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SOS Cheque Presentation Ceremony

The cheque presentation ceremony happened last Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at the office of SOS.

The purpose of this project aim to provide education and learning program to equip professionals and community in ASEAN with the knowledge and skills to be the first responder to anyone in suicidal crisis or potential suicidal risk.

PDG Dr Philbert Chin has contributed S\$100,000 and Community Chest also match the contribution, totally S\$200,000 to the Samaritan of Singapore (SOS) for their action in the focus mentioned above.

The Rotary Club of Singapore team had the opportunity to witnessed the cheque presentation ceremony, with Rtn TK Chew orchestrating the ceremony and arranging the matching. Those participated are, CEO of Comm Chest, Mr Jack Lim, Community Chest Chairman Chew Sutat, CEO of SOS, Gasper Tan, and Rotarians as follows:

DG Dr Yap Lip Kee

PDG Rajamohan Munisamy

PE Sonali Sinha

IPP Dr Chan Siew Luen

PP Jimmy Ooi

PP Philip Leong

PP Paliath Mohandas

Rtn Jasbir Kaur

AG Jenni Lau (RC Marina City)

Audrey Chin (Daughter of PDG Philbert Chin)



RAC Kowloon Chartering Ceremony

On 14th October, PP James and Rtn Frank Pao attended the charter night for Rotaract Club of Kowloon who's supported by RC Kowloon where Frank was a PP when he resided in HK. Through his connection, RC Kowloon is exploring GG partnership with RC Singapore



The 13th Weekly Meeting



ROTARY TOASTS

By Rtn Shawn Roache

TO

**Fresno Rotary Club
&
Rotary International**



WELCOME OF GUEST

By Rtn Francis Ng





Swimmer, Singapore's First ever Olympic Gold Medalist

Mr. Joseph Schooling

Fireside Chat - A Conversation with Joseph Schooling

As Singapore's first Olympic champion, Joseph Schooling made history by outpacing Michael Phelps and shattering three records—the national, Asian, and Olympic - in the men's 100m butterfly at Rio 2016. What drives him to succeed? What lies behind his remarkable achievements? Join us for a conversation with Mr. Joseph Schooling to learn more.

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Rtn Jeff Lim:

Joseph Schooling Inspires Rotary Club of Singapore with Entrepreneurial Journey

In a special meeting last week, the Rotary Club of Singapore had the privilege of hosting Joseph Schooling, Singapore's first Olympic gold medalist turned entrepreneur and venture capitalist. His transition from the pool to the business world has been as inspiring as his swim to victory in the 2016 Olympics.

As a serial startup founder and operator, I've seen how Schooling's latest chapter mirrors many entrepreneurial experiences. During his talk, Joseph shared candidly why he ventured into business and the world of venture capital. "I wanted to try something different that mimics what I get in the pool," he explained. "The business field is like a battlefield." This mindset, forged through years of competition, has helped him approach business with the same discipline and focus. For him, it's important to have a goal and a bigger cause driving that ambition, a mentality that has continuously propelled him to achieve greater heights.

Joining Vertex, the investment arm of Temasek, accelerated Joseph's growth in venture capital, exposing him to strategic insights and a competitive environment. "You can't soar like an eagle when you surround yourself with turkeys," Joseph quipped, highlighting the importance of surrounding oneself with excellence.

Joseph's mantra, "one has to be the best," underscores his relentless pursuit of excellence. But he was also quick to acknowledge the essential role of a strong support system. "Family and friends are a privilege, not a right," he said. He views their support as foundational, driving his success both in the pool and now in business.

During the session, Joseph reflected on how his definition of excellence has evolved. Where once it was measured by tangible results, like medals, he now sees excellence as being the best version of himself. "Success is now about execution—about being able to do the best you can with what you have." This new outlook has transformed his understanding of achievement, from chasing medals to chasing growth, both personally and professionally.



A highlight of the meeting was when Joseph was asked about his 2016 Olympic final against Michael Phelps. What was going through his mind? "There was a lot on the line, but the moment I jumped into the pool, I embraced all the fear," he recalled. For Joseph, it was all about focusing on his strengths and executing with tunnel vision—a lesson many entrepreneurs can apply in their own high-stakes environments.

In his closing remarks, Joseph encouraged young entrepreneurs and our Interactors and Rotaractors to find their cause and mission, and to chase after it relentlessly. "You need that bigger purpose to keep you going, just like in the pool."

Joseph Schooling's journey, from Olympic champion to venture capitalist, serves as an example of the power of focus, resilience, and ambition, both in sports and in the business world. His words resonated deeply with our Rotary members and left many inspired to pursue their own paths with the same tenacity and purpose.



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Michael Landers
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

to Rotary Club of Singapore for our contribution to 21st Clean Water Project
@ Kpg La Adang



INDUCTION OF 6 NEW MEMBERS



From Left to Right, Rtn Deepu Joseph, Rtn Eva Lee, Rtn Shrenik, President Tom, Rtn Rajesh, Rtn Sugendran, and Rtn Thangaraj

VOTE OF THANKS

By Rtn Samuel Tabea

"YOU WIN OR YOU LEARN." – Joseph Schooling at the Rotary Club of Singapore.

3 main key takeaways:

- In sports and finance, navigating risk with clarity and commitment to improve are key.
- As Joseph quoted his teacher: "You win, or you learn".
- A winning mindset is not about failure or 'winning', but about embracing the challenge to become better and realistically try something out, evaluate results, pivot if needed, and then go again.





ISC Meeting

On October 17th, the 4th ISC meeting took place at the Function Room of Ira's condo. President Tom opened the meeting with a welcoming speech, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation within the committee. Following his remarks, ISC Director Navaneeth provided a comprehensive update on the current status of ongoing projects, detailing recent achievements and outlining the challenges ahead. The meeting fostered a productive discussion, allowing members to share insights and strategize for future initiatives. Overall, it was an engaging and informative session that set the stage for continued progress.





Food from the Heart

Every 3rd Saturday of the month, we host the "Food from the Heart" activity, where we distribute pre-packaged food packs to local households in need. This October, the event took place on the 19th at Blk 9, North Bridge Road. We were thrilled to welcome a special guest, Member of Parliament Denise Phua, who is a valued friend of Rotary Singapore. Together, we packed and delivered food, fostering a spirit of unity and compassion as we worked to make a positive impact in our community.



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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