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RCS/JA Career Talk at SJI

One of VSC's newest initiatives is a collaboration with Junior Achievement Singapore (JAS) on career-sharing seminars. This charitable organization has over the years educated thousands of students in Singapore about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. In partnership with the business community and educators, JAS brings the real world to students, opening their minds to their full potential and aims to reach 30,000 students by 2030. JAS caters to different age groups:

- Primary school: values education
- Secondary school: personal finance and business
- Pre-tertiary and tertiary: entrepreneurship and company attachments

JAS is part of JA Worldwide which is one of the world's largest non-profit organisations dedicated to educating students and was recently nominated for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize.

On 29 March 2025, VSC had partnered with JAS in organizing a "Careers in Finance" seminar at St. Joseph's Institution (SJI) for about 70 secondary school students. Speakers included Rtn. Ong Ting Yong (Financial Planning/Insurance), Rtn. Lee Chee Pin (Global Markets/Treasury), Rtn. Varun Gulati (Private Banking/Family Office) and SMU Adjunct Professor Ooi Boon Peng (Fund Management). The seminar was moderated by VSC Dir. Denis Hew. Tapping on the diverse expertise of RCS members, VSC aims to continue their collaboration with JAS in organizing career-sharing seminars at schools and colleges.

Speakers were Rtn Varun (Private Banking); Rtn Ting Yong (Family Planning/Insurance); Rtn Chee Pin (Global Markets) and guest speaker Ooi Boon Ping (Fund Management).

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.

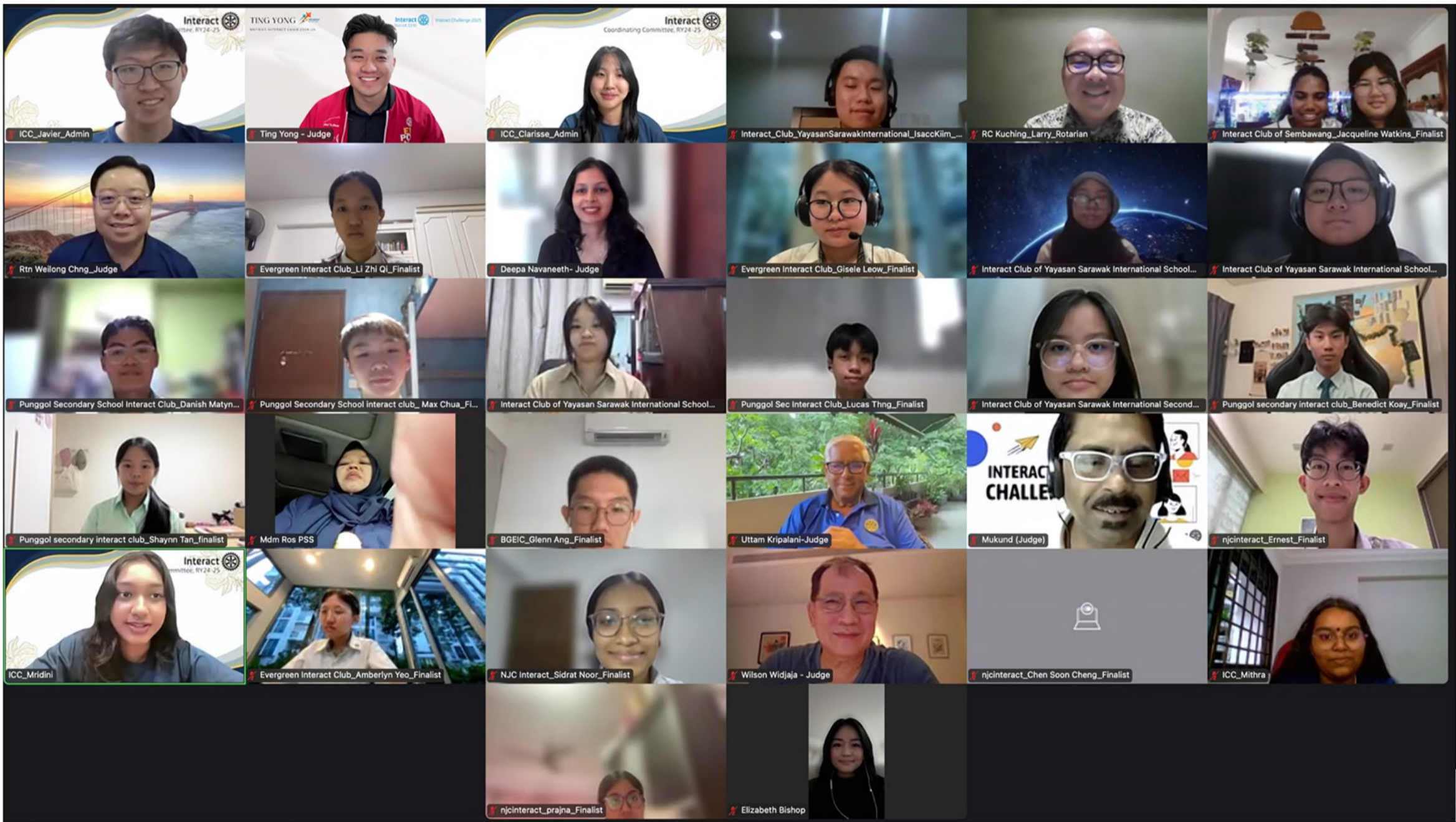
Please join us in our last CSC meeting on 8 May. See you then!

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. 🙏

Write up by YSC Chair Rtn Weilong

RCS 10th Board Meeting



The 10th Board Meeting was held at Tom's residence, bringing together board members to review and discuss the current status of major projects. The meeting also provided an opportunity to share updates on the progress of various service committee initiatives, ensuring alignment and continued momentum across all ongoing effort



Hari Raya at Plume

WELCOME OF GUEST

By Rtn Robert Damjanovic



ROTARY TOASTS

By PP Perlita Tiro

TO To RC Makati Paseo de Roxas
&
To Rotary International



EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



Mr Aarne Saluveer from RC Tallinn



PP Josephine Yap from RC Makati Paseo de Roxas

PERFORMANCE



Song Performance
by Ize Suliman

Silat Performance



Indonesian Dance Performance
by PPI Singapore



Speaker **Mr. Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib** sharing insights on the significance of Hari Raya and fostering unity in our community

Correspondent report by Pia Bruce:

Our distinguished speaker started by explaining the significance of Eid al-Fitr as a religious and cultural festival with its origin in the religion of Islam. He clarified that Eid is not the Muslim or Malay new year, and that the festival in fact takes place on the first day of the 10th month of the Muslim Hijri calendar. Eid al-Fitr originates from Prophet Muhammad's migration from Mecca to Medina in 622 (Gregorian calendar). The other festival the Prophet initiated was Eid al-Adha.

According to the Islamic calendar, we are now in year 1446. Since this calendar follows the lunar cycle, Muslims across the world may celebrate Eid one to two days off from each other, depending on when they can see the moon, and how particular they are about actually seeing it (for example, it might be hiding behind clouds) before the Eid celebrations can start. Every year Eid is celebrated around 10 days earlier in the Gregorian solar calendar.

When you see the crescent moon on the last day of the fasting month Ramadan, you start preparing for the next days festivities. You clean the house, go to the bazar, start cooking, put on new clothes, pray at the mosque, recite takbir, and children might light sparklers or firecrackers.

During the 30 days of fasting in the month of Ramadan preceding Eid al-Fitr, which is one of the five pillars of Islam, Muslims practice self-discipline and personal growth, and give Zakat and Sadaqah charitable donations and actions. Eid al-Fitr celebrations go on for the next full month of Shawwal, though in some parts of the world the celebrations are centered on the first day only. This is a month of seeking forgiveness, coming together, and renewing ties to those you care about through visiting their house etc. In Indonesia and Malaysia there is a tradition of mudek, returning from the city back to their hometown for Eid al-Fitr.

As early as 7am the morning after spotting the crescent moon, prayers start in mosques and on void decks. You also visit family members who passed on. Younger ones go visit the elder living family members to show respect. The elders then give children and young people who don't yet work green packets.

The traditional wear is the baju kurung, often floral, with knots and length relative to the knee signifying age, gender and civil status. Selamat Hari Raya or Eid Mubarak is the typical greeting. You leave your shoes by the door, no need to bring gifts, only an empty stomach. Wait for the host to offer food, and eat with your right hand, sitting down. Traditional Hari Raya Aidilfitri foods are rendang, ketupat, nasi kuning and lontong along with various kueh. Don't overstay, as the house might be small, and more guests will likely show up soon. 30 minutes is a good stay.

Remember, not all Muslims are Malay, or speak Malay language or practice Malay culture. All Muslims are encouraged to do the Hajj though, once in life if they have the means, during the 12th month of the Muslim calendar, and/or to do the Umrah or mini Hajj at other times.

PP Mansoor Hassanbhai concluded by thanking our speaker Mr. Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib for sharing his wisdom with us, giving us insight into how the fasting month of Ramadan and the celebrations of Eid al-Fitr contribute to more compassion, understanding and charity in the community.



VSC Meeting

Write Up by Rtn Eva Lee

9th VSC Meeting on 10 April 2025

The VSC team gathered at The Foundry for an evening of collaboration and updates.

We are excited to have our guest speakers

Eileen Chua & Zunaidah (SPD – Enabling Services Hub @ Tampines) who shared how SPD supports persons with disabilities through community programs, caregiver aid, and education.

Our second guest speakers Alex Park & Rachael Koh (Colours Global Foundation) discussed their work empowering vulnerable communities in Southeast Asia and opportunities for joint initiatives.

Potential partnerships with VSC were initiated and will be discussed and explored.

Some Key Updates on our current VSC projects:

NeuGen Tuition Project – Fundraising target met! \$25k will sponsor 10 students (children of ex-offenders), with additional grants secured.

ISCOS SASS Global Grant – Nearly finalized (USD 36,972) to help ex-offenders obtain driver's licenses.

VSC-JAS Career in Finance seminar at SJI

Artisan of the Year 2025– 10 applicants received; judging begins soon.

It is a fantastic evening and a productive session fostering partnership and driving impactful projects forward!



VSC: Visit to Kok Fah Farm

Write up by Rtn Deepa Navaneeth

RCS VOCATIONAL VISIT – KOK FAH TECHNOLOGY FARM

Our recent vocational visit to Kok Fah Technology Farm was a meaningful and insightful experience. Members had the chance to explore the inner workings of a family-run farm that has embraced technology and sustainability to grow fresh local produce. The tour shed light on modern farming methods, including hydroponics and vertical farming — a valuable learning opportunity aligned with Rotary’s focus on vocational service.

After the tour, we continued our fellowship over a delightful lunch at Poison Ivy Bistro, just a short drive away. Surrounded by nature, we enjoyed traditional local fare, warm conversations, and shared laughter — a perfect end to a productive and inspiring day.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to making this vocational visit a memorable one!



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!

Rotary Club of Singapore

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!

EMPOWERING WOMEN DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

31st May, Saturday

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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