



Rotary CROSSROADS

by Rotary Club of Singapore



8 July 2025 | Volume 62 | Issue No. 1



Founded on 6 June 1930 | Proud of our Heritage, Committed to our Future
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner for 'Best Bulletin in District 3310'

Friday June 27th 2025

WELCOME DINNER

Correspondent report by Rtn Deepa Navaneeth

On June 27th, 2025, the evening before the installation of President-Elect Sonali Sinha, the ISC Team hosted a warm and vibrant Welcome Dinner to greet our Sister Clubs and Partner Clubs from around the world. The evening began with gracious hospitality, as registration was seamlessly managed by Rtn Ira, Rtn Divika, and Rtn Hulya, who ensured every guest felt personally welcomed. Their cheerful presence set the tone for a memorable night of fellowship, celebration, and cross-cultural camaraderie.



Our evening began with a friendly reception at the registration desk, led by Rtn Ira, Rtn Hulya, and Rtn Divika.



Master of Ceremonies Rtn VJ, Leading with Style

Our Emcee for the evening was none other than Rtn VJ, who set the stage with great energy and charm. He introduced our club to the gathered guests and led the Flag March-in and Club Roll Call, creating a spirited and unifying start to the evening's program.

Flag Parade Representing Our Sister Clubs and Partner Clubs



Roll Call of our Sister Clubs and Partner Clubs



Kicking Off the Evening with PE Sonali's Welcome

President-Elect Sonali opened the Welcome Dinner by expressing heartfelt gratitude to the 141 Rotarians from nine countries who had traveled near and far to join us. She reflected on the deep bonds forged through shared service and friendship, whether with Sister Clubs, Friendship Clubs, or project partners and reminded us that Rotary thrives when we connect and collaborate across borders. Highlighting the club's upcoming 95th anniversary, she outlined her vision for the year ahead: strengthening ties through regular "country champions," maintaining ongoing dialogue, and launching joint projects that deliver real impact. With warmth and enthusiasm, PE Sonali invited everyone to embrace the coming year of fellowship, listening, and collective action, setting an inspiring tone for the evening and beyond.



Sister Club Signing & Banner Exchange

Rotary Club of Singapore formalized its sister club relationships with Rotary Club of Belur, Rotary Club of Surabaya, Rotary Club of Taipei, and Rotary Club of Muar through official signing ceremonies. Banner exchanges were also carried out with each of these clubs as a symbol of our enduring partnership and shared commitment to service.



Sister Club Agreement with RC Belur



Sister Club Agreement with RC Surabaya



Sister Club Agreement with RC Muar



Sister Club Agreement with RC Taipei



Banner Exchange with PP Abdullah of RC Bangkok



Banner Exchange with Reign Barcelona of RC San Pablo City, Philippines



Banner Exchange with RC Marbel



RC Bagmathi, Kathmandu, Nepal



Banner Exchange with RC Chandragiri, Nepal

A lavish buffet dinner was served, delighting guests with a wide array of delicious dishes.



■ PDG Aloysius of RC Bali Kuta, DG Sussanna Chandra and Octavius of RC Bali Denpasar enjoying their dinner.

Multi-Cultural Performance

The Kirana Seni Malay Traditional Dance Group captivated the audience with a vibrant and graceful traditional performance.

HM Rewa's Performance

HM Rewa had the crowd in stitches with his sharp wit and endless jokes, keeping the energy high throughout the evening. He also hosted a lively auction of his books, starting at \$100 and climbing all the way to an impressive \$1,000. Our very own Rotarian Al Chor Tian placed the winning bid, with all proceeds going towards a meaningful cause.



■ HM Rewa with his impromptu stand-up act.



■ The winning bid of \$1000 came from our very own Rotarian Al Chor Tian, with the full amount going towards a worthy cause.



ISC Report by Director Navaneeth

Director Navaneeth shared key highlights from the past year, underscoring ISC's strong contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and Global Grants. He noted that the committee successfully raised over \$250,000 for impactful initiatives and disaster relief efforts.

He also acknowledged the active involvement of new Rotarians in ISC projects, expressing gratitude to the senior members for their continued guidance and mentorship.

A video presentation followed, showcasing the committee's wide-ranging impact and key projects from the past year, including the Organic Farm Project in Northeast China, club visits to Kolkata and Colombo, *Help the Children* in Malang, *Project Nari Shakti*, *Atma Nirbhar*, and the *Gravity-Fed Water System* initiative.

The video also featured memorable fellowship visits to Hong Kong, Macau, Kenya, and Malacca, highlighting the spirit of camaraderie and service that defines ISC.

RCS Global Grants by DG Shahul

Our District Governor, Shahul Hamid, shared an update on the Global Grants for Rotary Year 2024–2025. A total of 41 Global Grants were reviewed and endorsed by the Rotary Foundation Committee of the Rotary Club of Singapore. Of these, 31 Global Grants have been approved between 1st July 2024 and 27th July 2025. These approved projects represent a total project value of USD 2.5 million and span across 9 countries: Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Italy, Turkey, and Singapore.





Global Grants

RY 2024-25 SNAPSHOT

Rotary Club Singapore
RI District 3310
1 July 2024 to 27 June 2025

41 GGs

deliberated and sanctioned this RY by RC Singapore's Club Rotary Foundation Committee (CRFC)

31 GGs

approved in Rotary Year 2024/2025 so far, from 1 July 2024 to 27 June 2025

USD \$2.5M

total project value of 31 approved GGs this RY in 9 countries: Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Italy, Turkey, and Singapore.

RC Singapore

Global Grants Summary

1 July 2013 to 27 June 2025



Total GGs Approved

207

of which 20 are Covid 19 GGs



GGs in Draft Stage

13



GGs in Submitted Phase

09



Total TRF Contribution

\$4.50M



Number of Countries

25

Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, China, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Brazil, Nauru, Cook Islands, S Korea, Hungary, Peru, Uganda, Ghana, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Italy, Turkey

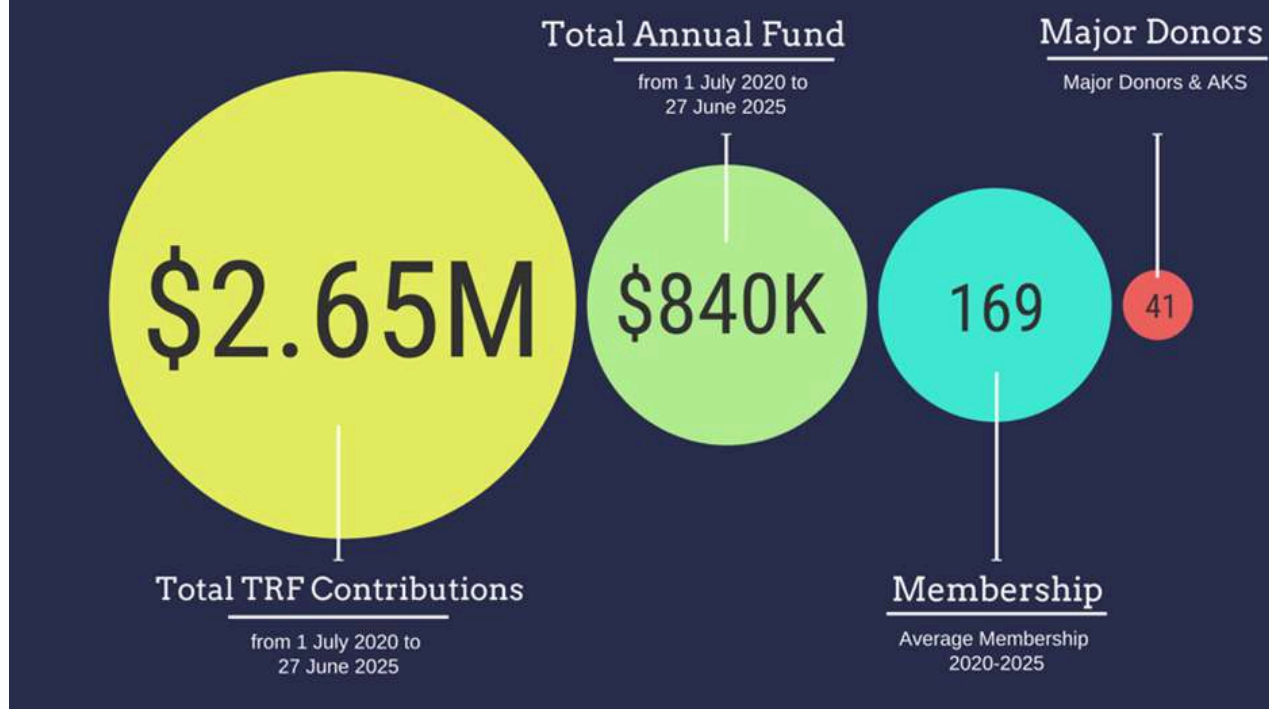


Total Project Value

\$14.45M

207 Approved Global Grants

RC Singapore TRF Contributions 2020-2025



Countries	No of GGs	Countries	No of GGs
1. Singapore	8	13. Bangladesh	1
2. Malaysia	10	14. Taiwan	3
3. Indonesia	22	15. Hungary	1
4. Thailand	7	16. Nepal	6
5. Philippines	15	17. Nauru	1
6. Nigeria	8	18. Cook Islands	2
7. Vietnam	8	19. South Korea	1
8. China	5	20. Ghana	1
9. Brazil	3	21. Uganda	2
10. Peru	1	22. Cambodia	3
11. India	92	23. Papua New Guinea	1
12. Sri Lanka	4	24. Italy	1
		25. Turkey	1
		Total (as of 27 June 2025)	207

Partner Club Speeches & Gift Exchange



Words of Gratitude by President Tom





Social Dance (Namrata + DJ)

The evening came alive with our one and only Namrata, arguably the best dancer in Singapore, who lit up the floor alongside our fantastic DJ. Together, they created a high-energy, fun-filled atmosphere that brought everyone to the center stage. Namrata led the way with spirited Bhangra and Indian dance moves, and soon Rotarians from across the globe were swaying, spinning, and celebrating together in true Rotary fellowship.



The evening concluded with a vibrant open dance floor, where members let loose and danced their hearts out alongside the ever-energetic Namrata, wrapping up the Welcome Dinner on a joyful and unforgettable note.

PARTICIPATING ROTARY CLUBS

Region

Rotary Club Names

Brunei

Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan

China

Rotary Club of Shanghai Merlion

Hong Kong

Rotary Club of Hong Kong Goodwill

India

Rotary Club of Belur

Rotary Club of Calcutta

Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria

Rotary Club of Mangalore Sunrise

Rotary Club of Mumbai Inspire

Rotary Club of Purulia

Indonesia

Rotary Club of Bali Denpasar

Rotary Club of Bali Kuta

Rotary Club of Surabaya Metropolitan

Rotary Club of Surabaya Jemputan Merah

Rotary Club of Jakarta Sunter Centennial

Rotary Club of Semarang Kunthi

Rotary Club of Surabaya

Japan

Rotary Club of Izumi

Rotary Club of Kashiwanishi

Rotary Club of Kobe East

Malaysia

Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu South

Rotary Club of KL Di Raja

Rotary Club of Kuching Central

Rotary Club of Kulai

Rotary Club of Muar

Nepal

Rotary Club of Bagmati

Rotary Club of Dhulikhel

Rotary Club of Chandragiri

PARTICIPATING ROTARY CLUBS

Region

Rotary Club Names

Philippines

Rotary Club of Makati
Rotary Club of Makati Central
Rotary Club of Naga
Rotary Club of Pasig
Rotary Club of Rizal West
Rotary Club of San Pablo City
Rotary Club of Cauayan
Rotary Club of Manila
Rotary Club of Marbel

Singapore

Rotary Club of Bugis Junction
Rotary Club of E-Club 3310
Rotary Club of Jurong Town
Rotary Club of Marina City
Rotary Club of Pandan Valley
Rotary Club of Raffles City
Rotary Club of Singapore Heartlands
Rotary Club of Singapore West
Rotary Club of Suntec City
Rotary Club of Tanjong Pagar
Rotary Club of Changi
Rotary Club of Garden City
Rotary Club of Novena

Taiwan

Rotary Club of Shulin
Rotary Club of Taipei
Rotary Club of Taipei Tin Harbour
Rotary Club of Taipei Tin Harbour
Rotary Club of Tucheng
Rotary Club of Taichung Culture Education

Thailand

Rotary Club of Bangkok

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-26



Sonali Sinha
President



Tom Wolf
Immediate Past
President



Rajkumar PS
President Elect



Vineet Iyengar
Vice President &
Major Project Chair



Suzanne Ng
Vice President & Speaker
Programme Chair



Ong Ting Yong
Hon. Secretary



Pia Bruce
Hon. Treasurer



Jeyanthi RK
Membership
Director



VJ Africa
Public Image & PR
Director



Yogesh Dodani
TRF Director



Varun Gulati
CSC Director



Grace Roache
VSC Director



Navaneeth Rajkumar
ISC Director



Mukund AP
YSC Director



Ng Jun Dong
Sergeant-at-arms



Hitansh Vij
Sergeant-at-arms