary International President Gary Huang, who also joined us for this special occasion.

The anniversary event was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the long-standing friendship between our clubs and to celebrate the achievements and contributions of the Rotary Club of Taipei over the years.



Malacca Trip

PP Stan:

Through the efforts of our DG Dr Yap Lip Kee, more than 40 Rotarians and family members from Singapore, went to Malacca over the weekend of 5/6 October, to support and witness the Installation of Dato' Ronald Gan as the President and his Board of Directors for 2024-2025.

The Rotary Club of Malacca was chartered a few weeks after ours in 1930. Once upon a time, they had more than 100 members. Unfortunately, its membership declined over the years. By year 2000, they had only 3 members and ceased to function. Then came Covid-19 and the club had no more members.

RI Director Chew Ghim Bok and IPDG Dr John Chan took actions to revive the Club. In May 2024, IPDG John recruited Dato' Ronald Gan. He had never been a Rotarian but was an Interactor. He bravely went on to recruit 15 business owners and professionals to join the newly-revived Rotary Club of Malacca.

The Installation was a huge success attended by 19 Rotary Clubs, 17 dinner tables and lots of fellowships.

Many thanks to Director Raj Kumar and his staff for arranging a most memorable and enjoyable trip to Malacca.



PP Stan with new president of RC Malacca banner exchange



PP Stan with RI Director Chew Ghim Bok



Rotary 
 District 3310
Vibrant Club Workshop
 (Singapore)

Boost your club's impact with our dynamic workshop! Dive into the Rotary Action Plan: create transformative projects, grow membership, master social media, and drive change. Engage directly with our Membership, Public Image, and Grants district officers. Innovate and engage hands-on!

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024	TIME: 8:30AM - 4:30PM Venue: Hillview Community Club 1 Hillview Rise, #01-01, Singapore 667970 (Nearby MRT - Hillview MRT)
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REGISTER NOW

Come join our vibrant workshop and learn more about Rotary's Action Plan at Hillview CC on 26 Oct (Sat). You will also learn how to design transformative service projects, boost membership, master social media, and drive change. You will also get a chance to dialogue with our Membership, Public, and Grants District officers. It's a hands-on experience!

Participation is FREE!

<https://forms.gle/uxJEUzvrWNjie527>

The Four-Way Test

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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