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# RCS Christmas Party 2024







Thank you Pak Mohan and Kawita for hosting RCS Christmas Party 2024!





# The 19<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting

## WELCOME OF GUEST

By Rtn Varun Gulati



## ROTARY TOASTS

By Rtn PK Walia



**TO** To RC Melbourne  
&  
To Rotary International

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**Rotarian Peter Clements**  
of Rotary Club of Melbourne,  
Australia





### The Art and Science of Peace for Humanity

In today's world, armed conflicts are widespread, and the pursuit of peace has never been more urgent. As global instability intensifies, the focus on how to prevent and resolve these conflicts through mediation and discreet diplomacy has become paramount. Ms. Wu Ye Min will share her invaluable experiences and efforts in reducing violence and fostering peace across the globe.

**Ms. Wu Ye Min**

Regional Director at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

**Rtn Eva Lee:**

Ms. Wu Ye-Min, the Regional Director at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, shared a touching story about her father's involvement with Rotary International. Her father, now ill, was excited to hear about her speech at the Rotary Club of Singapore, especially as it tied into the book he once gave her, *From Conflict to Peace*, symbolising her journey in conflict resolution. She highlighted a book he gave her, *"From Conflict to Peace,"* which traveled with her through various global postings and foreshadowed her current work in conflict resolution. She now works for the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), which started in Asia and has achieved significant peace agreements, such as the one between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, and emphasised her pride in her team’s work across Asia Pacific.

She discussed the realities of global conflicts, sharing personal experiences to highlight the importance of peace-building. Transitioning to the art and science of peace, Wu conducted an interactive exercise where participants role-played a noisy neighbors’ mediation scenario, illustrating the subjective nature of peace-building. She explained the Position, Interest, and Needs (PIN) model used in mediation to uncover underlying needs and promote understanding. She also introduced the "ladder of inference" to encourage recognizing diverse perspectives, vital in today’s polarized world.

Wu highlighted Rotary’s mission to foster peace and introduced the four T’s—Thought, Talent, Treasure, and Time—as pathways Rotarians can use to contribute. Examples included hosting forums, training peacemakers, offering meeting spaces, and organizing fundraisers. Wu celebrated Rotary’s potential to create “magic” through collective action and expressed optimism for the Rotary Club of Singapore’s 2025 initiatives.



During the Q&A session, Wu addressed various topics, including criteria for HD’s mediation efforts, the universality of mediation principles, and the importance of local culture. She explained that HD focuses on armed conflicts, often in hard-to-reach areas like Afghanistan and Nigeria, but emphasised that mediation skills are equally applicable to local disputes. Wu stressed the significance of trust-building in conflict zones, noting that fostering relationships often takes precedence over security measures.

Wu also discussed how local cultures influence conflict resolution, while external mediators can provide valuable perspectives. She encouraged empathy and active listening, citing examples from her work in the Philippines to demonstrate the power of understanding others’ stories. She concluded by reaffirming the role of relationships and trust in peacemaking, underscoring Rotary’s potential to influence peace conversations globally. The session ended with applause and an invitation for further fellowship.



**VOTE OF THANKS**  
By Patricia Driver





# VSC Meeting







VSC Guest Speaker Ms. Catharine Kho, a Senior Economist at the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), is set to discuss recent economic developments and the macroeconomic outlook for the ASEAN+3 region. AMRO, established in 2011, is dedicated to enhancing the macroeconomic and financial resilience and stability of the ASEAN+3 region. The ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) plays a crucial role in regional economic stability, offering surveillance, regional financing, technical assistance, and more. AMRO is headquartered in Singapore with a USD 240 billion CMIM agreement for short-term liquidity support. ASEAN+3 accounts for about 30% of global GDP. Growth has been supported by strong domestic demand and improving external demand, particularly in investment and exports. Headline inflation has moderated due to lower global commodity and transportation prices. Core inflation remains stable. Financial Markets has mixed performance since the US election, with regional currencies depreciating against the USD. The outlook is subject to large uncertainties, especially regarding US-China trade tensions and global geopolitical developments. Potential escalation of US protectionist measures could significantly impact regional growth. Long-term growth could be affected by aging populations, global value chain reconfiguration, rapid technological advancements, and climate change.

Ms. Kho's presentation provide insights into the current economic landscape and future prospects for this significant economic area, as well as the challenges, and opportunities for the ASEAN+3 region.





# Vocational Talk

On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM, we were honored to host Ms. Mae Anderson, Chairman of Art Outreach Singapore, who delivered a talk titled “Beyond the Price: Understanding Contemporary Art & The Art Market” during the VSC Vocational Talk series. In her insightful presentation, she discussed the nature of contemporary art, its distinction from modern art, and the factors driving the inflated prices within the art market.

Following the talk, participants gained a deeper understanding of contemporary art, including how to evaluate a good artwork and the considerations for purchasing art.

ART  
OUTREACH

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Club of Singapore



**Presenter**  
**Mae Anderson**



Mae Anderson is deeply engaged volunteer in Singapore's nonprofit sector, serving on the Board of Art Outreach, a leading art education non-profit organization in Singapore, since 2003, and as the Organisation's Chairman since 2007.

Art Outreach shares the power of art with children, parents and communities by offering art tours, education programmes for students and community groups, and trains volunteers to serve as art advocates. Art Outreach also supports the professional development of emerging artists and curators through an art prize, and provides a community art space for independent art practitioners to organise exhibitions and art presentations.



**Vocational Talk**

11 January 2025

Saturday, 2.00 pm





**Address**  
Senior Police Officers' Mess  
153 Mount Pleasant Road  
Singapore 298341

**BEYOND THE PRICE**  
Understanding Contemporary Art & The Art Market



- What is contemporary art?
- How is different than modern art ?
- How do you tell if an artwork is "good"?
- What is behind the inflated prices?
- How does one know what to buy?



**Amako Bofo**  
Justine Mendy, 2018  
Bought 2018 - USD 15,000  
Sold 2021 - USD 904,519



# Upcoming Event

## CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM onwards

**Venue:** Raffles Hotel, casuarina ballroom





# VOCATIONAL VISIT

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
**Pickup Time:** 8:30 AM  
**Visit Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Venue:** RSAF Paya Lebar Airbase



## VOCATIONAL VISIT FEB 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Event Details

**Date:** Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 2025  
**Pickup Time:** 8:30am (location tbd)  
**Visit Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Location:** RSAF Paya Lebar Airbase  
**Cost:** SGD 58 per head for adults, free for minor children

### Programme Highlights

- 0900H: Arrival at the base
- 0910H: Welcome Brief by Deputy Commander
- 0940H: Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Demonstration
- 1000H: Military Working Dogs Demonstration
- 1015H: Free & Easy Exploration in the Hangar
- 1200H: Departure from the base

Limited spots available!

**Note:**  
Potential viewing of fighter F-15SG and transport aircraft( C-130 H) up close. Timings and activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and since it is an active airbase.

**Important Information:**  
Transportation will be provided by RCS. Individual vehicles are not permitted to enter or exit the Paya Lebar Air Base. Only commercial buses are allowed for entry and exit. Light snacks/ water would be provided.

Please fill out the <https://forms.gle/9asnHvSKjsYUbGoV6> to confirm your attendance.

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**JOINT PRESIDENT EVENT**  
**- WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY**

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Venue:** Fullerton Hotel



# World Understanding and Peace Day

RCS Members: **\$80**

Family and Spouse: **\$140**



Deadline for Registration  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

**23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025** *Sunday*

**Lower Lobby Ballroom,  
The Fullerton Hotel**

7:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm



# INSTALLATION OF THE 91<sup>ST</sup> PRESIDENT & BOARD

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2025  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Venue:** The Grand Ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore





## 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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