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WELCOME OF GUESTS

By Rtn Hitansh Vij

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By Rtn Allard Nooy



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&
Rotary International

EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Rotary Club of Seapoint, Cape Town



Rotary Club of Suntec City

MAJOR PROJECT SHARING



FootballPlus - Sharing by Head Coach Wen Jin and 3 Champions



Teen Challenge - Sharing by Executive Director Dr Chia and Director Steven



FIRESIDE CHAT WITH BVB LEGEND PAUL LAMBERT



Major Project Report

President Tom Wolf gave a detailed presentation on the major project with Teen Challenge and Football Plus. He explained in depth how the donations from club members and sponsors would be used to support the programmes under the project and how they would uplift the lives of ex-offenders and underprivileged children.

The slides are presented here.

MAJOR PROJECT 2024/2025

⇒ Group picture of Football Plus team



The children under the Football Plus programme were invited to the club’s meeting on 2 April 2025. Delfyan (aged 11), Klayton (aged 12) and Nuairim (aged 12) have been with the programme for over 2 years since the programme started in 2022.

⇒ Individual pictures of Delfyan, Klayton and Nuairim in club meeting



BUSINESS IS THE SCIENCE OF HUMAN SERVICES.
One Profits Most Who Serves Best



MAJOR PROJECT VIDEO



They were asked to share about their journey under Football Plus programme.

What have you learnt in the last 2 years ?	
Delfyan :	I learnt to be hardworking and resilient
Klayton :	I learnt about teamwork and I want my team to make it to Champions League
Nuarim :	I learnt to be humble, kind, caring and respectful

What was the highlight or favourite moment of the programme ?	
Delfyan :	When we went to Germany and I made new friends.
Klayton :	It was in the Singapore Youth League and my team was losing. I was the goalkeeper and opponent kicked the ball into the net. I lost grip of the ball and opponent kicked the ball and I saved it for the second time. It was a double save.
Nuarim :	On 16 Feb every year, Football Plus will buy me a birthday cake and I always request for vanilla cake because I love vanilla.

The children are 3 out of the many children supported under the Football Plus programme.

MAJOR PROJECT 2024/2025

The Rotary Club of Singapore partnered with Football Plus in 2022 under its Major Project 2022/2023. In this project, the club supported underprivileged children through various academic and football programmes managed by Football Plus. The objective of the programmes was to uplift the lives of these children through football over their formative years which is a crucial period leading into adulthood. The programme includes an incentive trip to play with Borussia Dortmund (initials BVB) in Dortmund, Germany.

The progress of the children under the programme were monitored since 2022 and were shown to be improving in terms of overall well-being, attendance in school and school work.

As shown in the pictures above, they are full of enthusiasm playing football which gave them physical fitness and a sense of purpose and belonging. Their attendance in school improved since 2022 and based on data collected, the attendance rate improved by 4%, with a particular case improving by 9.5% translating into additional 18 days in school. Their school work also improved with 67% of the children showing improvement in one subject, 33% improved in 2 subjects and 70% showed improvement in overall grades.

Seeing the success of the programme under Football Plus, the club decided to renew the partnership with Football Plus for another 2.5 years until 2027. This time, the partnership will include Teen Challenge, a faith-based rehabilitative organization for ex-offenders. The 3-way partnership will come under Major Project 2024/2025.

Under Major Project 2024/2025, the club raised \$789,102 including government matching of \$378,109. The funds will be used to refurbish the football field within the premises of Teen Challenge and to pay for programmes to support underprivileged children under Football Plus and ex-offenders under Teen Challenge for the next 2.5 years from 2025 until 2027.

Football Plus is a non-profit organisation which achieved its IPC status in 2014. The organization aims to support underprivileged children in their overall well-being and development through sports and academic support. Research has shown that children from underprivileged backgrounds tend to lag behind their peers from more affluent backgrounds. They lack the moral and financial support and often suffer from high rate of absenteeism resulting in high failure rate. Football Plus was formed

with the objective of helping these underprivileged children by giving them the support group with a systematic structure of sports training and academic support.

Teen Challenge is a faith-based non-profit organization which aims to support ex-offenders through sports and help them rehabilitate back to society. It is believed that sports is therapeutic and will help the ex-offenders in their physical, mental and social well-being. Through such support, the ex-offenders can regain their self-esteem in order to assimilate back into society.

President Tom Wolf gave a detailed explanation on the partnership with Football Plus and Teen Challenge including the fund raising drive to support the programmes under these 2 organisations for the next 2,5 years from 2025 until 2027.



MAJOR PROJECT TEAM



Subhash Pritmani
Major Project Chair
Programs



Rajkumar Perumal
Major Project Co-chair
Investment



Tom Wolf
President
Finance & Legal



Loh Ngiap Tai
FootballPlus



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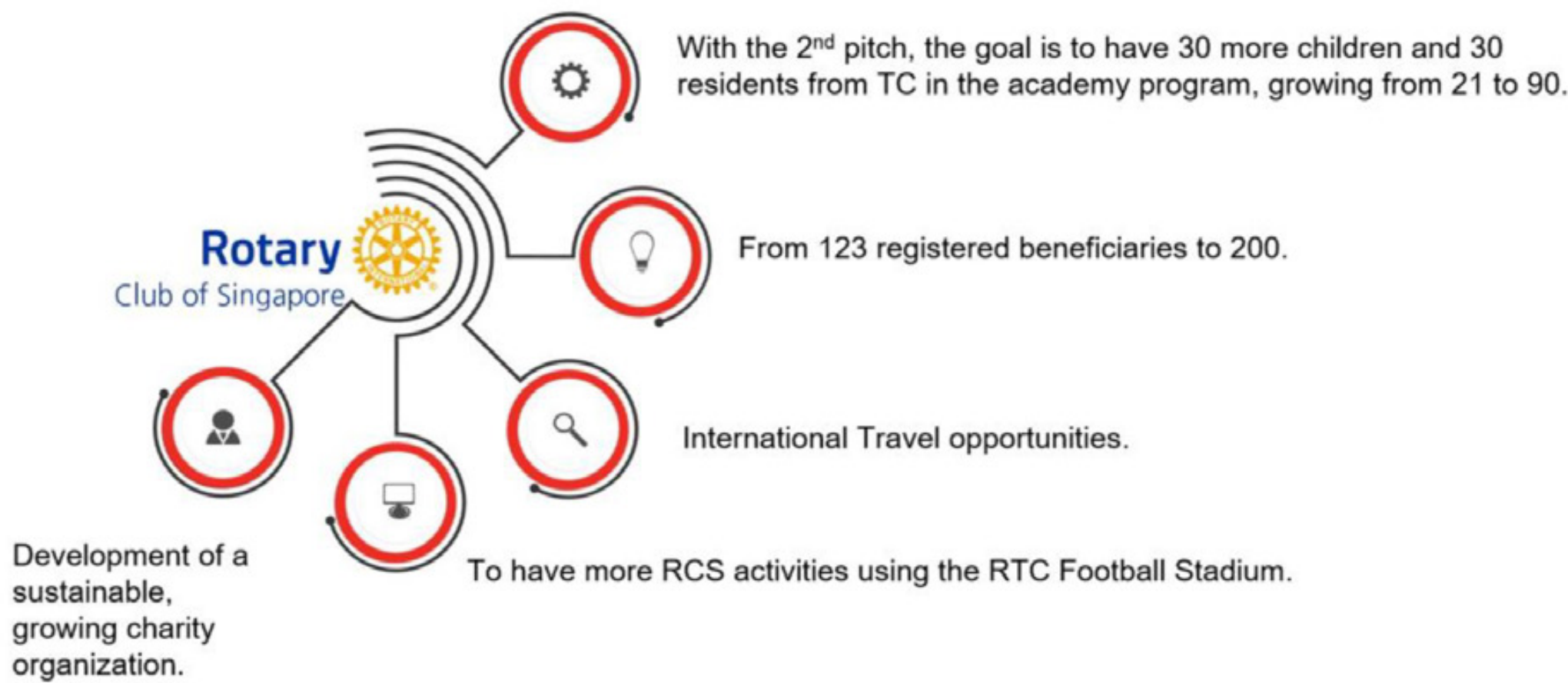


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Director
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Director
Football Advisor

MAJOR PROJECT GOALS



PROGRAMS



	 Kwong Avenue	 RTC
 Stay in the Game <ul style="list-style-type: none">Street Football (2 hours)	<div>Underprivileged Children</div> <div>Street Football</div>	<div>Underprivileged Children</div> <div>Street Football</div> <div>Ex-Offenders</div> <div>Football Training</div>
 Champions Unlimited <ul style="list-style-type: none">Training (2 hours per day)Tutoring (1.5 hours per day)League GameSocial Activities	<div>Underprivileged Children</div> <div>Rotary Academy</div>	<div>Underprivileged Children</div> <div>Rotary Academy</div>

Programs are delivered 5 days a week including weekends.

QUALIFICATIONS – HEAD COACH NGIAP TAI



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LOH NGIAP TAI

- 1995 Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- 1998 Preliminary Certificate in Coaching (FAS)
- 1998 Asian Football Confederation 'C' Licence Coaching Award
- 1998 Abselling Instructor (People's Association)
- 1999 Rock Wall Climbing Instructor (Wilderness Associates)
- 2000 Abselling Proficiency Level 3 (Outward Bound Singapore)
- 2001 Bronze Medallion Certificate (Singapore Life Saving Society)
- 2001 Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Award (Singapore Life Saving Society)
- 2001 MOE Ropes Course External Instructor
- 2002 Singapore Sports Council NCAP Level 2
- 2004 Asian Football Confederation 'B' Licence Coaching Award
- 2004 Professional Certificate in Adventure Counselling
- 2005 Singapore Canoe Federation Level 1 Coaching Award
- 2008 International Diploma in Training Speed, Agility & Quickness
- 2017 Premier Skills Coach Educator
- 2018 Asian Football Confederation "A" Licence
- 2018 CET Associate Lecturer, School of Sports, Health and Leisure Republic Polytechnic
- 2019 MORR Certified Sports Performance Specialist

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	1997-2010	Youth Worker, Singapore Youth For Christ
	2010-2014	General Manager, YouthWorks Ltd
	2014-Current	Managing Director, FootballPlus Ltd
	2018-Current	CET Associate Lecturer, School of Sports, Health and Leisure Republic Polytechnic

Football Coaching:	
1998-2001	Bukit Merah Secondary School
2003-2006	St. Gabriel's Secondary School
2006-2013	St. Andrew's Junior College
2013-2018	FootballPlus Academy
2014-2023	St. Andrew's Junior College Boys and Girls

- ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
- Conducted various football and adventure-based training programmes.

Established and implemented the "Attitude, "No Limits", "Unlimited" experiential learning programme, in secondary schools and youth-related agencies.

Developed "Champions" programme, supported by The Rotary Club of Singapore as its major project for 2017-2018.

With over 20 years of experience in youth work, Ngai Tai have had extensive interactions with children and youth through his work with at-risk young people as well as student leaders in Singapore. Ngai Tai's work with young people started 20 years ago through facilitating rock climbing, kayaking, abselling programmes as well as camps and overseas expeditions. As a facilitator and instructor, he was trained with Project Adventure, Outward Bound, Singapore Training and Development Association, Singapore Mountaineering Federation, Singapore Canoe Federation, People's Association and VITAL, Australia. Ngai Tai has been a trainer and lead facilitator of various school programmes working mainly with young people between the ages of 10-16 years old. His experience included the design, development and the execution of programmes to aimed at impacting change in young people.

Ngai Tai's passions in impacting young people through football saw him being involved in coaching for the past 18 years. He has worked with children and youth in schools and club in his involvement as a coach. Ngai Tai has been able to combine his technical knowledge in football and facilitating positive learning and experiences through coaching. He is a qualified 'A' Licence coach with the Asian Football Confederation and is also a Coach Educator for the Premier Skills Coaching programme by the English Premier League. In the next phase of development, Ngai Tai wants to use his experience and knowledge to train and equip coaches to better serve young people in the community. His passion also in developing coaches in the region so that they can, through football, impact the lives of the players they coach.

Besides leading the work in FootballPlus, Ngai Tai also serves as a board member of YouthWorks Ltd, a not-for-profit organisation that works with young people in the local schools and the community.

QUALIFICATIONS – HEAD COACH WEN JIN



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HO WEN JIN

- 2010 GCE 'A' Level
- 2012 V.I.T.A.L Projex (Australia) Facilitator Training
- 2012 Mental Health First Aid
- 2013 Asia Football Confederation 'C' Coaching Certificate
- 2015 MOE Instructor
- 2018 Premier Skills Level 1 Community Course
- 2018 Habitudes Facilitator Training
- 2019 3 Dimensional Coaching Course
- 2023 Asia Football Confederation "B" Diploma

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	2011-2014	Executive, YouthWorks Ltd
	2014-Current	Programmes Executive, FootballPlus Ltd

- ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
- Conducted various football and adventure-based training programmes.

Developed "Champions" programme, supported by The Rotary Club of Singapore as its major project for 2017-2018.

Developed the mentoring programme for FootballPlus; 8 sessions of one-to-one mentoring between a coach and a player

Developed the "STAY In The Game" mental health football training curriculum

FOOTBALL COACHING:	
2010-2011	Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home
2013-Current	U10, U12, U14 FootballPlus
2014	Girls' Team Shuqun Secondary School
2016-2017	Recreational Team Stamford Primary School
2017-2023	Girls' Team St. Andrew's Junior College

PROGRAMME INSTRUCTOR:	
2011	Sports Module The Salvation Army Gracehaven
2011-2012	UnLimited Value-Based Learning Programme Gan Eng Seng School
2011-2012	UnLimited Programme Yang Zheng Primary School
2011-2012	UnLimited 4 Leaders Kering Primary School
2011-2012	UnLimited Value-Based Learning Programme Xing Hua Primary School
2013	Step Out Programme Yang Zheng Primary School
2014	Football Values Programme Gan Eng Seng Secondary School
2015	Sabbatical Week - Football Module Singapore Chinese Girls' School
2016	Football Values Programme Seng Kang Secondary School
2021	Football Play Therapy Greenwood Primary School

With 10 years of experience in youth work, Wen Jin has had extensive interactions with youth through her work, especially with the at-risk young people. Wen Jin's work with young people began as a facilitator of school programmes aimed at helping young people discover their potential through action-based learning.

Wen Jin has also been involved in football coaching for the past 12 years, working with children and youth. She is a qualified "B" diploma coach with the Asian Football Confederation. Wen Jin's passion is to use the platform of sport to impact the values and character of young people, in particular the disadvantaged, to build the strong foundation in their lives to prepare them for a better future.

FOOTBALL PLUS



From the field to their future, we create champions for life.

Football Plus is a Singaporean Football-Centered Charity with IPC Status



Beneficiaries

- 123 Registered beneficiaries.
- 21 Under the Champions Academy Programs.

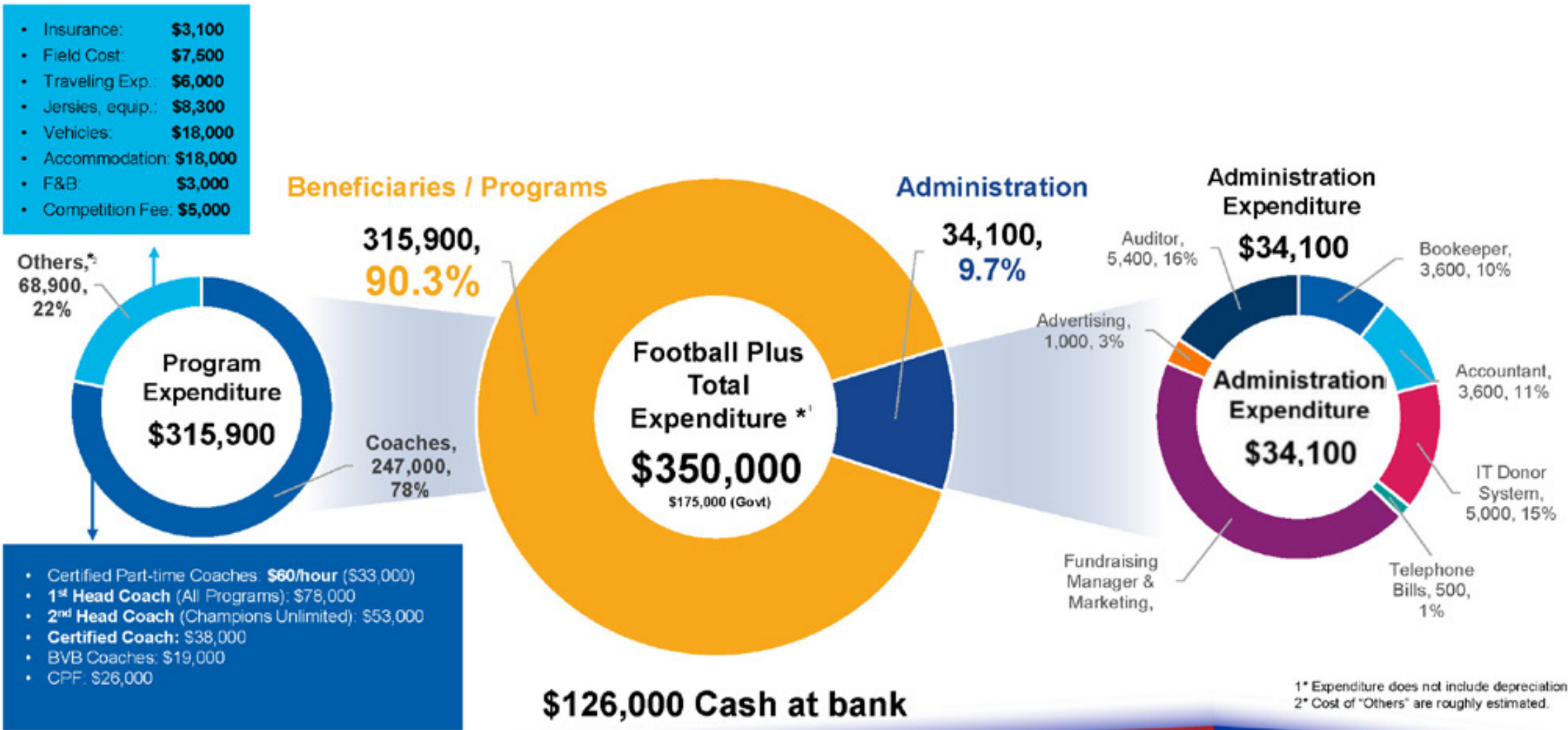


Staff for Programs

- 3 Full time coaches
- 3 Part time coaches
- 8 Volunteers for academic mentoring
- 10 Volunteering coaches



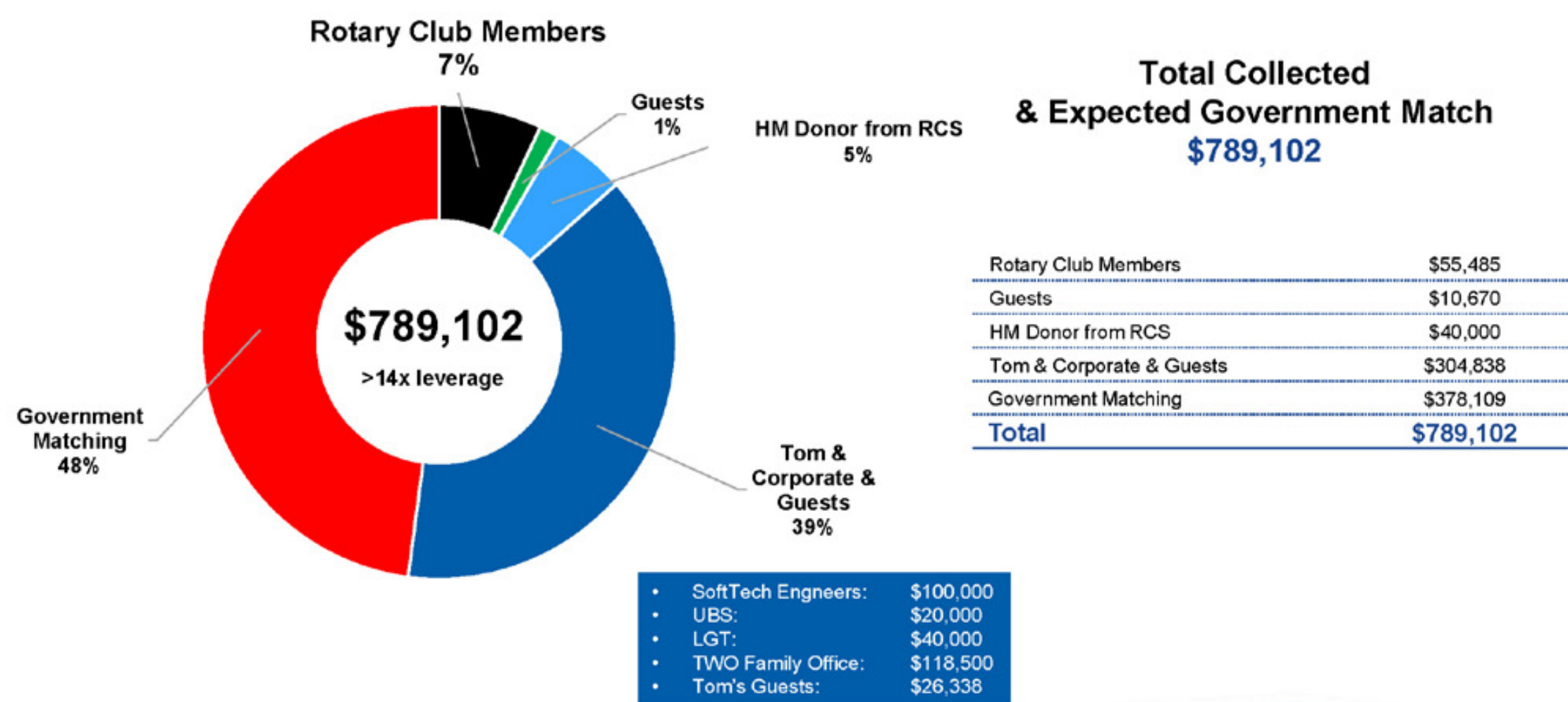
FOOTBALL PLUS FINANCIALS ANALYSIS AS OF 31st.DEC 2024 (IPC STATUS)



1* Expenditure does not include depreciation

2* Cost of "Others" are roughly estimated.

MAJOR PROJECT FUNDRAISING STRUCTURE



ESTIMATION OF FUND ALLOCATION*

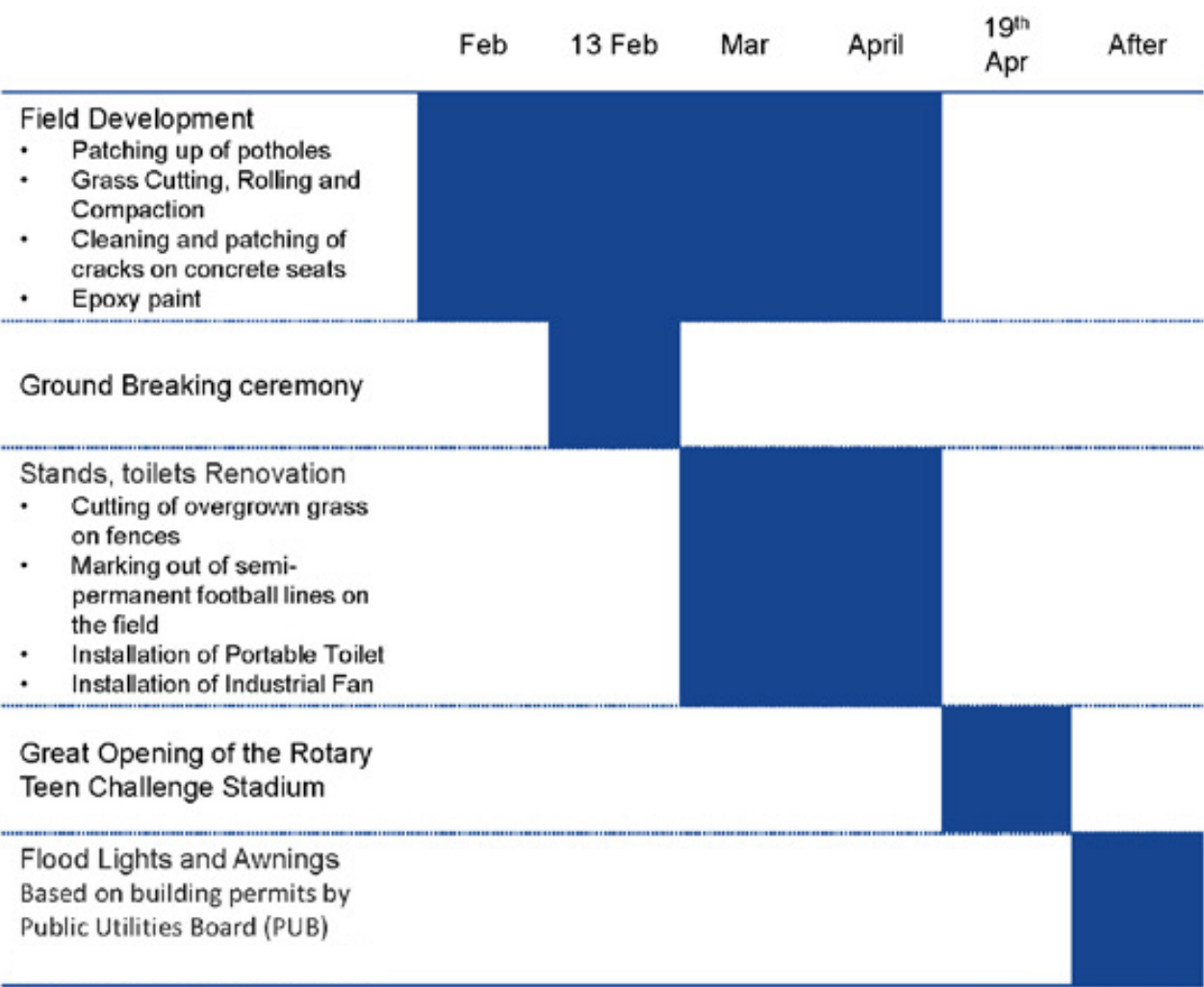


Total Fund
\$ 789,102

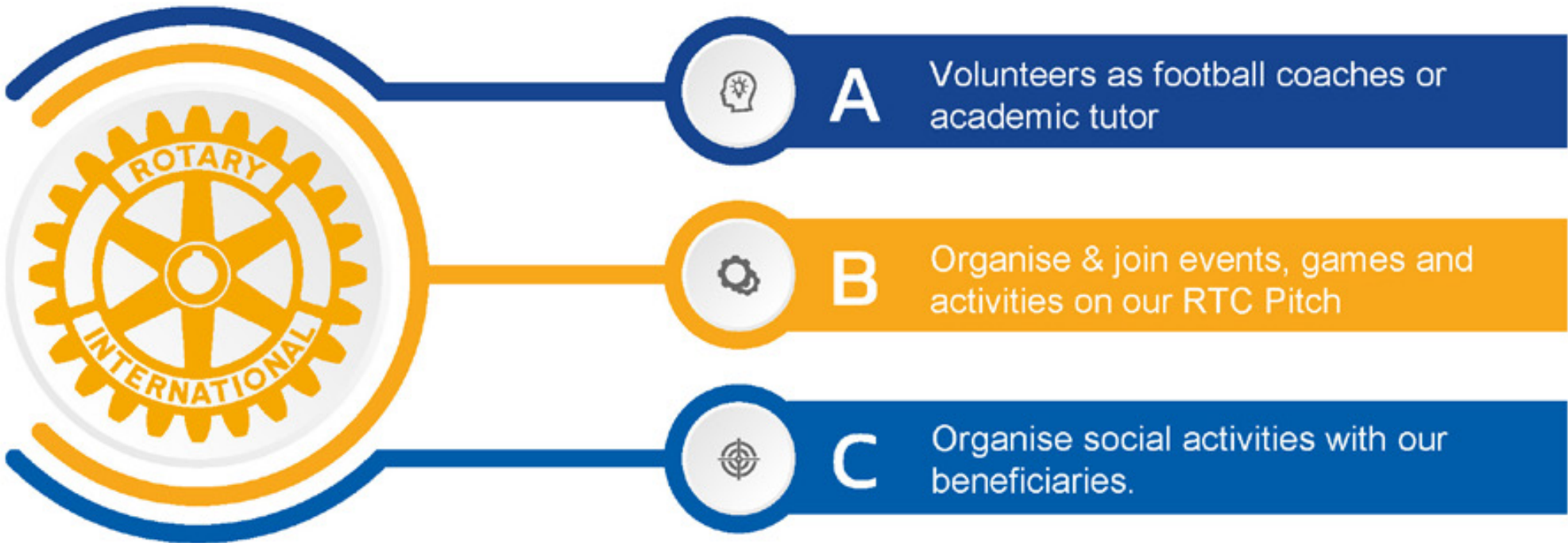
2024 (\$142,000)	2026 (\$203,340)
Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children Kwong 2024 (TWOFO)	Football Program 30 Ex-Offenders 2026
Fundraising Manager 2024 (TWOFO)	Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children RTC 2026 (capacity)
	Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children Kwong Ave 2026 (capacity)
	Friendship Cup 2026
2025 (\$288,432)	2027 Till end Sept (\$155,330)
RTC Stadium 2025	Football Program 30 Ex-Offenders 2027
Football Program 30 Ex-Offenders 2025 (capacity)	Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children RTC 2027 (capacity)
Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children RTC 2025 (capacity)	Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children Kwong Ave 2027 (capacity)
Football Program 30 Underprivileged Children Kwong Ave 2025 (capacity)	Friendship Cup 2027
Friendship Cup 2025	
Dortmund Trip	
Events & Unexpected	

*Program sum amount divided by months

ROTARY TEEN CHALLENGE STADIUM PROGRESS



WHAT ROTARIANS & FAMILY MEMBERS CAN CONTRIBUTE



2025 CHAMPIONS

FootballPlus



TO RAISE CHAMPIONS...

“Of the Primary 4 pupils who failed two or more subjects, an average of 12.6 per cent lived in public rental flats, said Education Minister Chan Chun Sing.

Less than 1% of students who live in public rental flats passed all four subjects

*“...low-income children are at **increased risk for socio-emotional problems...**”*

*Overall, these children are often **worse off** than their counterparts with higher family income—in terms of **health, academic achievements and psychological well-being***



GOALS OF CHAMPIONS



100% PASSING RATE FOR PSLE
Post-primary education secured



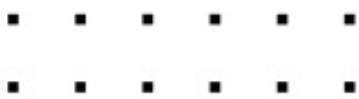
95% SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE FROM
SECONDARY SCHOOL BY 37%



IMPROVEMENT IN VALUES
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE
ASSESSMENT



HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE
IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE





Introduction to the tournament

Overview :

A fun and competitive Futsal tournament for both Junior and Senior teams

Objective :

To promote teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship

Target Audience

Junior Team - Students under 16, invited by Football Plus

Senior Team - Rotary Team, Teen Challenge Team and teams from the Churches & Corporate Organisations.

A total of 20 teams participating

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

5-A-SIDE

Maximum
8 Players per team

20 teams comprising both
Junior and Senior teams

Field will be divided into 4
Pitches

4 matches running
simultaneously

2 for Junior

2 for Senior



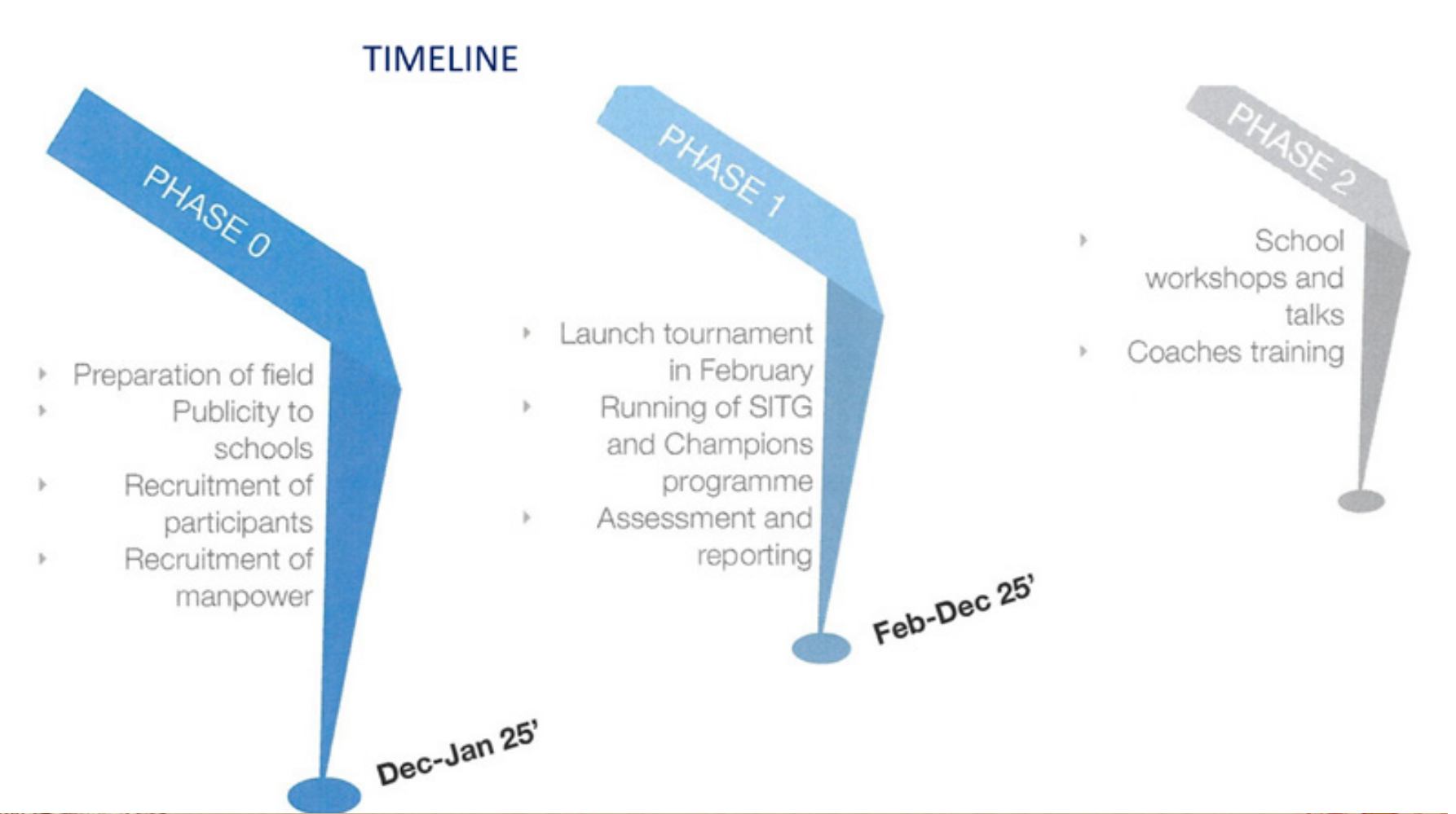
Champion,
1st runner-up and
2nd runner up.
Many more attractive prizes to be won



NEXT ACTION PLAN
TO FOSTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Teen Challenge will work with Football Plus in reaching out to the neighbourhood schools.

Conduct talks emphasizing the importance of staying away from drugs, using football to inspire and involve students



Sungei Tengah, a new housing estate



TARGET GROUP



The new Tengah Estate and Teen Challenge is around 1km apart. It will have 42,000 new homes (30,000 HDB flats and 12,000 private housing units) by 2024. 4 Primary Schools, 1 brand new and 3 relocated, will be added to the Tengah Estate, adding a projected 5700 primary school students to the region once completed.

Within a 5km radius, it also includes mature estates like Jurong East & West.

Within these two estates, there are a total of

- 1. 28 schools schools
- 2. Total population of around 341,330.
- 3. Total Enrolment in nearby Primary Schools: 16,471
- 4. Total Enrolment in nearby Secondary Schools: 12,263

This brings the total of potential Primary & Secondary school students we can reach in the area to around 34 434.



Borussia Dortmund

Borussia Dortmund (initials BVB or just Dortmund, is a German professional sports club based in Dortmund, Germany. It is best known for its men’s professional football team, which plays in the Bundesliga, the top tier of the German football league system.

CSC Meeting at New Life

Last 3 April, CSC was graciously hosted by New Life Stories (<https://www.newlifestories.org.sg>) in their lovely new community centre. Madame Saleemah Ismail and her amazing team opened their doors to President Tom Wolf, IPP Dr Chan Siew Luen, PE Sonali Sinha, PN Raj Kumar, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests who all enjoyed the Nasi Lemak prepared by one of the NLS beneficiaries.



The meeting was kicked off by Madame Saleemah as she provided a comprehensive introduction on NLS, focusing on the impactful programs that are assisting incarcerated Singaporeans and their families. PN Raj then shared a quick update on the recent CSC activities while introducing the incoming CSC Director, Rtn Varun Gulati and his vice chair, Rtn Eva Lee. The meeting transitioned to an open and impromptu discussion facilitated by IPP Dr Chan on how to improve CSC engagement in the coming Rotary year. The meeting ended with a quick round table of the Rotaractors and guests, highlighting how the "next generation" can contribute and continue the service work.

The evening concluded with an engaging tour of the facility and, of course, the customary group picture. All in all, a lovely evening of sharing and fellowship despite the uncooperative weather

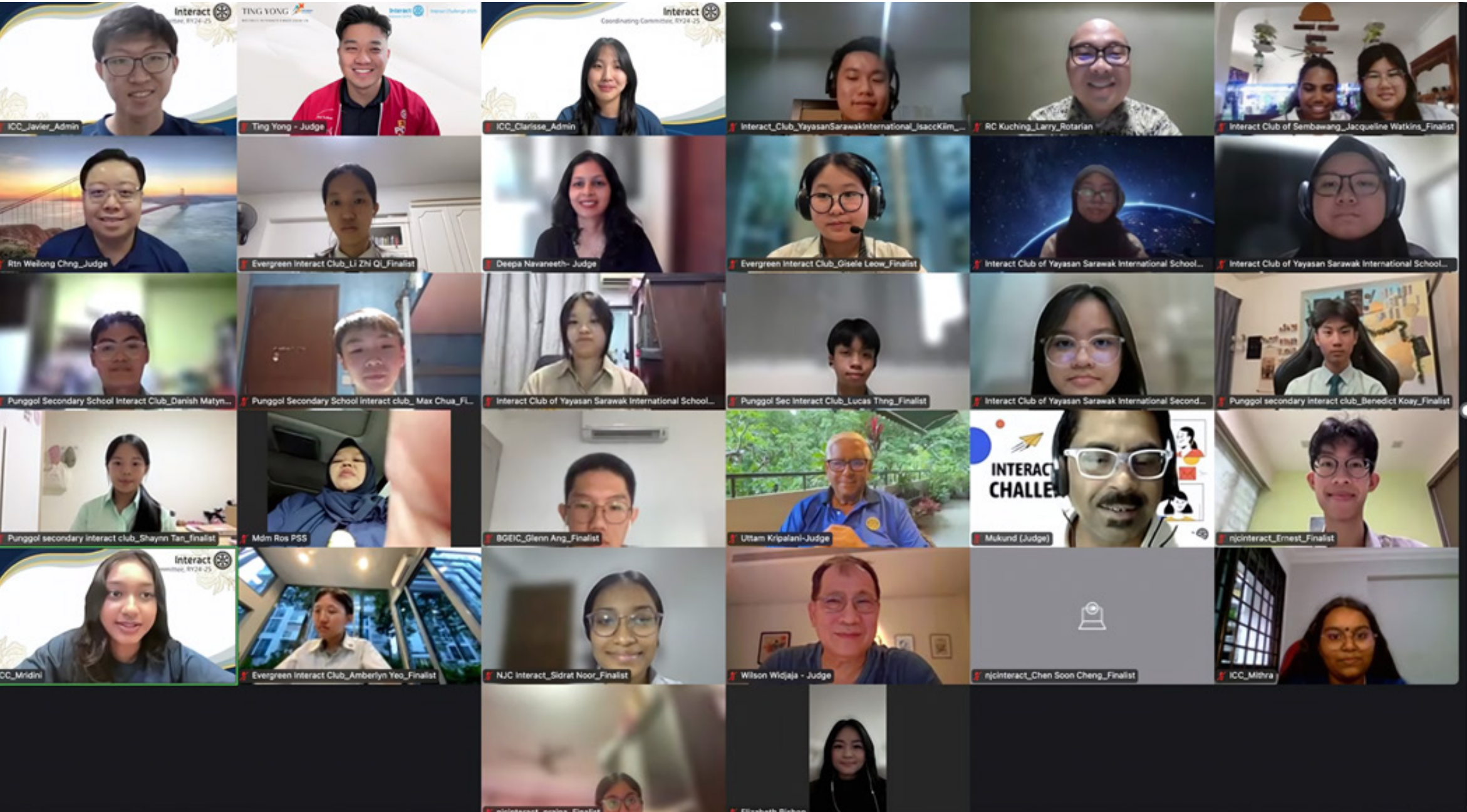
Please join us in our last CSC meeting on 8 May. See you then!

Write up by Rtn VJ Africa



Interact Challenge Via Zoom (Organised by the Interact Coordinating Committee)

District 3310 Interact Challenge



We've successfully concluded the District Interact Challenge, planned & conducted by the Interact Coordinating Committee (ICC) Singapore, where the Interactors showcased their respective projects through an intensive 2.5 hours Zoom session, and the winners received a cash prize to fund reimbursement for their projects: 🎉

1st Prize went to: SGD\$1,000 to Interact Club of National Junior College

2nd Prize: SGD\$500 Interact Club of Yayasan Sarawak International

3rd Prize: SGD\$300 Interact Club of Punggol Secondary School

Thank you judges from RC Singapore - HM Uttam, YSC Chair Rtn WeiLong, Rtn Mukund, Rtn Deepa & Rtn Wilson; as well as the ICC Interactors for leading the project. 🙏

The Upcoming Event

GRAND OPENING OF ROTARY TEEN CHALLENGE STADIUM

19th April, Saturday

Time: 8:30am to 1:30pm

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!



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?

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