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100 Days as District Governor of Rotary District 3310



The Official District Governor club visit on 9 October 2024 in Rotary Club of Singapore, coincided with 100 Days of District Governor Dr Yap Lip Kee in office. He is a Past president of Rotary Club of Singapore, Rotary Year 2009-10 and he also celebrates his 30th year as a Rotary club member.

The achievements of Rotary can be

credited to the collaborative efforts of an exceptional team rather than solely to the District Governor. The team experienced a delayed start as Dr. Yap, the District Governor Elect for RY 2023-24 then, needing time off from August to November 2023 for cancer surgery and recovery. Despite this setback, the team responded positively and convened in January 2024 to kick off their preparations.



Photo of District Governor at District Team Training Seminar in March 2024

In terms of preparatory training, District Trainer PP James Lee and his team successfully organised the District Training Team Seminar (DTTS), overseen by Organising Chair PP Lee Chin Guan from the Rotary Club of Puteri Lagoon, along with the President Elect Training District Training Assembly (PETS DTA) managed by Organising Chair PP Freddy Lee from the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru. They effectively equipped Club Presidents and District Officers with inspiration and motivation for the upcoming year.

At the commencement of the Magic of Rotary year 2024-25, our district embarked with an inaugural Charging Ceremony for Club Presidents on day one, marking the official start of their responsibilities and set the pace for Presidents and the board of directors for the year.



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Participants of the Vibrant Club Seminar (Sabah, Brunei and Miri) hosted by the Rotary Club of Kinabalu Sutera.

Rotary Club hosts Vibrant Club Seminar

KOTA KINABALU: The Rotary Vibrant Club Seminar, organised by Rotary International, aims to enhance the effectiveness and engagement of clubs across the region. This term, the Rotary Club of Kinabalu Sutera was given the honour to host the Vibrant Club Seminar for participants from Sabah, Miri, and Brunei. The seminar was held at the Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site, Likas on October 5.

Organising chairman Paul Chong was supported by President Dr Richard Gontusan, Christina Aluda, Fatimah Yassin and Abu Bakar Sheriff, with Richard delivering the opening address.

In his opening speech, he stated, "This seminar is designed to equip participants with the tools and insights needed to enhance their clubs' vibrancy and effectiveness. Together, we will explore best practices, share experiences, and discover new strategies to engage our members and serve our communities with even greater impact."

Attendees included Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Kinabalu Sutera, Kota Kinabalu

South, Luyang, Kota Kinabalu Pearl, Likas Bay and Penampang, with the largest contingent from the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl. Rotaractors from Kolej Teknologi Yayasan Sabah were also in attendance.

Notable trainers included Past District 3310 Governor Andre Suharto and Andrea Chan from Kuching, District Learning facilitator James Lee from Singapore, and District Membership Chair Foo Kok Hing from Johor. Their expertise contributed to a dynamic and enriching seminar experience for all the participants.

Membership Growth: Membership growth remains a priority. With PP Foo recovered and at the helm, the district has implemented strategies to increase membership and engagement within Rotary clubs. His efforts have led to a noticeable increase in new members and active participation from existing members.

District Focus: In light of Rotary International's extensive range of supported causes, our district has opted to focus our efforts on Protecting the Environment, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (which includes initiatives aimed at Saving Mothers and Children), as well as Supporting Education.





FROM LEFT: The Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan members in a group photo; and during the project. PHOTOS: RCBSB

Rotary club brings water to remote village

James Kon

The Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan (RCBSB) recently completed a vital water project in the remote Sarawak Village of Pa Adang benefiting 75 residents across 30 households with steady supply of clean

water. The completion of the project exemplifies Rotary International's commitment to global humanitarian service.

The RCBSB, comprising a team of 16 volunteers led by Organising Chairman Jimmy Chung, travelled four hours from Lawas, Sarawak on September 27 to install a 1.5-kilome-

tre pipeline in the remote village. The project aimed to reconnect the village to a reliable water source after previous supply issues.

The chairman said, "Access to clean water is a fundamental human right. Our team was determined to overcome the logistical challenges of working in such a remote loca-

tion to ensure that the people of Pa Adang have this basic necessity." RCBSB conducted two feasibility studies prior to implementation, ensuring the project's viability and long-term sustainability.

Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million members across 46,000 clubs in over 200

countries. Founded in 1905, Rotary unites business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, advance goodwill, and promote peace around the world.

The RCBSB is part of this worldwide organisation, serving the local community in Brunei and beyond



Rotary District 3310

JKKK KG POGUNON

SUMBANGAN IKHLAS KEPADA MANGSA BANJIR DI PENAMPANG: KG. POGUNON

TARIKH: 3HB OGOS 2024 (SABTU)
TEMPAT: KG POGUNON, PENAMPANG
MASA: 1.00 PETANG

PEMBEKAL: YKL, CKS

PRESIDENT FRANCIS YONG
PRESIDENT ERIC CONSTANTINE



District Foundation Committee:

Under the leadership of PP Ng Yaw Hua, the committee is actively gathering financial support for these causes. Meanwhile, PP Perlita Tiro has mobilised her team to Empower Women.



Unlocking the Mysteries of Alzheimer's | Menyingkap Misteri Penyakit Alzheimer
 揭开阿尔茨海默症的神秘面纱

Alzheimer's Awareness Webinar

Webinar Kesedaran Alzheimer | 阿尔茨海默病意识网络研讨会

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| <p>Session 1</p> <p>阿尔茨海默症101: 90%人们所忽视的阿尔茨海默症惊人事实</p> <p>阿尔茨海默症概述 迷思与事实 早期诊断的益处</p> <p>免费</p> <p>19/10 8:00PM</p> <p>Available in CHINESE language</p> |
| <p>Session 2</p> <p>Essential Care Practical Tips for Alzheimer's Caregivers</p> <p>Daily Care Tips Handling Challenging Behaviors Caregiver Resources</p> <p>FREE</p> <p>26/10 8:00PM</p> <p>Available in ENGLISH language</p> |
| <p>Session 3</p> <p>Safe Spaces Adapting the Home for Alzheimer's Care</p> <p>Home Safety Modifications Addressing Wandering and Agitation Assistive Tools and Technology</p> <p>FREE</p> <p>02/11 8:00PM</p> <p>Available in ENGLISH language</p> |
| <p>Session 4</p> <p>Bersama menjaga: Sokongan Komuniti, Kesejahteraan Mental dan Peranan Wanita dalam Penjagaan Alzheimer</p> <p>Sumber dan Sokongan Komuniti Peranan Penjagaan Kesihatan Profesional Menyokong Kesihatan Mental Penjaga</p> <p>FREE</p> <p>09/11 8:00PM</p> <p>Available in MALAY language</p> |

Speakers (left to right): Dr. Jia Nee | Jenny Lim | Dr. Tsung Ing Khiong | Dr. Azizah Saie | Dr. Sally Berneri Ahoj

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The Unseen Goodbye
看不见的告别

During a visit home, Lena sat on the porch swing with her mother, enjoying a quiet evening after a hearty family dinner. As they spoke, her mother suddenly asked with a puzzled look, "Sweetheart, have you had your dinner yet?"

Lena's heart dropped. Her mother had always been the one to ask this, not the other way around. Swallowing her tears, Lena look her mother's hands and gently said, "Mom, I've eaten. I'm here with you." Her mother's eyes softened with a mix of recognition and confusion. Lena hugged her tightly, the realization sinking in that this was the beginning of a new, heartbreaking chapter.

在一次回家探访中，莉娜坐在门廊的秋千上，和母亲一起享受着丰盛家庭晚餐后的宁静夜晚。她们谈话时，母亲突然带着困惑的神情问：“亲爱的，你吃过晚饭了吗？”

莉娜的心猛地一沉，以前总是母亲问这个问题，而现在却反过来了。她努力忍住泪水，握住母亲的手，温柔地说：“妈妈，我吃过饭了，我在这里陪着你。”母亲的眼中流露出既熟悉又困惑的神情，莉娜紧紧抱住她，心中渐渐明白，这意味着一个新的、令人心碎的篇章的开始。



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Partnerships and Collaborations:

District Committees and Club Presidents been collaborating effectively within the District and also forging new partnerships with both local and international organizations as well as Rotarians near and far, to expand the reach and impact of Rotary projects. Noteworthy among these initiatives, completed and planned, are the Vibrant Club Seminars, Pan Borneo Meet, Kenyan Friendship Exchange Program, Joint District Conference in Bali which is a collaborative endeavour with District 3420.



In closing, DG Dr Yap would like to thank the team that put all together to make the District function and to get so much done in the first hundred days. The Administration team of District Executive Secretary PP Dennis Carrol, District Treasurer See Mee Lee and Communications Chair (post is better described as Chief of Staff by Rotaractors) PP June Jonet. It is in the nature of the work that they do not appear in the pictures above.

Nevertheless it is the combined effort put in by all that makes the District a well-oiled ship for District Governor to steer, to which DG Dr Yap expresses his immense gratitude.

Dr Yap Lip kee
District Governor

100 Days as President of the Rotary Club of Singapore



Dear Friends and Fellow Rotarians,

When I accepted the role of President, I knew it was something special—but I could never have imagined the deep pride, purpose, and energy it would bring. The Rotary Club of Singapore is not just any club - it's a Singaporean institution, with 166 leaders and entrepreneurs united by "Service Above Self" and a belief in business as the science of human service.

Our club's unique legacy, including the honorary membership of Mr. Lee Kuan Yew for over 20 years, continues to reflect the ideals of Rotary founders Paul Harris and Arch Klump. I now understand more deeply why Mr. Lee was so proud to be part of us.

What impressed me most during these first 100 days is the exceptional 2024/25 board. This is the magic of Rotary: year after year, over 100 Rotarians voluntarily deliver results that exceed expectations. I raise my hat to each board member, Past Presidents, and honorary members who are the backbone of this great institution.

The support, trust, and friendship I've received from our members have been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I'm especially proud of our new prospects—the future of our club, destined to lead this esteemed organization one day.

Our club strives not just to be the most active and inclusive, but the best Rotary Club in the world. It's an honor to serve as President, but the greatest privilege is knowing my fellow Rotarians believe in me.

When visiting sister clubs in Manila, Taipei, and beyond, it's clear that Rotary Club of Singapore commands deep respect. When the Singaporean flag is raised, and our national anthem plays, the pride is palpable. When you go to the stage and exchange the banner of Rotary Club of Singapore, you feel strongly that you exchange more than a banner. You exchange our strong values that our members have upheld for 95 years: quality, integrity, and enduring friendship.

Thank you to every Rotarian for your unwavering support during these first 100 days. Your commitment to "Service Above Self" makes this journey truly special.

Tom Wolf

President of the Rotary Club of Singapore

Before the Club Assembly, President Tom and his Board has a review with DG Dr Yap Lip Kee to run through club matters and updates.

2nd Club Assembly



DG Dr Yap's Visit to Rotary Club of Singapore led by SAA Sarah-Tabea & President Tom

MEETING OPENED

By Honorary Secretary Pauline Teo



ROTARY TOASTS

By Rtn Ira Mehra

TO Rotary International



Surprise birthday celebration for Honorary Secretary Pauline Teo

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



PP Mark Banner Exchange from his recent trip to Taiwan. Rotary Club of Hsinchu Silicon Valley & Rotary Club of HsinChu Marathon. 3 more clubs from Taiwan promised they will visit us soon and exchange banners with us.

Rtn Dr. Hoon Sing Keow Banner Exchange from Sweden, RC Slottsstaden



PE SONALI ANNOUNCING HER PROPOSED BOARD FOR RY2025-26



Notice was given to members at club assembly on 9 October for anyone who may wish to present nominations for the positions presented. All nominations must be in writing and must be proposed, seconded and receive the consent of the nominee. Nominations to be received by the President and sent to the Secretariat no later than 10 November 2024.

Should no further nominations be received, the formal adoption of the nominations mentioned above will be held at the Club's Annual General Meeting on 11 December 2024.

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PROPOSED BOARD FOR RY2025/26



Sonali Sinha
President



Suzanne Ng
Vice President



Vineet Iyengar
Vice President



Ong Ting Yong
Hon. Secretary



Pia Bruce
Hon. Treasurer



Jeyanthi RK
Membership



VJ Africa
Public Image



Yogesh Dodani
TRF Director



Raj Kumar
President Nominee



Varun Gulati
CSC Chair



Grace Roache
VSC Chair



Navaneeth Rajkumar
ISC Chair



Mukundan AP
YSC Chair



Allard Nooy
E&S Chair



Hitansh Vij
SAA



Ng Jun Dong
SAA



PRESENTATION BY RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS

District Governor Dr Yap Lip Kee addressing Rotary Club of Singapore members, his home club. His visit coincides with his 100 days as District Governor.



VOTE OF THANKS & RECOGNITION TO DG DR YAP AND FIRST LADY DR. RACHAEL

By PP Peter Tan

VSC Meeting

On October 10th, the 3rd Vocational Service Committee meeting was hosted by President Tom at his residence. The session featured vocational sharing by Prospect Eva Lee.

The meeting began with updates on various projects, including a brief introduction to the Artisan of the Year Award and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2024-2025. We also summarized recent vocational visits to the Hyundai Innovation Centre and discussed upcoming visits to AIDHA Campus, SNM, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), and RSAF.

Next, Prospect Eva Lee, a Senior Software Test Engineer (R&D) at Thermo Fisher Scientific, shared her career journey and interests. She discussed how she applies the 4-Way Test in both her professional and personal life.

The evening concluded with dinner and fellowship.





Rotaract Club of Singapore Installation

The Rotaract Club of Singapore held its installation ceremony at Willing Hearts on October 12th, from 9:30 AM to 12 PM. This event marked a significant milestone for the club, bringing together members and supporters to celebrate new leadership and initiatives. Attendees enjoyed a morning filled with inspiring speeches, highlights of past achievements, and a vision for future projects.

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.

Board of Directors 24/25

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| Director - Vocational Service | Denis Hew |
| Director - Youth Service | Chng Weilong |
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| Director - Membership | Ronald Wong |
| Director - Public Image & PR | Linda Lin |
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