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10TH CLUB MEETING:

17 September 2025 – The Rotary Club of Singapore hosted an extraordinary evening featuring Madam Halimah Yacob, Singapore's first female President and current Chancellor of the Singapore University of Social Sciences.

District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed warmly welcomed Madam Halimah and the distinguished guests, setting the tone for an engaging dialogue on community service and leadership.

During the meeting's initial segment, the club recognised several visiting Rotarians (list presented later). A banner exchange took place with Ms Sonia Salaria, President of Rotary Club of New Chandigarh (District 3080, India), symbolising the international fellowship that is a hallmark of Rotary's global network.

The formal welcome of the guests was done by Rtn Louisa Lee and the toast to the Republic of Singapore and to Rotary International was done by PP Mansoor Hassanbhai.

President Sonali highlighted the Club's recent achievements, including the ongoing dialysis center project at Willing Hearts, the Help the Children initiative supporting 500 underprivileged school children, and the Active Aging Bold and Bond program. The Step Up Challenge to end polio was also discussed, with 16 club members participating and four donors pledging support.





Upcoming events were announced, including the International Service Committee meeting, food package distribution, and the Jolly Walkers event at the Botanic Gardens. The club also shared excitement about upcoming charter anniversaries of partner clubs and the much-anticipated Deepavali party.



PP James Lee was honored with the **Rotary International Avenues of Service Award**, recognizing his outstanding contributions across Rotary's five key service areas — Club, Vocational, Community, International, and Youth Service. This prestigious award celebrates Rotarians who exemplify "Service Above Self" through leadership, ethical professionalism, impactful community projects, global goodwill, and youth empowerment. The award crystal was personally presented to PP James by IPDG Lip Kee, marking a proud moment for our club and a testament to his dedication and exemplary Rotary spirit.



A Conversation Series:

AN EVENING WITH MDM HALIMAH YACOB: REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNITY, SERVICE, AND THE ROLE OF ROTARY

In an exciting panel discussion facilitated by DG Shahul Hammed, Mdm Halimah delivered a powerful message about unity, social cohesion, and the importance of focusing on shared values. She spoke extensively about engaging younger generations, particularly Gen Z, emphasizing their passion for social causes and the need for flexible, meaningful engagement.

Addressing the challenges of polarisation, populism, and misinformation, Mdm Halimah stressed the importance of sincerity, hard work, and face-to-face connections in building trust. She encouraged Rotarians to create opportunities for young people to lead and innovate, suggesting the club could set aside a budget for youth-led projects.

The dialogue covered a range of topics, from mental health and support for underserved communities to the challenges of modern leadership in a digital age. Mdm Halimah shared personal insights about parenting, leadership, and the importance of recognizing individual strengths beyond academic achievements.



The evening concluded with a vote of thanks, with Rotarians expressing deep appreciation for Mdm Halimah's inspiring words and her continued commitment to community service. The event exemplified Rotary's mission of bringing people together to create positive change and build understanding across generations and communities.



Guest List:

1. Mdm Halimah Yacob, Guest Speaker
2. Prasson Mukherjee, Guest of DG Dr Shahul Hameed
3. Subhalaxmi Mukherjee, Guest of DG Dr Shahul Hameed
4. Lim Teck Yin, Guest of PP Dr Chan Siew Luen
5. Gunjali Singh, Guest of Pres. Sonali Sinha
6. Kenneth Daniel Tan, Guest of Liesa Desisca
7. Anita Chughtai, Guest of Louisa Lee
8. Minoli Almeida, Guest of Louisa Lee
9. Christine Sim, Guest of Louisa Lee
10. Michelle Hameed, Spouse of DG Dr Shahul Hameed
11. Rachael Pereira, Spouse of IPDG Dr Yap Lip Kee
12. Kawita Vaswani, Spouse of HM Mohan Vaswani
13. Maria Hassanbhai, Spouse of PP Mansoor Hassanbhai
14. Dolores Low, Spouse of PP Stan Low
15. Priti Mahtani, Spouse of Dr Suresh Mahtani
16. Mirza Hameed, Son of DG Dr Shahul Hameed
17. Rajeev Aggarwal, Prospect (Pres. Sonali Sinha)
18. Rekha Nair, Prospect (Pres. Sonali Sinha)
19. Irene Chong, Prospect (Ronald Wong)
20. Leong Po Lynn, Prospect
21. Celeste Yim, Prospect (Hassan)
22. Felix, RACBG (Guest of PP James Lee)
23. Chan Chee Kong

Visiting Rotarians:

1. PE Jason Tam RC Richmond Sunset (D5040)
2. Sonia Salaria, Pres. RC New Chandigarh (District 3080, India)
3. Lee Kong Hwee, PDG, RC Pontian
4. Nana Lee, Spouse of PDG Lee Kong Hwee
5. Lee Chin Guan, AG RC Puteri Lagoon
6. Foo Lai Chan, ECLUB of 3310
7. Syed Imtiaz Hussain, RC Marina City
8. Reena Rajamohan, Pres. RC Pandan Valley
9. Lim Soon Hock, PP, RC Pandan Valley
10. Tan Yinglan, RC Pandan Valley
11. Kenneth Goh, Pres. RC Peace Builders Singapore
12. James Gomez, CP RC Singapore Heartlands
13. Dorothy Loke, RC Singapore Heartlands

3RD ISC MEETING

By ISC Director Navaneeth Rajkumar

18 September 2025 – ISC’s third meeting of the year was hosted by IPP Tom Wolf. ISC Chair Navaneeth led the session, welcoming attendees and guests from partner clubs, including Rotarian Rajiv from RC Mumbai Inspire.

Highlights included the successful “Know Your Partner Club” session with RC Kuching Central, and updates on recent fellowship visits to RC KL DiRaja, RC Muar, and RC Malacca.

Rotarian Rajiv shared insights into the Mumbai Inspire Bursary Project, which RCS has supported with \$17,000, emphasizing its impact on underprivileged students and encouraging broader inter-club collaboration for future funding.

Updates were also presented on the Shen Yang and “Help the Children” projects.

The committee approved a \$1,000 contribution to RC Delhi Akash Metropolis for their Clean-Up Drive Project, supporting environmental efforts across 12 Interact clubs.



The committee reviewed the existing Disaster Relief Policy, which previously set a standard approval of \$2,500 per disaster without specifying a fundraising target. Following the recent Sabah Flood Relief initiative—where member generosity exceeded expectations and raised \$13,000—the committee agreed to include defined fundraising targets for all future relief efforts. The ISC Chair will set these targets based on whether the affected area falls within or outside the district. For in-district disasters, RCS will coordinate with the District Governor to allocate any surplus funds appropriately, either to the District Relief Fund or back to the club.

Members also began outlining guidelines to define the distinction between partner and sister clubs, to be finalized in the next meeting.

Invitations to attend RC BSB and RC Taipei installations in October were shared before Chair Navaneeth concluded the meeting at 9:15 p.m.



3RD FOOD FROM THE HEART

By CSC Vice Chair Rajesh Prabhakaran

20 September 2025 – Despite the academic exam and holiday season, our Rotary Club of Singapore volunteers rose brilliantly to the occasion to ensure that the Food from the Heart (FFTH) distribution went ahead seamlessly — even in the absence of our committed Rotaractors and Interactors.

We were heartened to see additional helping hands from the Rotary Clubs of Tanglin and Jurong Town, as well as several prospects and family members, stepping forward to make sure the event did not miss a beat.

Under the able guidance of Rtn. Kishin, even our new volunteers quickly learnt the ropes. Together with our experienced FFTH regulars, the team efficiently completed the distribution of 100+ food packets to beneficiaries, continuing to brighten the day for our beneficiaries.

Thanks to all our regular Rotarians — Anson, Grace, Hitansh, Ira, Kishin, Mukund, Rajesh, Sarah, Shaun, Sonali, Vineet, and VJ. A heartfelt thank-you also goes out to prospects Jeremy and Rekha, and to Varun's spouse Niharika with their daughter Saige, for joining in the effort with such enthusiasm.



A big shoutout to the eight volunteers from the Rotary Clubs of Tanglin and Jurong Town — your presence not only strengthened our team but also exemplified the spirit of collaboration among Singapore Rotary Clubs. As always, the fellowship continued over kopi at our favourite local kopi tiam, a cherished post-FFTH tradition that keeps our bonds strong and spirits high.



We look forward to seeing even more Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, families, and friends at the next FFTH session on 18th October 2025!

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?

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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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