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MOU Signing Ceremony with Football Plus



On 3rd March 2025, FootballPlus and the Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to extend their partnership until 30th September 2027. This collaboration, which began in Rotary Year (RY) 2022/23 under the leadership of Past President James, was initially focused on rebuilding the Kwong Avenue Pitch and establishing a holistic program for underprivileged children. Through this initiative, children receive football training sessions after their academic mentoring, with those demonstrating significant improvement in both academics and football skills earning the opportunity to participate in an exclusive eight-day training camp with Borussia Dortmund (BVB) in Germany.

Recognizing the profound impact this initiative has had on the children's character development and academic progress, RCS has once again chosen to leverage sports as a catalyst for positive change in its Major Project for RY 2024/25. This year, RCS has partnered with Teen Challenge Singapore, a Christian rehabilitation halfway house dedicated to supporting individuals with a history of drugs. In an effort to provide a constructive and empowering environment, RCS and FootballPlus will introduce structured football programs for the residents of Teen Challenge, as well as for underprivileged children in the Tengah estate. Through this initiative, we aim to encourage personal growth, resilience, and a healthier lifestyle while steering participants away from negative influences.



Extraordinary General Meeting

On 19 March 2025, an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") was held. Per email notification sent out by President Tom Wolf on 7 Mar 2025, the objective of the meeting was for the club members to convene and vote on the following resolutions:

Resolution 1:
Use of Excess Rotary International Convention Funds

Resolution 2:
Inclusion of Membership Types and Additional Member Type in Bylaws

1) Resolution 1: Use of Excess Rotary International Convention Funds

The Rotary International Convention 2024 Levy Refund amounted to S\$53,144. It was suggested that the club donates 50% of the proceeds, ie S\$26,572 to a Mangrove Conservatory. This is a project (known as Legacy Project) carried out in partnership with Singapore Institute of Technology ("SIT") and other Rotary Clubs in Singapore.

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LEVY REFUND AND PROJECT LEGACY CONTRIBUTION

Singapore Rotary Internation Convention 2024 Levy Refund

Amount : \$53,144.00

	Amount
To donate 50% of our refund to Legacy Project	\$26,572.00

Legacy Project : Mangrove Conservatory in partnership with SIT and Rotary Clubs In Singapore

Board 24/25 Members have discussed and suggested to donate 50% to Legacy Project.



The Board had voted in favour of the above and hence proposed to the club members for voting. The members voted (in accordance with Article 7 of the Bylaws) on the proposal to donate 50%, ie S\$26,572 to the above Legacy Project with the following votes:

Objection	0 vote
Abstain	1 vote
Approve	<u>45 votes</u>
Total	46 votes

The motion was passed to donate 50%, ie S\$26,572 to the above Legacy Project.

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LEVY AND PROJECT LEGACY CONTRIBUTION

Singapore Rotary International Convention 2024 Levy Refund Options

Motion:

RCS Members agree to donate 50%, SGD 26,572, of the refund of the RICON Levy to the Mangrove Legacy Project.



2) Resolution 2: Inclusion of Membership Types and Additional Member Type in Bylaws

In accordance with the Constitution of the Club (Article 8 – Membership, Section 2 – Types), the club shall have two types of membership:

- Active
- Honorary

The club may create other types in accordance with section 7 of the article. These members are reported to RI as either active or honorary.

Active Honorary Member

Many of the current Honorary Members are very active with almost 100% attendance at club meetings and active participation in many activities. It is proposed that a new category of membership known as Active Honorary Member be included in the Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Singapore.

The Active Honorary Member will now fall into the **Active** membership type. The Active Honorary Member will be exempted from paying club dues. He will pay dinner dues as and when present. He will be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club. He will have the rights to vote. He will have the rights to hold any club office and will have classifications.

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INCLUSION OF MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Section 5 - Membership Status
This club shall have 4 types of membership - Active, Honorary, Active Honorary and Ambassador Members.

- 1.Active member:

 - 1. Have to pay club dues;
 - 2. Have the rights to vote;
 - 3. Be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club.
 - 4. Have the rights to hold any club office;
 - 5. Have classifications;
- 2.Active Honorary Member:

 - 1. Be exempted from paying club dues;
 - 2. Pay dinner dues as and when present;
 - 3. Be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club.
 - 4. Have the rights to vote;
 - 5. Have the rights to hold any club office;
 - 6. Have classifications;
- 3.Ambassador Member:

 - 1. Have to pay club dues;
 - 2. Pay dinner dues as and when present;
 - 3. Be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club.
 - 4. I have the rights to vote;
 - 5. Have the rights to hold any club office;
 - 6. Have classifications;
- 4.Honorary Member:

 - 1. Be exempted from paying club dues;
 - 2. Pay dinner dues as and when present;
 - 3. Be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges only in Rotary Club of Singapore
 - 4. Be exempted from voting;
 - 5. Be exempted from rights to hold any club office;
 - 6. Be exempted from having classifications;

The difference between an Honorary Member and an Active Honorary Member was presented by President Tom to the club members and explained in details.

Note: The key difference between the proposed Active Honorary Member and existing Honorary Member is that the Active Honorary Member will enjoy privileges in the club, have voting rights, rights to hold any club office and have classification. These were not present in the existing Honorary Member type as illustrated in the chart below.

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INCLUSION OF MEMBERSHIP TYPE

In bylaws

	ACTIVE	HONORARY	ACTIVE HONORARY	AMBASSADOR
Payment				
Club Dues	✓	✗	✗	✓
Dinner	Inclusive	As and When	As and When	As and When
Entitlement				
Meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓
Privileges in RCS	✓	✓	✓	✓
Privileges in Other Clubs	✓	✗	✓	✓
Rights				
Voting	✓	✗	✓	✓
Hold Club Office Position	✓	✗	✓	✓
Classifications	✓	✗	✓	✓

In the Club Constitution (Article 13, Section 2(c)), it is stated that Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term of membership set by the board, unless extended. The Board may revoke an Honorary Membership at any time.

The above definition, with specific reference to ‘the term of membership set by the board’ has not been clearly defined over the years. In view of the lack of clarity, the Board has now opted to make clear definitions on the membership types in the Bylaws.

The current Honorary Members have made great contributions to the club. To avoid a situation where their membership is terminated or not renewed due to the lack of clarity, the Board had voted to include the Active Honorary Membership type into the Bylaws. This will allow them to have a clearly defined membership just like any ordinary member and enjoy similar privileges, with the exception that they are exempted from payment of club dues.

The Board has henceforth proposed the above motion to the club members for voting. The club’s members voted (in accordance with Article 7 of the Bylaws) on the inclusion of the Active Honorary Member type with the following votes:

Objection	2 votes
Abstain	0 vote
Approve	<u>45 votes</u>
Total	47 votes

The motion was passed to include the Active Honorary Member under the Active Type in the Bylaws of the club.

Ambassadorial Member

Past President Stanley Low informed the members that the Ambassador Member referred to in the slides should be known as Ambassadorial Member. The Ambassadorial Member was created in the past to give recognition to members who have been posted overseas on work assignments and have not been able to attend all of the club meetings but would still like to be a member of the club.

This membership type has been in use within the club for the past few years although it was not officially documented in the Bylaws. It was proposed that this membership type be formally accepted and documented in the Bylaws.

The above proposal was seconded by Past President Paliath Mohandas.

The club members voted (in accordance with Article 7 of the Bylaws) on the inclusion of the Ambassadorial Member type with the following votes:

Objection	1 vote
Abstain	2 votes
Approve	<u>44 votes</u>
Total	47 votes

The motion was passed for the Ambassadorial Member type to be included in the Bylaws.



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INCLUSION OF MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Over 80% of Board 24/25 Members voted to include 4 Membership Types in the Bylaws.

Motion:
RCS Members approve of the inclusion of 4 Membership Types in the Bylaws.



The above resolutions will be put up for amendment to the Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Singapore (in accordance with Article 15 Amendments of the Bylaws). The Bylaws will be amended to include 4 Membership Types.



The 26th Club Meeting



WELCOME OF GUEST

By Rtn Shrenik Dasani

ROTARY TOASTS

By Rtn Deepa Navaneeth



TO Rotary International

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



VP Jens Ruebbert
on behalf of
RC Vienna



Rtn Danielle Jiang:

ADJUSTING TO A NEW WORLD ORDER - OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA PACIFIC

A speech by Jens Ruebber, Managing Director and Regional Head Asia/Pacific, LBBW

INTRODUCTION AND GLOBAL CONTEXT

Mr. Ruebber opened his speech by addressing what he termed "tectonic shifts" in the global order, setting the stage for a comprehensive analysis of current challenges and emerging opportunities, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. His analysis focused on six major challenges reshaping the global economic and political landscape.

THE SIX GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Mr. Ruebber identified the end of globalisation as a primary challenge, supported by data showing world trade growth falling below GDP growth for the first time in decades. He highlighted increasing global conflicts, rising protectionism, and the uncertainty surrounding Trump 2.0 as critical factors affecting international relations. The digital and sustainable transformation challenges were presented as fundamental shifts requiring strategic responses from nations and businesses worldwide.

DIGITAL AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

Drawing on his extensive regional experience, Ruebber contrasted the digital landscape's dominance by American companies with China's growing leadership in semiconductors and AI patents. He noted a striking difference in attitudes toward AI between Asia and the West, with Asian countries showing significantly more optimism about AI's economic impact. In sustainable transformation, he emphasised China's dominance in renewable energy and electric vehicle production, suggesting a shift in global industrial leadership.

THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE: FOCUS ON GERMANY

Ruebber provided a critical analysis of Germany's economic challenges, describing the collapse of its traditional business model built on cheap Russian energy, minimal military spending, and strong Chinese exports. He highlighted Germany's infrastructure challenges and high taxation, while noting the recent historic parliamentary vote for increased infrastructure and defence spending as a potential turning point.

ASIA PACIFIC: THE GROWTH ENGINE

The speaker's analysis turned optimistic when discussing Asia Pacific, particularly the ASEAN region. He highlighted emerging Asia's strong growth averaging 4.5%, with special attention to India's dynamic economy and China's continued economic dominance. The ASEAN region, with its 670 million population and strategic position, was presented as a key economic powerhouse with significant potential for future growth.

EU-ASEAN RELATIONS: OPPORTUNITIES AND POTENTIAL

Ruebbert emphasised the untapped potential in EU-ASEAN relations, noting that current trade levels remain below potential despite the EU being the world's largest single market. He used the Vietnam-EU free trade agreement as a successful model for future partnerships, demonstrating how reduced trade barriers can significantly boost bilateral trade.

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The speech concluded with strategic recommendations for adapting to the new world order. Ruebbert advocated for massive European investment in defence and infrastructure, strengthening the European single market, and building stronger alliances with Asia. He emphasised the importance of technological innovation and sustainable development in forming future partnerships.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Ruebbert concluded by emphasising that the world is moving toward a multipolar system where new alliances and strategic partnerships will be crucial. He stressed that understanding and adapting to these changes, particularly through stronger EU-ASEAN cooperation, will be essential for future economic success and stability in the new world order.



VOTE OF THANKS
Subhash Pritmani

ISC Meeting

The 9th ISC Committee meeting was conducted on March 20th at the Jade Phoenix Restaurant at the Singapore Swimming Club. We had 15 ISC members including our DG Lip Kee.

Rtn Yogesh shared an update on the "Bond Over Brunch" meeting with RC Bangalore

We received an invitation from RC Vienna to become a partner club. The ISC Committee discussed his proposal and approved accepting the invitation. Director Navaneeth also suggested that we maintain documentation on partner clubs and the projects we do with them.

We briefly discussed about the upcoming travel plans to Hong-Kong/Macau and the invitation form RC Manila

Director Navaneeth updated the committee that we have 85+ confirmed registrations so far for the Installation event and the committee discussed the agenda for the sister club event. The committee also discussed the possibility of members hosting lunch for some of the guests on the installation day.

The meeting ended with a sumptuous 7 course dinner that was carefully curated by our hosts Rtn Atul, Rtn Subhash, Rtn Suresh K, Dr Suresh M, Rtn Jasbir, Rtn Patel and Rtn Yogesh.



Member Satisfaction Survey

As we work towards the milestone of 100 years of the Rotary Club of Singapore in 2030, we seek your input in helping us be the best possible version of ourselves. Member opinions have always been the cornerstone of our club's strength and resilience.

Please answer a short survey with 16 questions, including open-ended sections. The survey is anonymous.

<https://www.jotform.com/form/250544733222450>

The survey is open for 2 weeks, closing on March 31st.

Your participation, especially in the open-ended questions, will provide value in shaping our club's evolution. Every voice matters in this dialogue about our future.

It ensures our legacy of service continues with renewed relevance and impact for all members.



Upcoming Event – Grand Opening of Rotary Teen Challenge Stadium

After months of dedication and hard work, RCS is proud to announce the grand opening of RCS's Major Project – RTC Rotary Teen Challenge Football Stadium on 19th April. This year, the Rotary Club of Singapore has partnered with Teen Challenge, a Christian halfway house dedicated to supporting individuals on their journey to recovery from drug-related challenges and supporting underprivileged children in the area.

Through our collective efforts, RCS has successfully raised funds to transform an aging football stadium into the newly named Rotary Teen Challenge Stadium. This revitalized space will serve as a hub for football programs benefiting both the residents of Teen Challenge and underprivileged children in the Tengah estate. The initiative is designed to instill character development and essential life skills, providing a positive environment that keeps participants engaged in meaningful activities and away from negative influences.

To celebrate this joyous occasion, we warmly invite all clubs in District 3310 to join us for this special milestone. Do bring along your family and friends for a fun-filled day featuring carnival games, food, and fellowship as we come together in service and celebration!

To help us better cater for logistics, please register via the QR code in the poster.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Rotary Club of Singapore | RC

**FAMILY DAY CARNIVAL cum
FORMAL OPENING
OF THE ROTARY
TEEN CHALLENGE
STADIUM**

Come enjoy with us with food
and carnival games!
There will be Lucky Draws
Prizes to be WON!

19th April Sat. 8:30am to 1:30pm
735 Old Choa Chu Kang Road
Singapore 699798

Launch of Stadium: 9.30am
Football Exhibition Match: 10am - 11.30am
Guided Tour: 11am, 1120am, 1140am (only 15 pax per slot)

Register HERE!

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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