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RIPE Visit to Willing Hearts



Rotary International President-Elect Mario Camargo Visits Willing Hearts: Celebrating Community Spirit and Impact

On 13 January 2025, Rotary International President-Elect Mario Camargo visited Willing Hearts, a charity that has become a vital support system for vulnerable communities in Singapore. The visit, led by Rotary Club of Singapore's President-Elect Sonali Sinha, showcased the extraordinary impact of Rotary's 2020-2021 Major Project, which equipped Willing Hearts with state-of-the-art kitchen facilities.

Willing Hearts, which distributes approximately 10,000 meals daily, relies on an impressive volunteer base of over 100 individuals every single day of the year. These dedicated volunteers chop vegetables, pack meals, and perform other essential tasks to ensure the seamless operation of the charity. The cooking itself is handled by a small team of paid cooks, ensuring consistency and quality in the meals prepared.

During the visit, President-Elect Camargo was welcomed by Founder Tony Tay and CEO Teh Eng Hua. Tony shared the inspiring origins of Willing Hearts, highlighting how a small act of service grew into a large-scale community initiative. Mr. Teh elaborated on the types of beneficiaries they serve, including the underprivileged, elderly living alone, migrant workers, broken families, and ex-offenders, and the immense need for cooked meals to support these groups.

President-Elect Camargo was particularly impressed by the charity's ability to mobilize and sustain such a large number of volunteers daily. "The dedication and commitment of the volunteers are truly remarkable. To have over 100 individuals showing up every single day of the year to help others is a testament to the strength of community spirit and the profound impact of Willing Hearts' mission," he said.

PE Sonali Sinha highlighted the Rotary Club of Singapore's pride in having played a role in supporting Willing Hearts. "The kitchen equipment donated through our Major Project in 2020-2021 has enabled Willing Hearts to prepare over 7-8 million meals to date. This partnership reflects the Rotary spirit of service and the power of collective action," she shared.

The visit concluded with a tour of the bustling kitchen, where President-Elect Camargo saw volunteers hard at work chopping vegetables and packing meals. Their dedication and teamwork demonstrated how Willing Hearts operates as a seamless engine of compassion, powered by the generosity of the community.

As Rotary International continues its mission of empowering communities worldwide, the partnership with Willing Hearts serves as a shining example of the transformative power of collaboration. Together, they embody the essence of "Service Above Self," ensuring that no one is left behind.

By PE Sonali



The 20th Weekly Meeting





WELCOME OF GUEST

By RID Chew Ghim Bok

ROTARY TOASTS

By DGE Dr Shahul Hameed



TO Rotary International





An evening with RIPE Mário César Martins de Camargo

A Rotarian since 1980, RIPE Mário César Martins de Camargo has held several leadership positions within Rotary, including director, trustee, RI learning facilitator, committee member and chair, and task force member. As Rotary International's president this year, What are his goals and prospects for the year? What strategies and guidelines will he implement to enhance Rotary's global influence? RIPE Mário César Martins de Camargo will share his vision and insights during the meeting.

RIPE Mário César Martins de Camargo

2025-26 Rotary International President

Rtn Thangaraj:

District Meeting Report: RI President-Elect Mario César Martins de Camargo

RI President-Elect Mario César Martins de Camargo inspired our district with his vision and data-driven approach during today's meeting. Known for his concise speeches, Mario began with a commitment to keep his address to 10-15 minutes, emphasizing the importance of listening and dialogue.

Drawing from his 43+ years of business leadership, Mario identified his presidency's top priorities: increasing membership as the key internal focus and continuing the fight to eradicate polio as the leading external goal. He stressed that Rotarians are the club's greatest asset, calling for collective responsibility to drive growth and engagement.

Membership Trends and Insights

Mario shared compelling membership data from the past 20 years. While Rotary has seen significant growth in Asian countries such as:

Taiwan: 127% growth

India: 102% growth (highest absolute increase globally)

Philippines: 52% growth

Korea: 37% growth

He also highlighted stagnation in countries like Germany, Brazil, and Mexico, and concerning declines in New Zealand, England, and the USA. A particularly striking statistic revealed just 570+ members across 28 clubs in China, underlining the potential for growth in that region.

To address membership challenges, Mario outlined strategies like opening new clubs, introducing satellite clubs (currently 9,000 members globally), and expanding into new territories. His global perspective places less emphasis on membership in the U.S. and more focus on international regions with high growth potential.

Reflections on Leadership and Rotary's Impact

Mario encouraged attendees to think about leadership's role in Rotary, calling it "the best school for leadership." He noted that Rotary invests \$6.5M annually in leadership development, including training for 520 District Governor couples.

Q&A Highlights

During the interactive Q&A session, Mario tackled key topics:

China's Membership Potential: He addressed legal and licensing challenges and shared strategies inspired by the Lions Club to support the 28 existing clubs and foster growth.

Engaging the Next Generation: Mario stressed the importance of local efforts to communicate Rotary's mission, particularly the need to eradicate polio.

Technology Modernization: Acknowledging Rotary's outdated systems, Mario pledged to strengthen the IT committee and prioritize technological advancements.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): While Mario recognized DEI's importance in North America, he clarified that his international focus is on non-discrimination and qualifications over broader DEI agendas.

Mario concluded by reaffirming his commitment to leadership, innovation, and Rotary's enduring mission. His parting message left us inspired to work together toward a stronger and more inclusive Rotary.



ISC Meeting

During the 7th ISC Meeting, Director Navaneeth introduced Project Sikkim - TinTek, a new initiative designed to support a small community in Sikkim that was severely impacted by the Glacier Lake Outburst Flood in October 2023. Led by PP Jimmy, the project aims to provide durable shelters to protect against rain and sun.





PROJECT : GRAVITY FED WATER

Updates were also provided on other ongoing and completed projects:

- RC Bandar Seri Begawan - Project Gravity Fed Water: This is an initiative with RC BSB - our Sister Club that utilizes the principles of gravity to supply water to communities in need, in a hilly area through a system of pipes.
- Project Nari Shakti and Atma Nirbhar: This project focuses on empowering women and individuals from underprivileged backgrounds by providing them with essential skills and opportunities for economic independence. 56 trainees have been enrolled, with 36 successfully placed in well-paying jobs.
- Building relationships with sister clubs: Rtn Suresh Hathi spoke about the importance of building relationships with the sister clubs and partner clubs. Rtn Varun met with members of RC Taipei, RC Luminos, and RC Starlux to strengthen partnerships and explore future collaborations.

Rtn Patricia, Chair of the Bondeko Refugee Livelihoods Center in Uganda, highlighted the refugee crisis, with nearly 2 million displaced individuals in Uganda. She introduced Bondeko, a refugee-led organization empowering refugees and Ugandans through skills training and education. Bondeko also advocates for localizing humanitarian aid to ensure meaningful engagement in rebuilding lives.

The meeting concluded with a townhall session, where senior ISC leaders — DGE Shahul, PP Perlita, PP Mohan, and PP Mansoor — spoke about the history of our Sister Clubs, current challenges, and action items for ISC members to strengthen existing relationships and forge new partnerships.

By Rtn Deepa Navaneeth



Food from the Heart

On January 18th, 2025, our Rotarians gathered at Block 9, North Bridge Road, to distribute pre-packaged FFTH food packs to 98 households from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

The event was a heartwarming display of solidarity, as volunteers worked together to ensure that families had access to essential food supplies.



Upcoming Event

RCS KOLKATA TRIP 2025

Recommended Flight:

SIN > CCU: 20 MAR 2025, SQ516, 20:40

CCU > SG: 23 MAR 2025, SQ517, 23:40

Interested Parties can sign up through this link below:

<https://forms.gle/ADXgSYdUzm4QsfK89>

WUPD 23rd Feb 2025

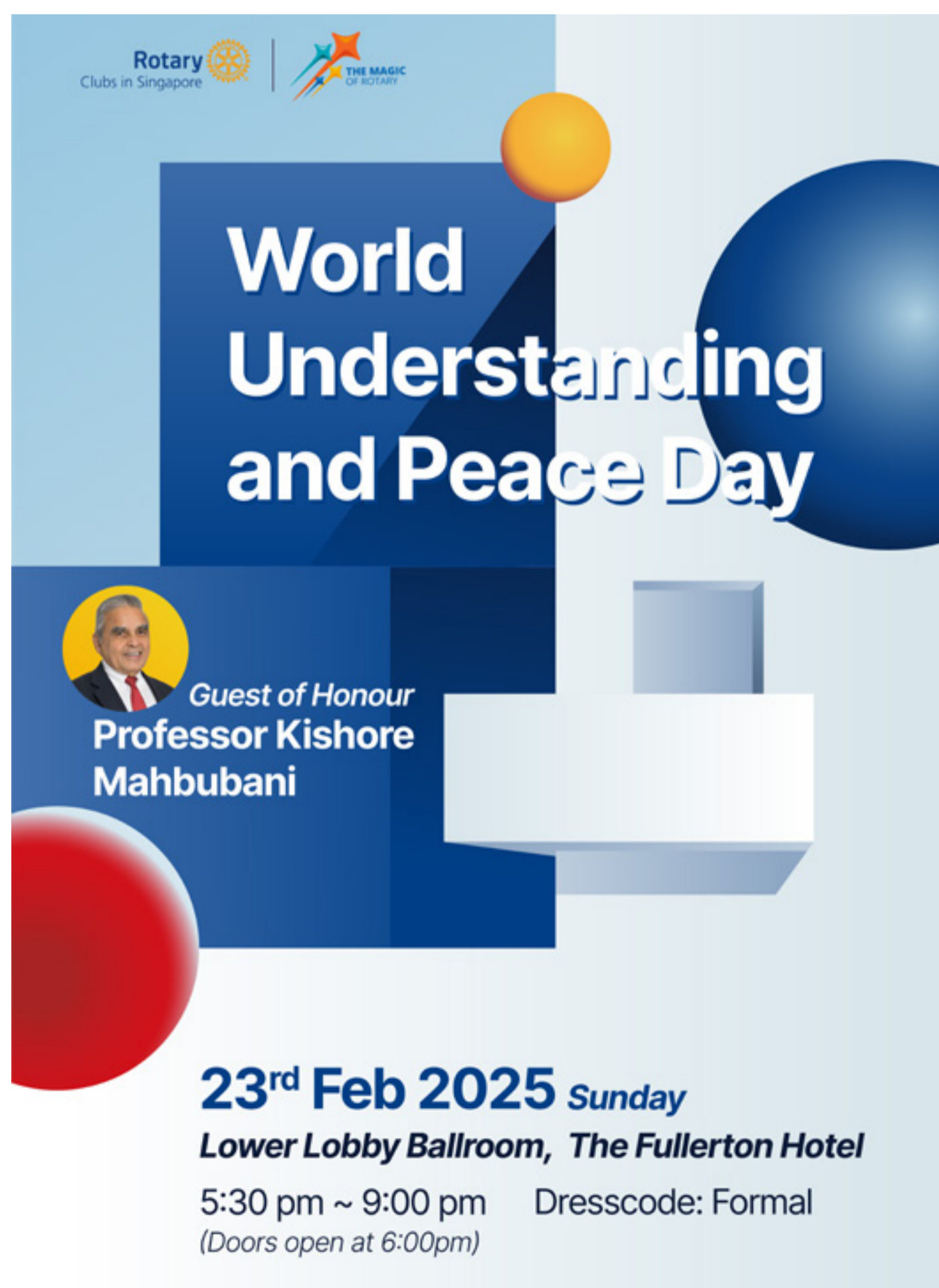
Date: 23rd February, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Venue: Fullerton Hotel

Interested Parties can sign up through this link below:

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The poster features a light blue background with geometric shapes in dark blue, orange, and red. At the top left, it displays the Rotary logo and the text 'Rotary Clubs in Singapore' alongside 'THE MAGIC OF ROTARY'. The main title 'World Understanding and Peace Day' is centered in large white font. Below this, a circular portrait of Professor Kishore Mahubani is shown with the text 'Guest of Honour Professor Kishore Mahubani'. At the bottom, the event details are listed: '23rd Feb 2025 Sunday', 'Lower Lobby Ballroom, The Fullerton Hotel', '5:30 pm ~ 9:00 pm', and 'Dresscode: Formal (Doors open at 6:00pm)'.

Rotary Clubs in Singapore | THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

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INSTALLATION OF THE 91ST PRESIDENT & BOARD

Date: 28th June, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: The Grand Ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore

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Club of Singapore

28 JUNE 2025, 6:30 PM ONWARDS
The Grand Ballroom
at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore

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Black Tie or Royal Court Dressing

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OF THE 91ST
PRESIDENT &
BOARD

...combined with...
95th Anniversary Celebration | District Governor Handover

Register by 28 Feb 2025 to secure your place
\$218/pax

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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