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Rotary Teen Challenge Stadium Grand Opening on 19 Apr 2025

(By Dir Linda Lin with contribution from Rtn Tan Chor Tien)

The big day finally came. Players and non players came excited all ready to have fun.

The football team from the Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS) were all decked in very smart black jerseys, ready to face their opponents from Teen Challenge in red. The RCS team is made up of members, teenage children and spouses of Rotarians. The under-90 team was formed and practised as a team under coach Colin Miles only once before the game on that day.

The ceremony was opened by President Tom Wolf who gave a welcome speech. This was followed by Reverend Dr Chia giving thanks to RCS for undertaking a project which gives Teen Challenge's residents the chance to lead a healthy and disciplined lifestyle focused on football for a better rehabilitation back to society. The Guest of Honour, Shunmugham Subramani a former player with Singapore's national football team also applauded the club for the benefits of project. This was followed by a kick-off of the games.



The football match started with four 20min halves. Coach Colin Miles had his best 11 players on the pitch and RCS clearly was the stronger team with some amazing young talents displaying their slick moves. RCS was up 4-1 against Teen Challenge.

Coach Colin then started rotations to give Rotarians on the sidelines a chance to play. Many players from the age of 6 to 60 were raring to go. Teen Challengers were a strong side and they came roaring back 4-4!

Coach then reverted to original formation and it was 7-6 to RCS. At the last 20min and in the spirit of inclusion, a rotation was made and roped in all other Rotarians to play. Eventually the Teen Challengers outran RCS, and ended up 11-7 against RCS. What a thrilling game it was!



The non-players were also having fun at the carnival with food and games galore. There was an ice cream stall, curry puff stall and game stalls. Families with children were enjoying themselves very much.



THE FUN AND LAUGHTER IS BEST DESCRIBED BY :

Rtn Chor Tien

“ I love the kampung feel of Teen Challenge ”

Director Colin Miles

“ A wonderful morning unfolded for our stadium’s grand opening—bright and festive, much like the prized Rotary team shirts so generously donated by President Tom. Spirits were high as players and supporters gathered to mark this milestone event.

Though the sun was shining, the pitch was a different story—slick and treacherous after days of monsoon-level downpours. For some of us older players, just staying upright was half the battle! Despite the challenging conditions, the action was non-stop with a fast-paced, short game format that kept everyone on their toes.

The Rotary team claimed victories in matches 1 and 3, while Teen Challenge edged out games 2 and 4, resulting in a final aggregate score of 11–7 in their favour. Despite our light-hearted appeals to FIFA, UEFA, and even FAS, the composite result stood! That said, at the end of the day, the mix of camaraderie and competition, was a fitting kickoff for a facility that promises to serve the community for years to come.

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Rtn Hulya

“ Opening of Rotary Teen Challenge Stadium offers a safe, modern space for users to come together, stay active and build stronger connections. We deeply appreciate President Tom Wolf and all generous contributors whose support made this possible. Their dedication has created a lasting impact. As a Rotarian, I feel incredibly proud to be part of an organization that serves and uplifts the community. ”

Rtn Hulya’s Son Arda

“ I had a great time at the opening of teen challenge stadium. Playing football was awesome, and when we got our uniforms, I felt really proud to be part of the team. The uniforms had a beautiful design, and wearing them made us feel like real pros. After the game, we had some tasty food and drinks, which hit the spot after all running. The best part was getting to know new people; we instantly clicked over our love for football. It was a day I won't forget. ”

Rtn Chee Pin

“ Our team is a combination of experience and young talents... chasing the balls made the seniors feel old but the joy of our team scoring made us feel young again! ”

AG Karen Kang

“ It was a fun filled day and our family enjoyed it so much! The various activities, from craft work to soccer, to the food stalls, were delightful and formed a good memory... ”

Rtn Chong Zhi Cheng

“ I wasn’t quite sure what to expect, with a stadium located near Lim Chu Kang. But standing there, I realised it’s a quiet gem in an unexpected corner of Singapore—it reminded me that sometimes the most meaningful impact happens off the beaten path. ”

At the end of the day, it was not the winning or losing that mattered. It was the friendship and bonding that made a difference. The connection through a game of football was heartwarming. The ability to contribute in any way to make another person happy and uplift their lives was magical.

Major Project Committee

The major project was put together by the Major Project Committee shown below. Under the leadership of President Tom Wolf and through months of hardwork, the project was launched successfully.

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Major Project 2024/2025

The Rotary Teen Challenge Stadium (RTC Stadium) is a major project of The Rotary Club of Singapore for year 2024/2025. Under this project, the club raised funds to

- refurbish the football pitch at Teen Challenge’s premises
- provide football training and academic support for underprivileged children in collaboration with Football Plus.
- provide football training for ex-offenders.

The objective of the project is to leverage on sports to support underprivileged children in their personal development and growth. Seeing the benefits from a previous project, the club renewed the training programme for the children for another 2.5 years until Sept 2027 with Football Plus, a non-profit charitable organisation.

The second objective is to help substance abusers rehabilitate and integrate back into society through sports. The football training programmes will provide a disciplined and healthy way to develop self-esteem and confidence. The club collaborated with Teen Challenge, a faith-based nonprofit organisation, to refurbish their football field and provide football training programmes for its residents.

31st Club Meeting – TRF Sharing

WELCOME OF GUEST

By PE Sonali



ROTARY TOASTS

By PP Tapan Rao

TO Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanaga & Rotary International



The Magic of Rotary: Uniting for Good

Correspondent: VJ Africa



On 23 April 2025, the Rotary Club of Singapore (RCS) proudly hosted 19 clubs from across District 3310 and beyond for an unforgettable evening of fundraising, fellowship, and fine dining at the historic Raffles Hotel.

The **District 3310 TRF Fundraising Dinner** brought together Rotarians representing the full spectrum of giving — Arch Klumph Society (AKS) Fellows, Major Donors (MD), Paul Harris Society (PHS) Members, Paul Harris Fellows, and passionate Rotarians ready to do their part.

The target? A bold **USD 900,000** — a stretch goal that demanded nothing less than Rotary magic. To help lead the charge, none other than Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Shekhar Mehta flew in from India, energising the room filled with PDGs, HMs, PPs, Presidents, and distinguished guests.

DG Dr Yap Lip Kee opened the evening by emphasising the significance of the mission ahead. PE Sonali Sinha followed with a warm welcome, acknowledging district leaders and guests from a wide

range of clubs, including: RC Calcutta-Mahanagar, RC Dhaka Central, RC Shimodate, RC Bandar Seri Begawan, RC Bugis Junction, RC Changi, RC Garden City, RC Kota Kinabalu South, RC Kuching, RC Kuching Central, RC Marina City, RC Novena, RC Pandan Valley, RC Queenstown, RC Raffles City, RC Sentosa, RC Singapore East, RC Suntec City, RC Tanjong Pagar, and of course, RC Singapore.

The Rotary Toast was led by PP Tapan Rao, who saluted the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar before inviting PRIP Shekhar to share insights about his vibrant home club. PRIP Shekhar captivated the audience with stories of impactful projects — from eye surgeries and dialysis centers to literacy initiatives, water and sanitation projects, and global grants — all designed to uplift lives and communities. He warmly invited all present to visit and experience the spirit of his club firsthand.

President Tom presented a lively video showcase of the Rotary Teen Challenge Stadium's grand opening on 19 April 2025. (You can relive the moment by clicking the link to the [LinkedIn](#) post.)

"Service is the rent we pay for our place on Earth."

— PRIP Shekhar Mehta



The heart of the evening came after dinner, as PRIP Shekhar delivered a heartfelt address on why he gives to the Rotary Foundation. Sharing personal anecdotes and real-world impact — from building toilets and eye hospitals to pediatric heart surgeries and disaster relief — he highlighted the Foundation's outstanding stewardship, where 90% of funds are channeled directly into charitable projects. He praised District 3310's contributions and passionately urged Rotarians to continue their support, underscoring Rotary's unparalleled return on investment: global peace, dignity, and opportunity.

District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (DRFC) PP Ng Yaw Hua then reported on the District's fundraising achievements, celebrating projections of USD 900,000 for the Rotary year — with an aspirational stretch goal of USD 1 million. Special recognition was given to:

- Rotary Club of Singapore for All-Time Giving (USD 4.4M), Total Giving RY 2023–2024 (USD 295K), and Per Capita Giving RY 2023–2024.
- RC Queenstown and RC Garden City for outstanding Per Capita Annual Fund Giving.

A moment of gratitude was extended to Major Gift Donors, AKS Members, Major Donors, and Paul Harris Society Members, whose combined generosity helped raise an impressive USD 300,000.

Adding strategic perspective, President Tom — an AKS Member himself — emphasized the importance of Treasure: The Fuel for Sustainable Futures. His message was clear: every contribution, big or small, fuels Rotary's mission. He threw down a powerful challenge: to elevate 10% of our

membership into the Arch Klumph Society, setting Rotary on the path to becoming the Number 1 Foundation in the World.

Further inspiring testimonies followed from distinguished Past District Governors: PDG Rajanmohan Munisamy, PDG Jeff Yong, and IPDG Dr John Chan, each sharing their personal journeys and deep-rooted belief in the impact of giving to TRF.

IPP Dr Chan Siew Luen, with his signature wit, invited everyone to join the upcoming Bali District Conference — promising a vibrant program crafted by district leaders and spouses. (There’s still time to register and join the celebration!)

The evening’s formalities closed on a gracious note with President Tom, who as Organising Chair, delivered a heartfelt Vote of Thanks to PRIP Shekhar and all those who made the evening a success.

The result? A magical USD 303,000 raised in a single night — a testament to the enduring spirit, generosity, and unity of Rotary.



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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