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from RC Bagalore



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Dean of the National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School

Prof. Dr. Andrew Kenan Rose

Trump and Trade

With Donald Trump returning to the presidency on January 20, 2025, his MAGA movement is set to be revived. On the economic front, his focus will likely remain on reducing trade deficits and imposing tariffs on foreign goods, aiming to protect American industries and create jobs. But what will the impact of these policies be on Southeast Asia? Prof Dr. Andrew Kenan Rose will share his insights on this critical issue.

Rtn Shawn Travolta

Professor Rose opened with a personal anecdote, sharing how he and his spouse decided to relocate to Singapore on the night of Trump's first election—a decision reflecting their concerns about the direction of U.S. policies.

TRUMP & TRADE - A DEEP DIVE WITH PROF ANDREW K ROSE, DEAN FOR NUS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Rotary Club of Singapore hosted Professor Andrew K. Rose, Dean of the NUS School of Business, who delivered an insightful lecture on the implications of protectionist trade policies under the Trump administration.

Professor Rose emphasized the long-standing economic consensus on the benefits of free trade, highlighting its role in enhancing efficiency and consumer welfare. Drawing from Adam Smith's principles, he explained that free trade is a mutually advantageous system, benefitting both producers and consumers. However, he also acknowledged the realities of trade disruptions, particularly for segments of the labor force, and advocated for retraining programs and social safety nets as effective solutions.

A significant portion of the talk critiqued protectionism, with tariffs being described as harmful to both consumers and the broader economy. Professor Rose detailed how tariffs disproportionately burden consumers, especially lower-income groups, while providing limited gains to wealthier producers. He also linked protectionist policies to fostering corruption, as exemptions often become avenues for bribery and inefficiency. Additionally, he warned of the risks of retaliation, with trade wars further straining global relations and economies.

His speech highlighted Singapore as a model of free trade, with its lack of agricultural protectionism keeping food costs low and fostering efficiency. In contrast, Professor Rose explained how the U.S. dollar's appreciation, driven by rising deficits and inflation under Trump's policies, could worsen trade imbalances, counteracting the administration's stated goals.

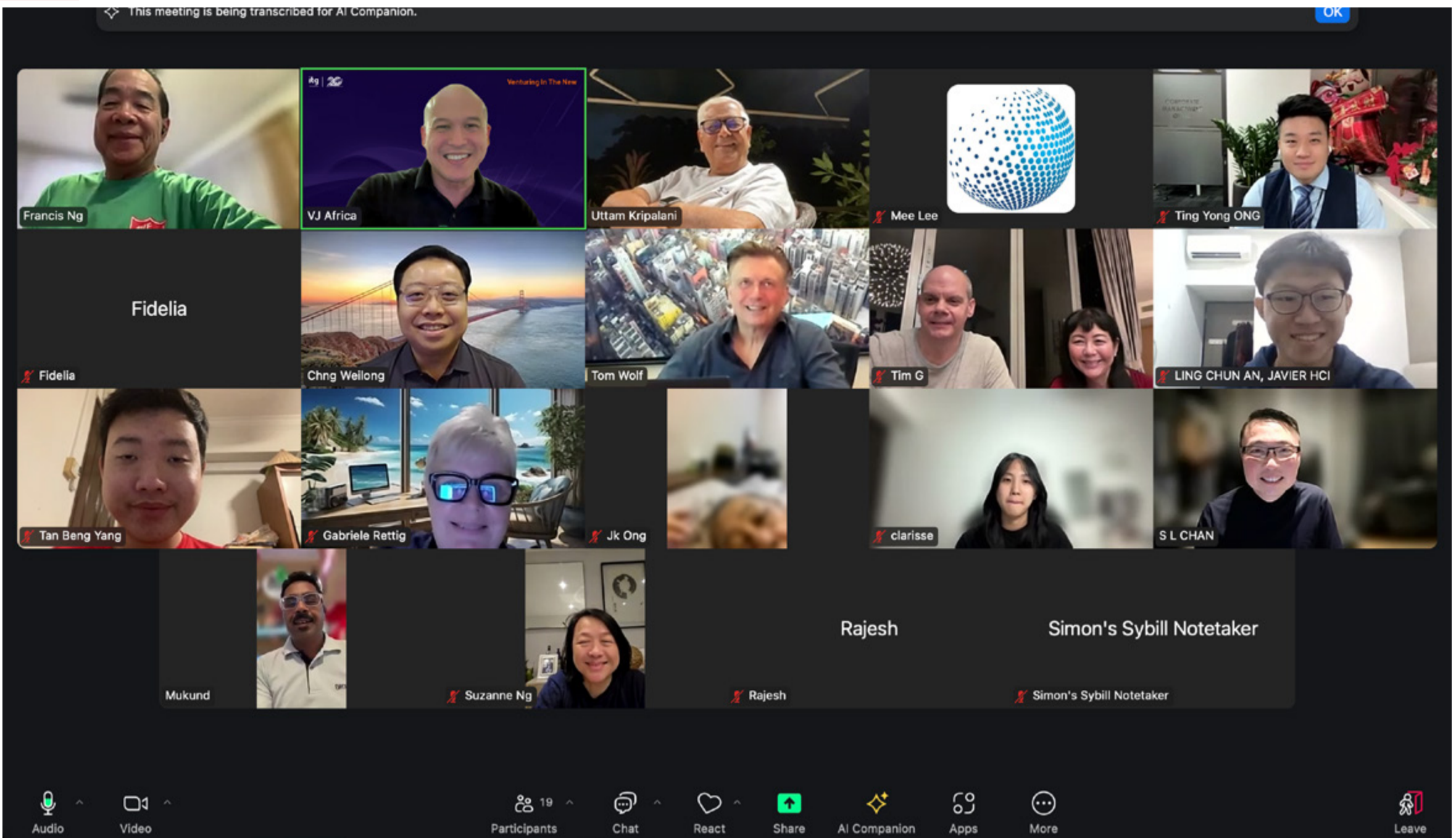
Closing with a historical perspective, Professor Rose tied strong trade relations to global peace, reminding the audience of the post-World War II efforts to promote free trade and stability. However, he cautioned that diminishing trade ties today could erode these gains, potentially leading to greater insecurity.

The session ended with a lively Q&A, where Rotarians engaged deeply on the future of trade, leaving the audience with much to reflect upon about the intersection of economics and geopolitics.

VOTE OF THANKS

By Rtn Hayden Hughes





YSC Meeting about Project Pontian via Zoom

On Tuesday, January 23rd, the Youth Service Committee held its scheduled meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM. During the meeting, members discussed Project Pontian – a renovation program for Special Education School in Malaysia. The Secondary Special Education Program started with SMK Sri Perhentian was chosen as a pioneer in the Pontian district and was implemented in 1997.

This project was spearheaded by the Rotaract Club of Bukit Gombak. The Rotary Club of Singapore is proud to be the consultants who provided guidance to the Rotaractors on the project. Additionally, the project was fully underwritten by 2 generous donors.



Extra Background

Allowing enrollment from various countries, even from China India or others.

ORGANIZATION CHART OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTEGRATED SMK SRI PERHENTIAN 2025

PHILOSOPHY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTEGRATED SMKSP

Vision: Quality Education for Educated People Prosperous Nation
 Mission: Preserving a Quality Education System to Develop Individual Potential to Fulfill National Aspirations
 Motto: Study And Be Devoted
 Slogan: SSP Towards Excellence

Teachers
 BILANGAN GURU : 5 ORANG
 BILANGAN PPD : 2 ORANG

Their Garden Needs

Replacing sun shade net that has been damaged so that the garden gets better protection from excessive sunlight.

Replacing the floor with weed mate or cementing the area to prevent weeds from growing and ensure the garden floor is neater and easier to maintain.

Painting the garden wall to give a fresher appearance and protect the wall from weather damage.

Repairing the piping system to ensure that garden irrigation runs smoothly and effectively, helping plants get sufficient water supply.

Toilet Repairs

1. A new set of toilet bowls.

2. Grab bars x 1 unit

3. Grab bars x 2 unit (60 cm)

To make it more conducive for their students with disabilities.

The pipe is not a stable item to hold. Toilet flush does not work

Funding Required

Items	Price
Anti-slip Nylon Handrails	RM 94.45 (SGD 30~)
Handicap Grab Bars for Toilet	RM 208.00 (SGD 65~)
Toilet Bowl	RM 550.00 (SGD 170~)
2 Sunshades	RM 160.00 (SGD 50~)
18 Litre Weatherbond Paint for Garden and Sealer	RM 350.00 (SGD 110~)
	RM 180.00 (SGD 55~)
Total	RM 1542.45 (SGD 480~)

Mural Repainting

Repainting the walls of the special needs classroom.

This part of the project is unconfirmed as we plan to address their more urgent needs first (the previous slides)

Possible cost: ~200SGD
 1 bucket of paint = 30SGD
 1 bottle of paint = 20SGD

Book Donation to their library

While NLB library books have been donated to this school before, they still would love to have more books for their students and we might be donating the extra books we have in Hillview CC Library to them.

Rtn Deepa:

Special Education Program: SMK Sri Perhentian started the Secondary Special Education Program in 1997 to cater to pupils with special needs, initially with 5 students and one teacher.

Philosophy and Mission: The program aims to produce skilled, motivated, and independent individuals who can manage their lives and contribute to society, aligning with Malaysia's National Education Philosophy.

Current Needs and Repairs: The school requires funding for various repairs and improvements, including replacing sun shade nets, repairing the piping system, painting the garden walls, and making the toilets more conducive for students with disabilities.

Special Education Student Demographics: The special education class consists of 26 students with various disabilities, including cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, dyslexia, intellectual disability, and multiple disabilities.

Funding Requirements: The total estimated cost for the necessary repairs and improvements is RM 1542.45 (SGD 480~), covering items like anti-slip nylon handrails, handicap grab bars, toilet bowls, sunshades, and weatherproof paint for the garden.

CSC Meeting

On the 25th of January, a significant meeting of the Community Service Committee (CSC) was convened, focusing on the welfare and support of the elderly and infirm members of our society. The meeting, which spanned from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, was a testament to the committee's unwavering commitment to addressing the needs of some of the most vulnerable segments of our community.

The agenda was centered around the beneficiaries of the Society for the Aged Sick, an organization dedicated to providing care and assistance to the elderly who are battling illness and the challenges that come with aging. The meeting served as a platform for dialogue, where committee members and representatives from the society discussed various initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for these individuals.



The Upcoming Events

ROTARY'S 120TH BIRTHDAY CUM WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY

Date: 23rd February, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Venue: Lower Lobby Ballroom, The Fullerton Hotel

Interested Parties can sign up through this link below:

<https://forms.gle/KyWnXzpPWF6VGzw78>

Rotary Clubs in Singapore | THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary's 120th Birthday cum World Understanding and Peace Day

 **Guest of Honour
Professor Kishore
Mahbubani**

RCS Members: **\$80**
Family and Spouse: **\$131**

23rd Feb 2025 Sunday
**Lower Lobby Ballroom,
The Fullerton Hotel**
5:30 pm ~ 9:00 pm
(Guest to be seated by 6pm)
Dresscode: Formal

Deadline for Registration
5th Feb 2025

INSTALLATION OF THE 91ST PRESIDENT & BOARD

Date: 28th June, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

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

Rotary
Club of Singapore

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

DRESS CODE
Black Tie or Royal Court Dressing

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INSTALLATION
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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