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I am pleased to report that both RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and the two RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Encouragement) Camps again were hugely successful in 2014.

This 5th Annual RYLA was almost entirely managed by our trained Timorese Facilitator Group who did a first rate job. Our involvement proved to be only for duty-of-care, and being available in case of emergency. Despite 2014 being only the second year of RYPEN, our Timorese team predominantly managed both camps with minimal help from our team members.

Applications for the 85 positions at RYLA again exceeded 650, and the 12 high schools approached to put forward RYPEN candidates doubled their allotted numbers.

The initial RYPEN in Aileu had 48 participants, and the second RYPEN at Dare/Mana Lou had 60 participants.

We were delighted to welcome guests from Woodside in Perth - Dayna Burns and Natasha Ngoma at RYPEN, and Katrina Panayotou at RYLA. Hopefully they all enjoyed the experience.

We would also like to sincerely thank Mr. Antonio Dos Santos, Timor Leste Manager for Woodside, for his continual help and enthusiasm for our projects.

We appreciate the on going support of PP David Boyce, Rotary Club of Dili and RLYA director Eddy Pinto.

We see additional RYPEN camps becoming gradually more remote from Dili in the future. To accomplish this, the need for more fully trained Facilitators is fundamental.

With your approval, we have planned an intensive 3 day training which I would like to conduct in March next year,

FUTURE

RYLA is the premier event. We anticipate that in future years Timor's leaders will emerge from RYLarian's. Optimum numbers for RYLA from experience should be set at 100 people.

More numbers or a second RYLA would diminish the quality. Therefore we aim to continue as we have been with the Timorese having taken over greater responsibility for managing RYLA. We see our role as continual training of young Timorese facilitators to enable a high standard RYLA in East Timor to be managed by "by Youth for Youth.

RYPEN well exceeded expectations. The material required has been purchased over the last 2 years and will be used year to year.

RYPEN continues to exceed expectations consequently we are planning four RYPEN camps in 2015 one RYPEN at Ermera in March 2015. Three RYPENs in Dare/Mana Lou and Liquisa September 2015.

After five years there is 600 Rotary Youth alumni in Timor from our projects.

Of those we are informed that approximately 200 are continuing their studies at university, 25 have obtained scholarships and are studying abroad, over 100 have found fulltime employment and over 200 have joined Rotaract (junior Rotary) performing community service.

All this would not have been possible without the help of Woodside and its JVPs.
On behalf of all, a sincere Thankyou for helping develop Timor Leste's future.

Detailed report on RYLA and RYPEN are in the following pages.

Kind regards

Theo Glockemann
RET Chairman

RYLA TIMOR LESTE 2014

This was our fifth annual RYLA in Timor Leste. It was again held in Dare which has proven to be an excellent site to run the program.

In the first year we used the Sydney version of RYLA conducted in English with speakers from Australia. Over the next few years the program was modified to suit local conditions and using more local speakers in their own language. This year's program was also exceptional in the fact that again the whole program was not only presented in Tetun it has been totally rewritten to reflect the culture and way of life of the local people. More importantly all the speakers and presenters were high profile local people both from the government, military and local business people.

Also for the first time there was no assistance from Sydney RYLarians nor an Australian "Mom" and "Dad" on site for duration.

Only one representative from Sydney Rotary was on site at all times as an observer and driver in case of an emergency.

The facilitators, all locals under the age of 30 did an exceptional job in not only rewriting the program, but organizing and running of it. Many now have a few years experience and a few have been trained in Sydney. This showed through in the way the whole program was run with all facilitators having a role and performing that role perfectly under the leadership of Director Eddy Pinto who was in his third and final year in that role.

This year again we had over 650 applicants for the 85 positions. This again gave us a pool of extremely motivated young people to work with. The caliber of the applicants is rising every year and this year's group was exceptional.

The key note speakers were all high profile Timorese leaders including:

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Sr. Eduardo T.da S. Texiera

Sr. Januario Maria Neto Mok Manager ETDA Tourism and Hospitality Training Centre

Me. Nola Goodwin Mary MacKillop

Sr. Aveleno Coelho Secretariat for the Council of Ministers

Sr. Jose Belo President of CNE

Mr. Wilson Pereira Cabral Director of JSMP

Mana Lou

Me. Maria Lurdes ISMAIC Founder

Sr. Leovigildo Hornai President of CNJTL

Pe. Bernardo Paiva

Mr. Abe Soares TL Musician and Peace Educator

Eng. Liborio Periera MM President of Public Works

Sra. Lidia Lopes Carvalho Director DNPCC

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Sr. Grigio Saldhana Presidnet 12th November Committee

Sr. Jose Gaetano Guterres UNDP

Dr. Rui Maria de Araujo, MPH

Sr. Abel dos Santos Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries



Director Eddy Pinto



Antonio Campos dos Santos, Country Representative and Community Relations Advisor for Woodside Energy attended the opening ceremony and welcomed the participants. He also attended a number of our sessions during the week.

The Australian Embassy was represented by Toby Lendon, Deputy Head of Mission. Toby delivered an inspiring speech closing speech in Tetun and then presented the participants with their certificates.

The ability to attract such high profile presenters reinforces the fact that RYLA does have a huge impact on the attendees and is now considered an exceptional forum for the training of young Timorese. This year also saw more media coverage of the program in both the local newspapers as well as the nightly TV news.

Having now trained over 400 young Timorese with great success one must look to the future. Succession planning for the RYLA Director is critical for this ongoing success and steps are already in place to find and train a successor for this important position. The facilitator team continues to evolve and minor changes are being made to make the program more relevant as conditions in Timor Leste evolve. Ongoing funding is critical for the future and we need to look at long term partnerships to continue this great program.



One of the more exciting results of the training has been the willingness of the RYLarians to give something back to their community. Many have joined Rotaract. Dili Rotaract now has more than 120 members and is looking to divide to form two Clubs. A new club has been formed in the Aileu district with the possibility of a third in the Ermera District.



Another exciting result is that the RYLarians have formed local committees in their district with current and past RYLarians as well as Rotaractors to carry out community work in their towns and villages. This augurs well as TL now has a pool of committed young people who in the future would make great leaders and potential Rotarians.

Sr.Aveleno Coelho, Secretary for the Council of Ministers, after speaking at RYLA and meeting the participants was so impressed that he asked to use our data base of RYLarians, as future leaders for the village youth groups that the government is establishing throughout the country.

Following the successful launch of RYPEN this year RET has had a huge impact on the youth of TL and will continue to grow.

Naturally this program would not be possible without the sponsorship from the Sunrise Consortium consisting of Woodside Petroleum, ConocoPhillips, Shell and Osaka Gas. Without their generosity this program would not be possible.

Also one must recognize the work of the RET (Rotary Education Timor) team made up of Rotarians and partners from District 9685 and members of the Rotary Club of Dili.

Angelo Raveane
RYLA TL Mentor



RYPEN TIMOR LESTE REPORT 2014

Late in August 2014 saw the return of the successful leadership project, The Rotary Youth Programme of Encouragement (RYPEN) in Timor Leste. Due to the success last year, the programme was expanded to two districts and held in Aileu and the capital Dili. The director and the facilitator team are passionate about the project, and hope this would continue to expand to benefit more of the local youth.



This young nation has a strong, resilient spirit and even stronger sense of patriotism. From its turbulent colonial past under Portugal and the decades of unrest after the Indonesian invasion in 1975, Timor Leste has seen close to a third of its population perish. Timor Leste is rebuilding itself as a nation, but still a quarter of the population is under fifteen years of age and close to half the children under five are malnourished. Due to the many years of conflict and instability, the education system is rudimentary at best. In a country where life opportunities are scarce for those who do not receive a university education, many face a bleak future.

RYPEN was targeted at 16 year old students from the public schools who are unlikely to go to University. This leadership programme was attended by 48 candidates in Aileu, and 64 candidates in Dili. Over the course of the weekend, they participated in an interactive educational programme based on a modified version of the successful RYPEN Programme in Rotary District 9685 that they used last year. It aimed to increase self esteem, motivation, and develop life skills like creative thinking to assist 'RYPENians' in achieving their full potential.

This year, the facilitation team under the guidance of the Programme Director, Educito Pinto, revised the RYPEN programme after evaluating the project run last year. They sourced new speakers and incorporated new activities to keep RYPEN fresh and exciting for its participants. The programme also had to be modified to suit the new venue in Aileu. The strong team of facilitators comprised of both returning leaders from last year, but also incorporated junior leaders who graduated from RYPEN 2013. Though there are still more male leaders on the facilitation team, but there was a marked increase in female leaders as they strived for gender equality.



The theme for this year's RYPEN in Timor Leste was Hakbi'it Talento Foinsa'e – Fostering Young Talent for the Future. This project was headed by members of the Rotary District 9685 (The Rotarians Education Training (RET) Team, a Rotary Club President, and two young leaders from Sydney's Crosslands Rotaract Club). After months of hard work and planning, the team headed to Timor Leste to oversee the running of the project. The Sydney team's focus this year was predominantly to train the facilitators before the camp and troubleshoot throughout both RYPENs, but also to assess all aspects of the programme to help the facilitation team to better prepare for future camps.



A few key areas were identified. Strengths included a passionate leadership team who are keen to make a difference and sound logistical preparations. However, the latter was at the expense of detailed training in how best to run the activities throughout the programme. Therefore, we identified the need to improve the facilitators' in-depth understanding of how to run the activities, and adequately debrief afterwards to help consolidate all the learning points for the participants. It is our recommendation that the facilitator team would greatly benefit from an intensive facilitator training weekend where they can experience the activities first hand, improve insight for debriefing, which ultimately translates to better facilitation of the programme as a whole.



From the wise words of Xanana Gusmão, the former President and Prime Minister of Timor Leste, "It is not enough to receive support, no matter, how needed it may be. It is fundamental to know how to receive this support and ensure that its result is exponential," the ultimate aim is for the local Timorese Youth to embrace this programme and continue to develop it into the future. This year, we have seen the facilitator team step up to manage the programme more independently. However, there is still more work that needs to be done before it can parallel the highly successful RYLA Project which started in Timor Leste 2010, and completely run by local facilitators. It is the team's hope that RYPEN can one day operate in each district of Timor Leste and continue to empower the youth of the future.

Inspired by the passionate young leaders embracing the project and the joyous faces of the participants, RYPEN in Timor Leste have once again touched the hearts of the team, making it all worthwhile. This project could not have been possible if it was not for the generous sponsorship by the Sunrise Consortium – Woodside, Conoco Phillips, Shell and Osaka Gas. We hope this strong partnership will continue into the future as it is making a tangible difference for the youth of tomorrow.

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