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# ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE:

## 91ST BOARD INSTALLATION CEREMONY

**By PIPR Vice Danielle Jiang**

On the evening of 28 June 2025, the Rotary Club of Singapore hosted its 91st Board Installation Ceremony at the elegant Ritz-Carlton Millenia Hotel, a fitting venue for an occasion that celebrated the club's storied legacy since its founding in 1930. The event was a vibrant celebration of leadership transition, community impact, and global fellowship, drawing over 450 Rotarians, distinguished guests, and community partners for an evening of inspiration and unity.







# WELCOMING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The ceremony opened with a heartfelt welcome to an esteemed array of guests, reflecting the club's deep ties to Singapore's civic and international communities. The Guest of Honour, Ms. Indranee Thurai Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, and Second Minister for National Development, graced the occasion, lending prominence and insight to the evening's proceedings.

The event was further enriched by the presence of the Diplomatic Corps, including Ms. Francisca Kemi Omayuli, High Commissioner of the Republic of Nigeria and Mr. Bertin Mugiranez, Acting Head of Mission, High Commission of the Republic of Rwanda. Their attendance underscored the club's commitment to fostering international collaboration.

Warm greetings were extended to representatives from overseas Rotary clubs across Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Singapore, showcasing the strength of Rotary's regional network. The gathering was further elevated by the participation of Inner Wheel Clubs, Interact Clubs, and Rotaract Clubs, whose members embody the spirit of service across generations.

Following the warm welcome, the evening proceeded with a memorable Toasting Ceremony, led by esteemed Past Presidents James Lee, Paliath Mohandas, and Tapan Rao.





# REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR OF SERVICE:

## SPEECH BY TOM WOLF, OUTGOING PRESIDENT

In an impactful address, Tom Wolf, the outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Singapore, reflected on his transformative year in leadership. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to past presidents for their foundational contributions and acknowledged the vital support from sister clubs across the region, which enhanced collaborative efforts and outreach.

Outgoing President Tom proudly noted the significant increase in membership and participation, emphasizing that this growth signifies a renewed spirit of service among both new and long-standing members. He recounted key initiatives that made a difference, from health and education projects to successful fundraising efforts, reiterating the principle that "Business is the Science of Human Services."

Concluding his speech, Outgoing President Tom encouraged the next leadership to continue this momentum, confident that the Rotary Club of Singapore will remain a vital force for positive change, fueled by strong partnerships and a commitment to humanitarian services.



# CELEBRATING TRANSFORMATION:

## INTRODUCTION OF THE 91ST PRESIDENT BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAHUL HAMEED

In a spirited moment filled with anticipation, District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed took to the stage to introduce the 91st president of the Rotary Club of Singapore, Sonali Sinha. This occasion was not only a welcome to a new leader but also a celebration of transformation through purpose-driven leadership.

DG Shahul spoke warmly of Sonali's exceptional qualities, noting her ability to listen deeply and her empathetic nature, which have been pivotal in forging meaningful connections within the club and the community. He highlighted her remarkable contributions over the past four years, during which she has spearheaded numerous initiatives in community service, vocational service, and healthcare, positively impacting lives and inspiring fellow members to engage more deeply with Rotary's mission.

Central to Sonali's vision as president is her commitment to ensure that every member feels seen, heard, and valued. DG Shahul emphasized that this inclusive approach will foster a stronger sense of community within the club, empowering each member to contribute their unique talents and perspectives.

As the audience erupted in applause, DG Shahul officially welcomed Sonali Sinha.



# CEREMONY OF LEADERSHIP TRANSITION:

## HANDING OVER FROM TOM WOLF TO SONALI SINHA

In a symbolic and heartfelt ceremony, the Rotary Club of Singapore marked the transition of leadership from outgoing President Tom Wolf to incoming President Sonali Sinha. A key highlight of the ceremony was the handover of the ceremonial chain, which carries the names of the 90 Past Presidents of the Rotary Club. This chain represents a rich legacy of leadership and dedication to service, symbolizing the continuity of the club's mission. As Tom entrusted the chain to Sonali, he emphasized the responsibility she now bears to uphold and advance the values instilled by her predecessors.

Sonali graciously presented Tom with the Past President's Jewel. This symbolic act honored his contributions and marked the legacy he leaves behind, reinforcing the importance of continuity in leadership.

In a moment of unity and celebration, family members of both outgoing President Tom Wolf and incoming President Sonali Sinha were invited to the stage. First Gentleman Vineet Iyengar presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to immediate Past First Lady Yvonne Wolf, expressing gratitude for her unwavering support and dedicated service to the club throughout Tom's presidency. This gesture highlighted the important role that families play in the success of the Rotary Club.





# INAUGURAL SPEECH OF PRESIDENT SONALI SINHA



As the newly inaugurated President of the Rotary Club of Singapore, Sonali Sinha delivered an inspiring and heartfelt address that resonated deeply with Rotarians and guests alike. She spoke with warmth and clarity, connecting personally with longtime members, new Rotarians, international guests, and partners—reminding each of their unique role in Rotary's continued impact.

Reflecting on her journey from the Rotary Club of Queen's Necklace in Mumbai to her active leadership in the Rotary Club of Singapore, President Sonali highlighted key service initiatives, including projects supporting migrant workers, ex-offenders, seniors, and low-income families.

Her vision for the year centres on two pillars: Member Care and Creating Impact. She announced the Club's Major Project—a community-based dialysis centre in partnership with Renal Health Services and Willing Hearts—aimed at providing accessible treatment and raising awareness about chronic kidney disease.

She expressed her heartfelt gratitude towards the senior members of the club. She acknowledged their invaluable support and guidance, emphasizing how their wisdom and experiences have shaped her leadership approach.

Sonali also recognized her husband's unwavering support, highlighting how his encouragement and belief in her have instilled the confidence she needed to embrace her role as President.

In a moment of celebration, she welcomed the new board members to join her on stage. President Sonali expressed her excitement about collaborating with them and emphasized the importance of their unique perspectives and talents, which will help unblock new paths for the club as they face upcoming challenges and opportunities together. She highlighted that this journey will not be solely about her leadership but a collaborative effort, stating that it will be "our year."

**Concluding her remarks, Sonali envisioned an inclusive and compassionate environment that empowers all members. She invited everyone to join her in this shared journey of meaningful service, as they strive to create a lasting impact together.**



# INDUCTION OF THE ROTARY BOARD FOR RY 25/26

In a formal and uplifting segment of the event, District Governor Dr. Shahul conducted the induction ceremony for the newly appointed board members of the Rotary Club of Singapore. With a sense of formality and excitement, Dr. Shahul welcomed the new leaders, emphasizing the importance of their roles in shaping the club's future and continuing its legacy of service and commitment to the community.

During the ceremony, Dr. Shahul shared inspiring words with the new board members. He expressed his excitement for their potential to unite and make a significant impact over the upcoming year. He pointed out that in the world, we often see leaders with titles who lack genuine purpose, leaders with influence who lack initiative, and leaders with power who lack vision. However, he emphasized that the type of leadership we expect in Rotary is different. We emphasize servant leadership—leading with the purpose of uplifting and empowering others. True leadership is not defined merely by positions or titles; rather, it is a calling to serve, inspire, and uplift those around them.

He urged the new members to embrace this servant leadership philosophy wholeheartedly and to work collaboratively, embodying the spirit of service above self.

As the induction ceremony drew to a close, the Guest of Honor, Indranee Thurai Rajah, and Rotary International Director Mr. Chew Ghim Bok joined the stage to congratulate the new board members. Together, they shared words of encouragement and support before inviting everyone for a group photo, capturing this significant moment in the club's journey.





# SPEECH BY GOH, MS. INDRANEE THURAI RAJAH

Following the induction ceremony, the program continued with a speech delivered by the esteemed Guest of Honor, Minister Indranee Thurai Rajah. As a prominent leader in the community, Minister Indranee took the stage to address the gathering, expressing her appreciation for the Rotary Club of Singapore's unwavering commitment to service and leadership.

Minister Indranee emphasized that the evening was a celebration of the contributions Rotarians have made towards society. She recognized the Rotary Club of Singapore as the oldest and largest Rotary club in the country, commending its significant role in the early years of Singapore's foundation as a nation. She reflected on the club's rich history and its steadfast dedication to community service, which has left an indelible impact on local communities and the nation as a whole.

During her address, Minister Indranee shared a personal anecdote, recalling that the first competition she participated in outside of her school at the age of 15 was organized by the Rotary Club of Singapore. This experience not only left a lasting impression on her but also inspired her commitment to community involvement and service.

Minister Indranee highlighted the importance of collaboration and collective action, underscoring that true leadership lies in the ability to inspire and mobilize others toward a common goal. Furthermore, she shared her opportunity to work alongside Rotarians on an exciting digital transformation initiative aimed at supporting hawkers. She described how this project empowered hawkers to embrace technology, enhancing their businesses and ensuring that they remain competitive in today's digital landscape. This experience showcased the impactful contributions Rotarians can make to the community by leveraging their skills and resources to foster positive change.



In her closing remarks, Minister Indranee called for the participation of Rotarians in the MSFCare Network as volunteers to support families and society in need. She urged members to engage in efforts that uplift communities, emphasizing the significance of collective action in making a meaningful difference.

Additionally, she encouraged the members to continue their contributions to major healthcare projects, engage in initiatives like the football challenge, and pursue other meaningful projects that benefit society. Indranee reminded everyone that through their collective efforts, they can create lasting positive changes in the lives of individuals and the community.

President Sonali expressed heartfelt gratitude to Guest of Honor Minister Indranee Thurai Rajah for her inspiring speech and insights, and thanked all members for their unwavering dedication to service.

# MAJOR PROJECT 2025-26:

## HOLISTIC KIDNEY HEALTH CENTRE SHARED BY VICE PRESIDENT & MAJOR PROJECT CHAIR VINEET IYENGAR



Vice President and Major Project Chair Vineet Iyengar took the stage to present the details of the Major Project for the year 2025-26, titled the Holistic Kidney Health Centre. He commenced by outlining the club's vision for this initiative, emphasizing the importance of selecting a project that aligns with Rotary's values of service and community enhancement. Vineet highlighted the extensive planning and discussions that have taken place to identify a project aimed at providing essential support to kidney patients facing various challenges.

During his presentation, he discussed the project's objectives, which include enhancing the overall experience for kidney patients by addressing issues such as mobility and comfort during treatment. Vineet then introduced the dedicated committee members who are working diligently on the Major Project, thanking them for their commitment and effort.

He also shared the fundraising status, announcing that the project has been gaining great traction and support; all funds required for the local fundraising have been successfully raised, and the targets have been met before this installation event. He welcomed guests to participate through pledges towards the planned Global Grant segment of the fundraising.

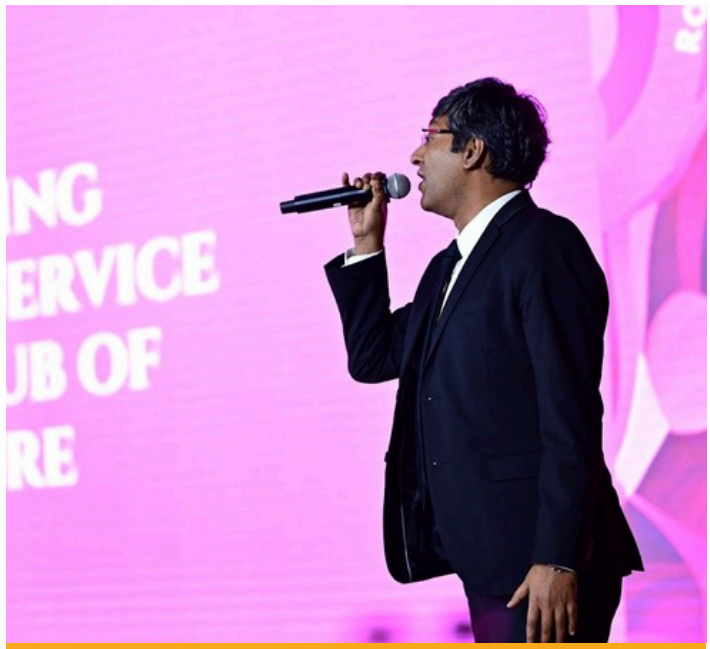
He underscored the collaborative efforts required to ensure the project's success, inviting all members to contribute their ideas and skills. He expressed the club's commitment to measuring the project's impact on the community and ensuring its sustainability beyond its implementation.

In closing, Vineet encouraged all members to actively engage in the planning stages of the Holistic Kidney Health Centre and to bring their enthusiasm and creativity forward, making this Major Project a collective endeavor that reflects the spirit of the Rotary Club.



# PERFORMANCE BY ARINDAM

As the installation ceremony concluded, Arindam, the spouse of Rotarian Debasree, took the stage to dedicate two beautiful songs to the guests and members. His heartfelt performance filled the room with warmth and joy, creating a memorable conclusion to the evening's festivities and leaving all attendees with a sense of unity and inspiration.



# SPEECH BY DR YAP LIP KEE

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-45 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310

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After a short break, the ceremony transitioned to the installation of the new District Governor. Outgoing District Governor Dr. Yap Lip Kee took the stage first, delivering a heartfelt speech to express his gratitude towards the incoming District Governor, Dr. Shahul Hameed.

Dr. Lip Kee reflected on his time in office, acknowledging the dedication and commitment of the members in serving the community. He commended Dr. Shahul for stepping into this important leadership role and emphasized his confidence in Dr. Shahul's ability to foster greater contributions to the district. Dr. Lip Kee's words resonated with attendees, setting a positive tone for the new era of leadership under the incoming DG, Dr. Shahul Hameed.



# INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR

**2025-2026, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310 BY CHEW GHIM BOK, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Rotary International Director Mr. Chew Him Bok took the stage to reflect on the impactful leadership of outgoing DG Dr. Yap Lip Kee, who has served as the District Governor for the past year, enhancing collaboration across the three regions of Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei.

RID Ghim Bok then introduced Dr. Shahul, the new District Governor, acknowledging his remarkable achievements throughout his career. He emphasized that Dr. Shahul has made a positive and lasting impact for generations through his professional endeavors. RID Ghim Bok added that Dr. Shahul's commitment to serving the community exemplified the values that define the Rotary mission and inspires others to follow suit.



# INSTALLATION OF DR SHAHUL HAMEED

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-2026 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310

The highly anticipated moment arrived during the installation ceremony as outgoing District Governor Dr. Yap Lip Kee officially handed over the responsibilities to incoming District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed. Dr. Shahul accepted the position with excitement, committing to lead the district in the coming year. The ceremony was a meaningful transition, symbolizing hope and progress for the future of the Rotary District 3310

As part of this significant transition, RID Ghim Bok invited both IPDG Dr. Lip Kee and DG Dr. Shahul, along with their spouses, to the stage. Additionally, Minister Indranee was also invited to join them for a special photoshoot, marking this momentous occasion.





# A GRATEFUL REFLECTION

## SPEECH BY DG DR. SHAHUL

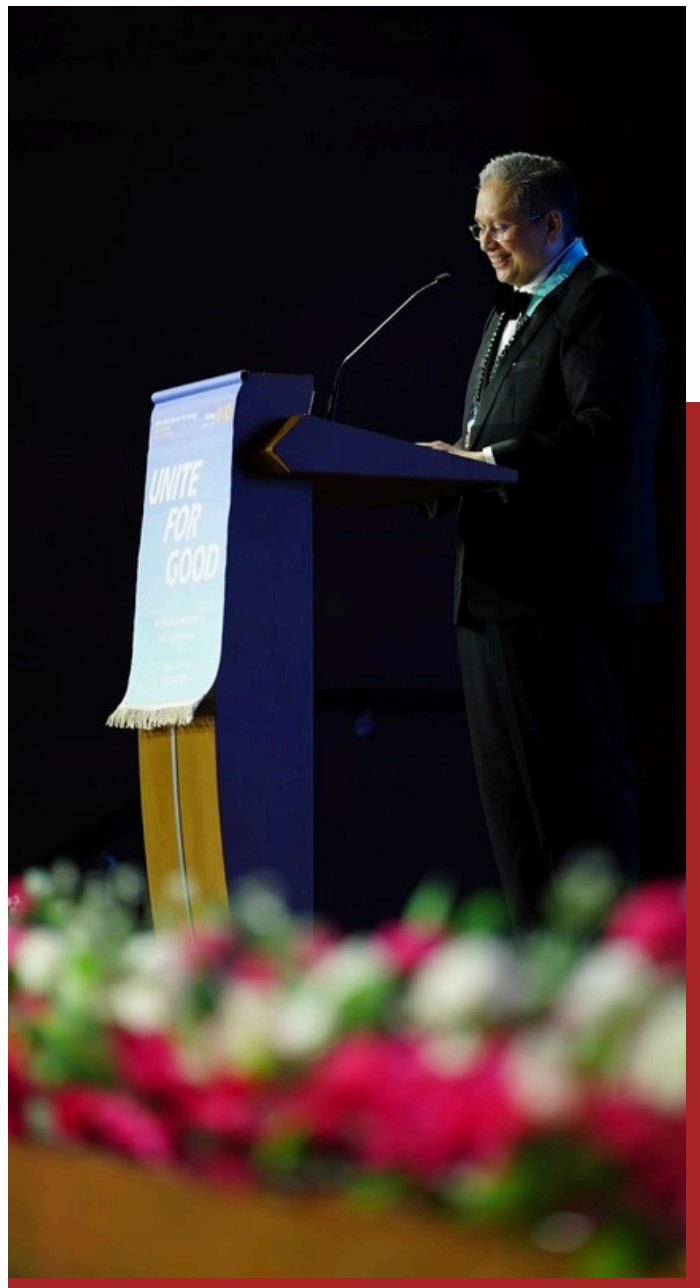
As the new District Governor, Dr. Shahul took the stage to deliver a heartfelt speech, beginning with an expression of sincere gratitude towards the Immediate Past District Governor, Dr. Yap Lip Kee. He acknowledged Dr. Yap's sacrifices, dedication, and exemplary leadership over the past year, which have greatly contributed to the success and unity of the district.

He expressed his heartfelt thanks to his family for standing by him and supporting him throughout his journey.

Moreover, DG Shahul extended his gratitude to his Rotary friends across the regions for their presence at the ceremony, their trust in him, and the incredible journey they have embarked on together.

DG Shahul then reflected on his journey with the Rotary Club of Singapore, where he started his Rotarian experience 30 years ago, crediting the club as the foundation of his values of service and community engagement.

He also acknowledged senior rotarians who had been mentoring and guiding him in leadership. Their leadership has profoundly influenced him, guiding him along his path in Rotary.



# CONCLUSION OF THE INSTALLATION NIGHT:

## CELEBRATING 95 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Cake Cutting and Birthday Song

As the installation night drew to a close, attendees gathered to celebrate a significant milestone—the 95th anniversary of service by the Rotary Club of Singapore. The atmosphere was filled with joy and gratitude as members reflected on nearly a century of impactful contributions to the community.

The guest of honor, Minister Indranee, along with President Sonali, Immediate Past President Tom, District Governor Dr. Shahul, and Past District Governor Dr. Lip Kee took center stage. All the past presidents of the Rotary Club of Singapore also joined them, showcasing the unity and collective spirit of leadership within the Rotary family.

As part of the celebration, a beautifully decorated birthday cake was presented, proudly adorned with the words "95 Years of Service" and the logo of the Rotary Club of Singapore. Members gathered around as golden candles were lit, symbolizing the club's enduring legacy and commitment to service. In a heartfelt moment, the audience came together to sing a joyful birthday song, honoring the Rotary Club of Singapore's incredible journey and achievements over the years.





# Closing Performance

To conclude the evening, PIPR Director VJ Africa joined singer Arindam to dedicate a beautiful song to the Rotary Club of Singapore and its sister clubs, as well as to all the guests, family members, mentors, and leaders who have supported the club throughout its history. The melodic tribute resonated in the hearts of the attendees, encapsulating the spirit of unity and service that defines the Rotary family.

With a sense of hope and motivation for the future, members left the installation night, inspired to continue their journey of service and collaboration, looking forward to the next chapter in the Rotary Club's extraordinary legacy.





# 1ST ASSEMBLY CLUB OF RY 2025/ 26

*By Rtn Divika Jethmal*

**2 July 2025** – The 1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2025–2026 marked the inaugural meeting under the leadership of President Sonali Sinha.

The meeting last 2 July was set against the elegant backdrop of the Grand Hyatt Singapore and welcomed club members into the new year with a spirit of celebration, commitment, and fresh direction.

The event began with the welcome toast led by Rotarian Christoph Hallier, followed by wishes for members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries including President Sonali and Vineet Iyengar.

The evening was rich with presentations across all club functions and recognition of those holding key leadership roles.



- **Community Service** (led by Director Varun Gulati): The aim is to continue the momentum of ongoing projects, breathe new life into past projects (e.g. eye health, support groups for mothers, blood donation drives) and explore new projects (environment, senior health, children's support and women's finance).

- **Vocational Service** (led by Director Grace Roache): The focus is on mentorship, professional development, guided by "3Cs" (Act as A Custodian, Be Curious, and Have Craic). The group will monitor ongoing projects and awards, consider new projects in job empowerment and upskilling, and tap into the talent pool within RCS.



- **International Service** (led by Director Navaneeth Rajkumar): The goal is to deepen partnerships with sister and partner clubs, organise overseas fellowship visits and support humanitarian efforts, with events outlined for the next 6 months.



- **Youth Service** (led by Director Mukundan A P): The emphasis of this committee is to organise the leadership training camp, host Interact/Rotaract installations, and execute projects with them, including the “How Are You” major campaign.

- The evening also included presentations by all board members outlining their strategy for membership growth and engagement, guest speaker selection, major project updates, PR and public image, TRF and club governance. The evening ended with fellowship, wine, and energising addresses from President Sonali and District Governor Dr. Shahul Hameed, both reaffirming the club’s commitment to service, community, and collective impact.

# 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-26



Sonali Sinha  
President



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Immediate Past  
President



Rajkumar PS  
President Elect



Vineet Iyengar  
Vice President &  
Major Project Chair



Suzanne Ng  
Vice President & Speaker  
Programme Chair



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Director



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CSC Director



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VSC Director



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ISC Director



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YSC Director



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Sergeant-at-arms