

TAI 報 POST

WILLIAM YIM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This December is really important, and I want to share some significant updates with you.

Firstly, we had a special visit from Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally to District 3450. After his busy schedule in Mongolia, he arrived in Hong Kong along with DG Andy Li, PDG Kenneth, and a few district officers. I had the honor of welcoming him at the airport, along with other club presidents and district officers. President Gordon immediately got busy with a packed schedule. We had a wonderful opportunity to meet with him, exchange greetings, and take photos with him of course. He made several visits and attended numerous Rotary events, including the End Polio Walk and Intercity City meeting, which I also attended. He also delivered some inspiring speeches while he was here.



Our members traveled to Taiwan to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration of our Sister Club, RC Taipei. I was supposed to join the group, but due to urgent business matters, I could not make it. However, I managed to get another air ticket and flew to Taiwan the same day after my meeting. Although I missed some fellowship programs and the signing the renewal of our sister club agreement, I was fortunate to join their Anniversary dinner right on time. I want to express my gratitude to our PP Peter and PP Jack of RC Taipei for accommodating my schedule changes. In the end, we all had a great time on the trip. By the way, on the same day as RC Taipei's 75th anniversary, it was also the 10th anniversary of our baby club, Rotary Club of Central. I wish them all the best.

On December 4th, we held RC Tai Po's Annual General Meeting. During the meeting, we confirmed our incoming president and elected the board of directors for the next Rotary term. I want to thank PP KF for conducting the AGM and CP Donald for the poll verification. I am delighted to say that the AGM went smoothly. Incoming President Jules, along with the new board, will be leading the club. I wish them all the best and hope our club continues to grow and achieve even more.

The next day, we had our RC Tai Po signature project, the "Tai Po Career Expo." Thanks to IPP Danny, Hong Kong Child and Youth Services, the 20+ speakers, and the organizing team, the event was a great success. We served 1000 secondary school students by sharing professional knowledge and experiences in various fields. It definitely helped the students a lot in planning their careers.

As we approach the end of the year, we are busy preparing for our annual Christmas party. I will share the event in our next Tai Post. Christmas is always a joyful occasion for everyone, regardless of race and religion, especially when spent with family and friends. I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a merry and warm Christmas and a happy New Year.



*Cheers,
William*



CLAIRE MAK

EDITOR SAYS

Almost everyone uses WhatsApp these days. Different circles of friends or co-workers like to set up WhatsApp discussion group. Within the group, he or she chips in for a chat now and then, circulates old jokes, forwards pictures from elders, jeers over different rumours.... A group which can host over a hundred members can easily be full of hype, full of news.

I observe that WhatsApp is good for chatting, bragging, and showing off. But if one wants to meaningfully discuss and agree on one thing, email and better still, face to face meeting may still be more reliable.

It is often very difficult to have everyone focus on one topic in a WhatsApp group. The usual rules or etiquette of meeting and even basic politeness no longer seem to apply. In WhatsApp, if someone starts a discussion topic which requires a decision made, there will always be someone who, despite having read the initial message, will obliviously open a new topic, or post some entirely irrelevant texts or images. This phenomenon is not an isolated case, but something that everyone seems accustomed to. As a result, any issue asked to be voted on will be buried among hundreds of stale jokes or global news.



Someone had told me that this is most suitable way to vitiate any discussions like those when members argue over different political views. Whenever there is a post that you do not like, just post pictures after pictures, or make references to inconsequential global commentaries, quote from biographies of great people, or talk about gods and Buddhas ... in short, spam the Group and steer the discussion away from the focus.

Our RCTP WhatsApp group is not very different; but is tolerably acceptable. To me, the rather annoying thing is to do the signing up of events in the Group. The copying and pasting of long sign up 'snakes' truncate meaningful discussions and it is always difficult to find the head and tail of any one event. Definitely, slow, and clumsy way of doing things. But then, some members only sign up in the WhatsApp group and appear reluctant to do it in BAND and so, to get the job (of proper headcount) done, dutiful Salina seems to be reviving this unappealing method in the recent months. It is annoying that in the year when we are asked to "Create Hope in the World" we are going backwards and ... destroying hope in improvement.



WhatsApp groups are virtual get-together platforms for sharing common interests and supporting one another. It is wise to be considerate, just like you would do in real life discussions, and be mindful of the expectations of your fellow group members.



Rotary leads 28 sessions at United Nations Climate Conference

From RI News Dec. 2023

Rotary experts are hosting more than two dozen sessions at the 28th United Nations climate conference, addressing how a changing climate intersects with health, poverty, and other factors. Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally will discuss the mental health effects of climate-linked disasters.

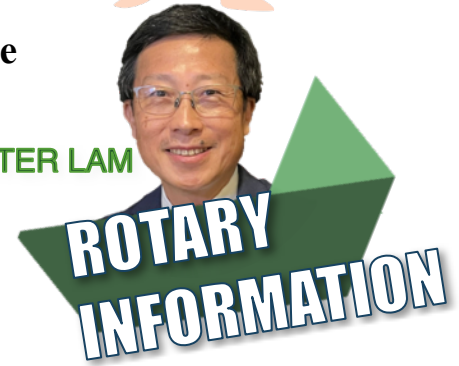


United Nations
Climate Change



COP28
UAE

PETER LAM



The two-week conference in Dubai, also known as COP28 (short for Conference of the Parties, now in its 28th year), is the world's highest decision-making process addressing climate issues. It brings together more than 70,000 delegates from 197 countries and geographical areas as well as thousands of nongovernmental organizations, companies, and others. Rotary is taking part in the conference for the third time, highlighting community-led solutions, partnerships, and dialogue.

“The record global temperatures this year have underscored the immediate need to take action on climate change,” McNally says. “They have also demonstrated the massive destructive toll that climate has taken on global mental health.” McNally notes studies connecting extreme heat to greater rates of violence and incidents of mental distress. His presentation will also address the anxiety that younger people feel because of climate change.



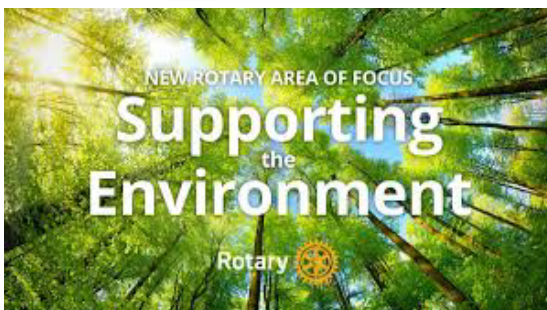
Recognizing the central role of young people in shaping a sustainable future, Rotary is sponsoring 22 youth volunteers to attend COP28. This amplifies young voices in the climate discussion and offers the volunteers learning opportunities and international experience.

Rotary's 28 sessions include presentations by members of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers. Meenakshi Venkataraman, a member of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, Tamil Nadu, India, will discuss how invasive species cause biodiversity loss. Salvador Rico, a member of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah, California, USA, will offer an introduction to community-led watershed protection efforts. In addition, Elif Selin Calik, author of “The Renaissance of Smart Energy” and a member of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, will talk about how artificial intelligence can revolutionize areas like energy, agriculture, and disaster resilience. Yaseen Mohamed Jaffer Mohsen, president of the Association of Rotary Clubs in the United Arab Emirates, will explore how environmental projects can be financed through corporate partnerships.

Other sessions focus on food systems, Indigenous land rights, and related topics.

From supporting vulnerable populations to forging partnerships across the public and private sectors, Rotary members are motivating progress and inspiring action on the environment. Members in the United Arab Emirates are planting 50,000 mangrove trees in partnership with the government. The restoration of mangrove forests, which help protect coastlines and marine life, is a Rotary priority.

“Mangrove ecosystems in the tropics and subtropics around the world are in peril because of their position along coastlines,” says Christopher Puttock, chair of the Rotary Action Group for Endangered Species. “Because of the rapid sea-level rise we are experiencing, and the persistent need for human coastal development, these ecosystems are being squeezed out of existence. Working with governments and local communities, Rotary has the unique opportunity to assist in mangrove restoration projects.”



Rotary's COP28 delegation includes Trustee Chair Barry Rassin and General Secretary John Hewko, as well as Judith Diment, dean of the Rotary Representative Network; Mohamed Delawar Aly, Rotary Representative to the Arab League; Yasar Atacik, chair of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group; and K. Neil Van Dine, chair of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group. Rotary International has long worked to protect the environment by collaborating with communities to implement clean water and sanitation, alleviate poverty, and promote sustainable energy technologies. The Rotary Foundation has committed more than US\$23.7 million toward environmental projects led by Rotary members around the world.

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HELLO THERE!

THIS IS :

Louis Tang



Name: **Louis Tang 鄧國樑**

Nicknames: **財爺**

Spouse: **Margie So**

Children: **Angel Tang**

Year Inducted to Rotary: **1999**

Year as President: **2004-05 Celebrate Rotary**

Current Post in Club: **Treasurer**

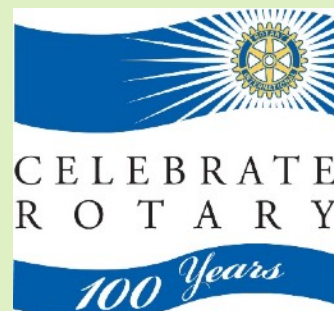
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EDUCATION

High School : St. Francis Xavier's College

University. : EMBA of the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professional qualification: Fellow member of ACCA



ROTARY POSTS

District Treasurer 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24

PASSIONS AND HOBBIES

Hiking, Travelling, Sailing, Mahjong & 吹水



PP Louis Tang Rotary photos



Interacted with our youth at Star Reaching Project 「成長邱彼特」 closing ceremony Feb. 2005



Attended Tai Po Fight Crime Carnival as 2004-05 President Feb. 2005



Dressed as Football Goalie at our club VIVA Taipo Sports theme annual dinner in Shatin Jockey Club Jun. 2005



At RI Convention in Osaka May 2005 with 04-05 Pres. Jacky Sung and AG Peter Lam



At 2005 RI Convention in Chicago as 04-05 President



At 2010 Star Reaching project "Life Infinity" activity in Taipo



As Santa Claus at 2014 X'mas party in Al Pasha restaurant in Tsimshatsui K11



As 財神 at 元宵 theme night party with mother club RC Peninsula at PP Man's home in Taipo Feb. 2012



Keynote talk on his life and career path from early days to retirement at regular meeting Dec. 2014. Daughter Angel came to support and gave thanks!



Interacted with CU WYS Rotaractors at our Youth joint meeting in TTCA school hall Mar. 2015. Louis also gave a talk on "My Struggle and My Pride".



At Rotaract Club of Tai Po's Professional Talk meeting at Louis's office (private kitchen) in Kwun Tong Jul. 2014.



At project site of our Global Grant project with sister club RCMSL Feb. 2016 Manila.

Congratulations Sincere on the birth of your two Grand-daughters



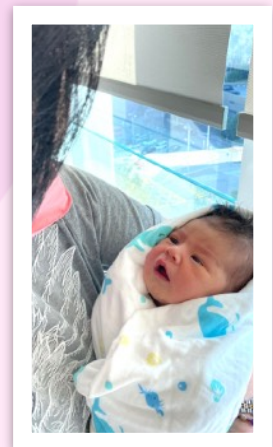
Kara Chu

Born on Oct. 17, 2023
Daughter of Kelly and Kingston CHU
Younger sister of Kayden
Weighing 7 lb. 8 oz.



Lana Camellia Lo

Born on Nov 2, 2023
Daughter of Mary and Eugene S. LO
Weighing 7 lb. 14 oz.



Following the Track of Rotary International President Gordon in District 3450

PDG Kenneth Wong

*Rotary International President 2023-24, Gordon R. McNally,
a retired Dentist and a long serving Rotarian from Scotland*



The Roles of the President of the Rotary International

The president of the Rotary International is the paramount leader of 1.4 million members of Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs scattered around the world. There are some 530 Rotary districts in 34 zones consisting of 35,000 plus Rotary clubs.

D3450 is in zone 10 C and comprises of Rotary districts in Singapore, Malaysia, and Brunei. Zone 10A comprises of Rotary districts in the Philippines and Zone 10B comprises of Rotary districts in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam.

The president of the Rotary International has a tenure of one year, the current President is Gordon, R. McNally who is Rotarian from Scotland.

Rotary International President leads Rotary at his office on the 18th floor of One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, USA. He is ably assisted by Secretary General John Hewko and the board of directors of Rotary International members of which represent the 34 Rotary zones.

RI President typically would spend 25% of the year at Rotary headquarter and chair meetings of the RI board 4 times in a year. For the rest of the time, he will be traveling around the world reaching out to Rotarians in all continents. RI President would attend zone institutes, key Rotary events and Rotary International Convention.

Depending on how well he travels, RI President will endeavor to visit as many Rotary districts as he can and give speeches to inspire Rotarians to strengthen Rotary, to commend those who have served humanity well and to foster Peace and Rotary service program to alleviate sufferings in the world.

RI President Gordon is a dear friend of D3450 as he last visited our district in 2018 when he served as Personal Representative of the then President Ian Riseley as the guest of honor of our District Conference under our DG HW Fung. President Gordon remembers D3450 fondly.

In the last 10 years, RI Presidents visited D3450 on 3 separate occasions, namely RI President Sakuju Tanaka in 2013, President John Germ in 2017 and President Gordon 2023. RI Presidents who served during the Covid years could only connect with Rotarians virtually.

Lucia and I were honored when DG Andy invited us to serve as aides to RI President Gordon and Heather during their official visit to D3450 between 10th – 20th November.

The roles of an aide to RI President is to help build itinerary for the presidential visit. As per Rotary International protocol, itinerary should consist of visit to significant humanitarian service projects, meeting with the Past Governors Council, meeting with members of the Arch Klumph society (individuals who has donated min US\$250,000 to the Rotary Foundation), meeting Rotaractors and Interactors for they are the future of Rotary, and an Intercity meeting in honor of RI President visit is a pre-requisite to his busy schedule.

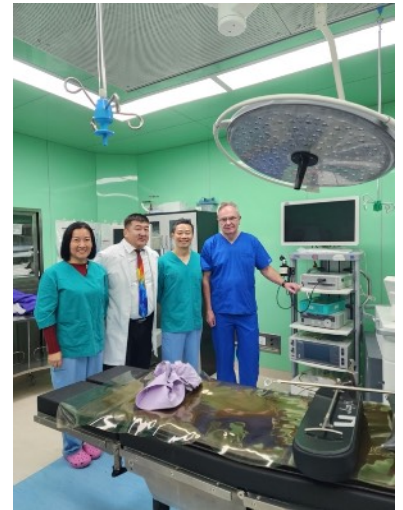
As aide to President Gordon, DG Andy asked me to come up with an itinerary, the purpose of which is to show President Gordon the good works done by Rotarians of D3450, and the passion and resourcefulness of Rotarians in D3450. Our district is uniquely multicultural as it includes, Mongolia, Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong province of China.

Mongolia 10th -14th November

President Gordon’s journey in D3450 starts in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on the 10th of November.

The 20-25C below zero temperature of Mongolia did not dampen the enthusiasm of President Gordon in learning about the unique nomadic culture of Mongolia and how Rotary clubs offer solutions to the many humanitarian challenges with funding through execution of Rotary global grants.

Visited Genghis Khan statue and Museum



Visited 1st Hospital and inspected donation of laser surgical equipment



Ger for life project



Regular meeting of Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Central



Visited a Mongolian Ger village



Interviewed by the Bloomberg Television in Mongolia

Hong Kong & Macau 14th – 20th November



Guest of honor and keynote speaker at The One Gala dinner.

Visit to Po Leung Kuk, a 145-year-old Chinese found charity service organization that is still active and relevant in Hong Kong. Two of our Rotarians served as chairman of the board in recent years.



President Gordon visited a center for the care of dementia sufferers in Hong Kong

President Gordon gave opening remarks at the launch of the Virtual Vocational Exchange between D3450 and D9213 of Uganda.

More than 200 participants from Uganda, Mongolia, Hong Kong and Macau took part in this virtual exchange and built beneficial friendship.



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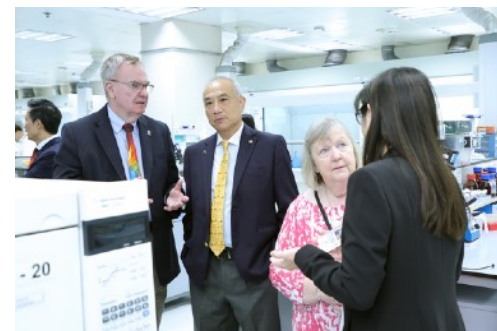
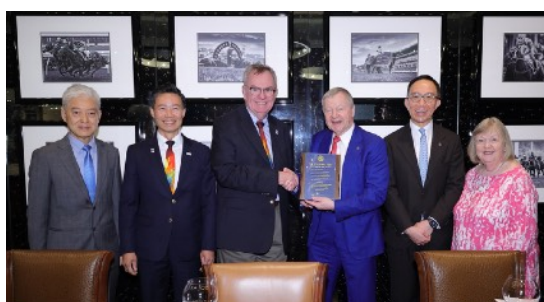
Visited the Hong Kong Jockey Club where many Rotarians are members and horse owners and punters.



Said hello to Golden Sixty, a world leader in total prize money won: HK\$165 million. President Gordon did whisper in the horse's ear. Golden Sixty ended up winning another international group 1 race in style and pocketed another HK\$7 million a few weeks after the visit.



Meeting Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht- Bresges CEO of HKJC and Dr. Gabriel Leung, head of charity of HKJC over lunch. Rotary International and HK Jockey club are 2 world class organizations of common pursuits that are Integrity and Charity to Create Hope in HK and the world. A "4-way Test" souvenir was handed to Mr. EB.



Visited the world's best equipped and managed equine testing laboratory at HKJC, which is important in upholding the integrity of horse racing in Hong Kong and the world.

Met our Chief Executive John Li and expressed the wish to see HK hosting annual Rotary Convention in Hong Kong. President Gordon pledged Rotary's support in building bridges between Hong Kong and the world through Rotary exchange program and networks. Again a "4-way Test" souvenir was handed over just to highlight the key Rotary values that Rotarians hold dear.



Meeting the 2 top brasses in HK, Chairman of the LEGCO, Mr. Andrew Leung, (a former PP of RC Tsuen Wan). Chairman Andrew told President Gordon that Hong Kong is back and an orderly society is now ready for business.



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The Macau Experience



President Gordon had visited Macau in the past and he remembers all the friends he met.



At the 70th Macau Grand Prix and wearing the team jacket our Macau friends had prepared for us.



Visited Hip Hong Rehabilitation Center and Factory in Macau for the cognitive challenged. PP Fatima of RC Macau is in charge of this organization for many years.



The first lady Heather was totally immersed in the love and care of the program recipients.



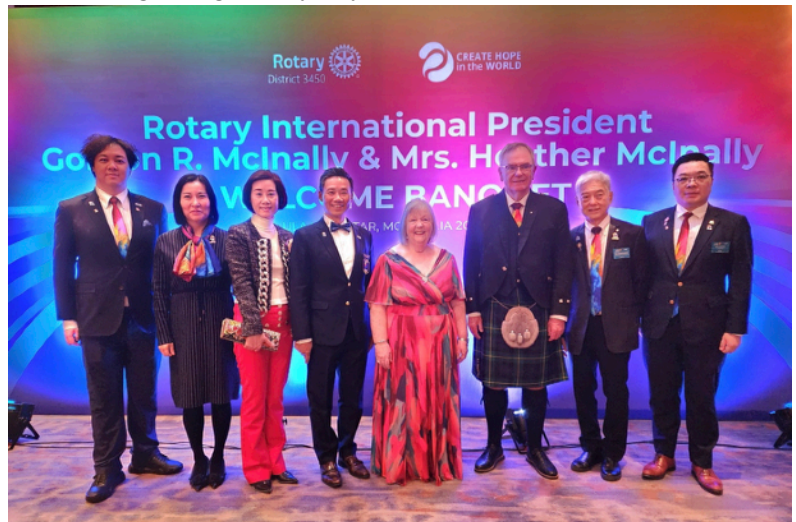
Visited an Interact project in Macau, 3-a-side Basketball Tournament and cheering the youngsters!



The itinerary we designed for RI President Gordon's visit to district 3450 is action-packed and rich in content. I have met many Presidents of the Rotary International in the past and to me, President Gordon and his wife Heather impressed me as very genuine persons. Both handled some of the surprises and abrupt changes in schedule extremely well. Gordon never complained and is always appreciative of our hospitality. He makes excellent speeches in circumstances that he has no prior preparation. His amazing memory helps a great deal. All these are important traits of a world class leader.

He told me that he has visited many Rotary districts around the world. On several occasions and on his departure, he expressed his admiration to the resourcefulness of D3450 and the passion and commitment to Rotary that our Rotarians have exhibited during the time of his stay in D3450 touched him deeply. As he said in his speech at the Intercity meeting, D3450 will always have a special place in his heart, and he said that he WILL BE BACK.

Intercity meeting in honor of the visit of RI President Gordon was held at Regal Regala SkyCity Hotel as finale to his visit in D3450.



I must also thank the team that helped me to put together a wonderful program of visit and there are too many to mention but I am especially grateful to CDS Heman, PP Eddy Lo of RC SoHo HK, PP KL Cheng of RC Kwai Chung and members of RIC staff team for they are the unsung hero to all the good remarks received from President Gordon. Gordon said he will remember fondly about the Rotarians and their works in D3450.

Visit to Rotary Club of Taipei 75th Anniversary Celebration

Peter Lam

It has been almost 4 years since our last visit to RC Taipei so our delegates were all very excited to embark on this trip to join our sister club at her 75th anniversary big celebration. This trip was particularly memorable for me as it was exactly 25 years ago when I first visited RCT 50th anniversary dinner and supported their dental project which started off our relation. Here is a recap of our trip 23-26 November 2023 from our delegation of 17 which comprised of President William & Bebe, PE Jules & Dara, PP Ron & Alice, IPP Dany, PP Claire, PP Armstrong & Rita, PP Louis & Margie, PP Tsubaki & Connie, PP Frankie & Creamy, and myself.

Day 0: 23 November, Thursday

How do we attract our PP Tsubaki san to join this trip? The obvious answer was to plan a trip with golf games! So, our 3 golfers - Tsubaki, Frankie and Peter - arrived one day earlier than the main group for our beloved sport. Upon arrival at 0945 we were picked up by our good Taiwanese friends AG/PP Ampo and PP Furniture (David) and we rushed to the 大溪Ta Shee Golf Club in Taoyuan (桃園) for noon time tee off. We stayed in the luxurious Westin Hotel next to the golf course. After the game, Ampo's wife Eva joined us for happy hour drinks and then we were treated to a nice Chinese meal with Peking Duck and good whisky. The hotel pool side area and garden were very nice even at night, so we took a nice walk after meal and rounded off the night with cigar-smoking recommended by Frankie! We did not stay up too late though as we still have another game early next morning!



Day 1: 24 November, Friday

Our main delegation scheduled to arrive around 11am whilst our 3 golfers and RCT friends were supposed to join them for lunch at a Shanghainese restaurant near hotel after our morning game. Unfortunately, the main group's flight was delayed for more than 1 hour and we were told that most restaurants in Taiwan must close at 2:30 so we had to cancel our booking. We certainly did not want our Taiwanese friends to wait for main group arrival so our 3 golfers lunched with them first. The small restaurant we went to served very good Taiwanese local dishes and dumplings but I must say I could not fully relax and enjoy as I was worrying where to take our main group for the late lunch. Even our Taiwanese friends did not seem to have any good idea at such last minute!

Big thanks to RCT President Shirely Ting and PP Jack Tsai and wife for welcoming our group at the airport. It worked out fine that Shirley and Jack had not planned to join our lunch or organized any welcome lunch as they were busy picking up Rotarians from other sister clubs near the same time. The flight delay would have destroyed any big lunch plan! Also, besides the flight delay, in fact I received another bad news the day before: that President William could not join our trip due to some important personal business . . . Oh no!



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Day 1: 24 November Friday: Lunch & Pre-dinner Activities

Just as I was worrying where to take our main group to have late lunch without having made reservation and our RCT friends suggesting maybe there was food court somewhere near the hotel, one encouraging WhatsApp message came from Claire: Jules' wife Dara had searched online and found a Taiwanese beef noodle restaurant that allows late lunch and is near our hotel! So, I quickly asked RCT friends to drop me off there around 2 pm to secure seats and waited for our group to arrive. This quick lunch ended up quite good and value for money too. Thanks Dara's quick action and good advice! PP Elizabete from RC Macau who arrived from same flight also joined us for the lunch.



It was free time after checking in hotel. I suppose some of us rested in hotel room and some went shopping at nearby mall. Our sportive lady Claire went swimming in the hotel roof top pool and tried their steam/sauna and jacuzzi. I took a walk around the hotel area, tried some street food snack (蔥油餅) and went to a modern coffee shop. I also discovered a wine & whisky shop and also a jazz whisky Bar where I went later!



Day 1: 24 November Friday Night: Welcome Dinner

The Welcome Dinner was held at our Shangri-la Far Eastern Hotel 遠東香格里拉酒店 Shanghai Pavilion. As is usual in Taiwan, the dinner function started early at 1800. In the past, the welcome dinner used to be very casual with attendants wearing sportswear and there were lots of karaoke singing; but this time, it was a rather formal event with dress code of business suits. The venue is small hosting about 70 attendants and was mostly attended by sister clubs delegates as RC Taipei has many well-established sister clubs like RC Kyoto, RC Yokohama, RC Washington, RC Singapore, RC Manila, RC Bangkok, RC Kota Kinabalu Pearl, RC Macau and our club.

The Shanghai cuisine was quite delicious but it seems not many of us sat quietly to fully enjoy the meal and instead had been standing up, walking around toasting, mingling with Rotarians from other sister clubs and making connections for future exchanges. We reunited with our old friend RCT PP William Choi (Braces), RC Taipei Typhoon Koji san and PP Mark Wang from RC Singapore who used to visit our club in Hong Kong; and made new friends from RC Kota Kinabalu Pearl and RC Bangkok. Tsubaki san was busy mingling with the Japanese delegates and must have spoken about our happy golfing. We were also happy to meet RCT baby club Taipei Diamond (sister club of our baby club RC Central) PP Angel and Pres. Jeffrey; and also, former member of RC Central PP Henry Ho who is now living in Taipei.



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Day 1: 24 November Friday Night: Welcome Dinner & Post Dinner Activity

The highlight of the evening was the signing of sister club renewal agreement and our club was represented by PE Jules as President William ended up having to come one day later due to his personal business. PE Jules got his first taste of official duty by giving remarks, presenting a bottle of Magnum Dom Perignon gift and sitting at the Presidents' Head Table. Hopefully, he had enjoyed chatting with representatives from the big old clubs. Finally, representatives from each club sang a song of their choice as entertainment. RC Taipei sang their standard tune 月亮代表我的心. Our PP Ron gladly accepted to lead our group to sing the popular Whitney Houston tune "The Greatest Love of All."

After dinner, RCT Diamond President Jeffrey & PP Angel invited us to Karaoke. As most of us were pretty tired, only Frankie, Creamy, Jules and Peter joined; but we were glad PE Calvin Kuang and PP Elizabete from RC Macau and RC Central PP Henry Ho also came! As usual, Jeffrey was rather "high" and made us drink quite a few beer and whisky; but I was glad this trip covered the Karaoke activity that Creamy and Frankie are so fond of!



Day 2: 25 November Saturday: Day Tour to Yilan 宜蘭 & Tamsui 淡水

On Saturday morning, RC Taipei organized a day trip to Yilan with RI President Elect Stephanie Urchick but due to limited seating, only first lady Bebe, PE Jules and Dara represented our club. The rest of us joined a guided tour to Tamsui which took about one-hour bus drive from hotel. PE Jules commented that perhaps their Yilan trip served the main purpose to introduce to RIPE the Rotary Museum (光耀扶輪) there. The lunch and itinerary were not particularly exciting. On the other hand, our Tamsui trip was quite entertaining with visits to various attractions and lunch at an interesting venue.

We started with a visit to the Fisherman Wharf and the Lover's Bridge (情人橋). Then we went to the very popular Tamsui old street 淡水老街 area next to the sea with many local food stores, souvenir shops, café, market. We strolled freely around the area before and after lunch. Some of us tried the fried squid snack and I visited the historical buildings like Catholic Church and 紅樓.



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Day 2: 25 November Saturday: Day Tour to Tamsui 淡水

We had lunch at this Bali style South-East Asian restaurant known as 水灣餐廳榕提店 with good sea view and open space and had a relaxing lunch. The good whisky brought by PP Armstrong made our drinkers very satisfied.



On our way back to hotel in the afternoon, we dropped by this 榕錦時光生活園區 (日式文青地方) which was a new attraction developed in recent years from former prison under the Japanese rule in old days. Too bad we had no time to sit down for Japanese green tea and desserts which was quite popular!



Day 2: 25 November Saturday Night: RC Taipei 75th Anniversary Dinner

RC Taipei's 75th Charter Night (台北扶輪社授證75周年慶祝晚會) was held at the Shangri-la Far Eastern Hotel Ballroom with about 26 tables hosting 260 attendants. As expected, there were a lot of Rotary formalities: National Flag march-in and playing of National Anthem of all sister clubs, followed by Welcome Remarks by RCT President Shirley, Congratulatory Remark by their DG Jennifer, Anniversary Remark by Past RI President Gary Huang and lastly, Remarks by RI President Elect Stephanie Urchick. Major Donor & PHF recognition was also held and there was also a sharing of their Young Tea Master Training Global Grant Project. We were all grateful to President William for making big effort to buy new air ticket to take the afternoon flight and managed to arrive at the party straight from the airport just as the MC was about to introduce the sister clubs' representatives. Sister Clubs are not required to give remarks by sister clubs but there was a photo taking session for Sister Clubs Renewal so we were glad William made it in time for the photo on the stage.



Day 2: 25 November Saturday Night: RC Taipei's 75th Anniversary Dinner

For entertainment, there were Soprano singing, jazz piano and saxophone as well as Steel Drums performance but it seems most of the guests, including our club delegates, were happy and pre-occupied with mingling with others, toasting and taking photos, renewing friendship, or making new connections.



Thank you always to RCT PP William Choi (Braces) for giving all our Rotarians a box of Taiwanese Snack and a bottle of wine for our club. The party ended around at 22:00 but another whisky party continued in Peter's room until 23:50 well attended by Taipei Rotarians and even foreign guests . . . We needed a much bigger room!



Final Day 3: 26 November Sunday: Teppanyaki Lunch

Due to Rotary Run event in Taipei where some of our key RCT Rotarians were engaged, so instead of usual farewell lunch with sister clubs, we organized our own. Our plan to go to 東門餃子館 changed. Instead, we had Japanese Teppanyaki lunch at a nice venue (Living Forest 潼森林鐵板燒) near 陽明山山腳 in a country side setting. Thanks to quick arrangement by tour guide and good suggestion from Creamy and others! It was indeed a sumptuous meal with so many dishes including scallop, fish, live whole lobster, abalone and wagyu beef at good price with free corkage, so wines and sake were well prepared. Although our long lunch prevented us from visiting a mall for some last-minute shopping before heading to airport, I believe most of us were happy to end our trip this way. Let us look forward to the visit next year!



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International Youth Climate Competition Launch

25 November 2023

Henry Wang

The 2nd International Youth Climate Competition (IYCC) was launched successfully on 25 November 2023 in a virtual ceremony with over 150 international participants from District 3450 and District 3830 joining online.

RI President Gordon, D3450 DG Andy, D3830 DG Jay, RCTP President William, RCMSL President Leigh, Henry and others gave some very inspirational speeches to the international youth participants.

The International Youth Climate Competition and Summit is a very successful international youth Climate empowerment programme conceived by Rotary in Hong Kong and Philippines. RC Tai Po, RC Makati San Lorenzo & Climate Reality Project jointly organized the first Summit in 2021 with the first Competition in 2022. The second Summit was held successfully in May 2023 with over 400 international participants.

The new 2nd International Climate Youth Competition will be held in RY 2023/4 with the 3rd Summit. These are being organised jointly by Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo, Rotary Club of Tai Po and Rotary D3450 Preserve Planet Earth Committee, together with strong support from the Climate Reality Project Philippines and the Child Psychoecology Foundation, Hong Kong.

The aim of the Project is to help budding young climate advocates who are currently taking their secondary to tertiary studies to develop potential innovative solutions to solve climate and environmental problems in their communities.

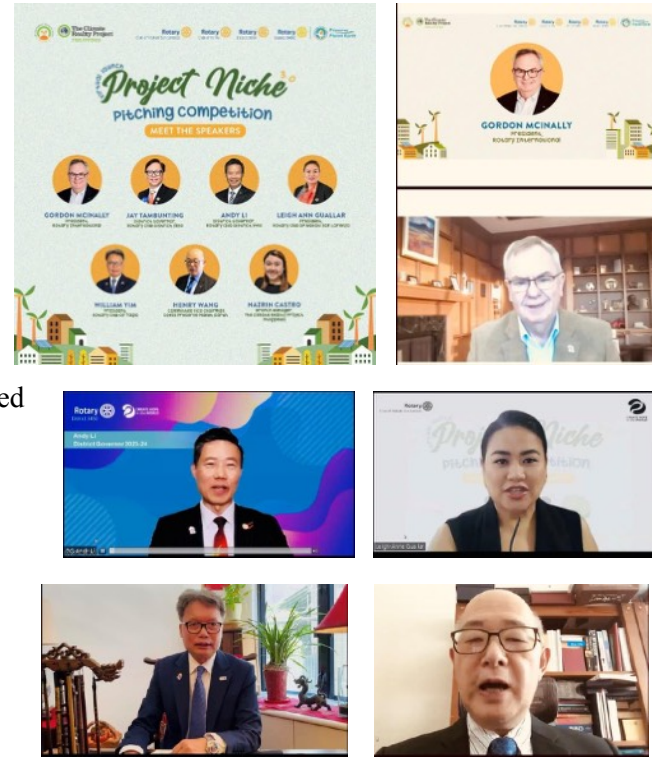
This launch of the competition will give a chance for young climate advocates to think about innovative climate solutions on four (4) thematic areas for global action:

- 1) just energy transition
- 2) sustainable urban mobility,
- 3) zero-waste solutions
- 4) practices, and food security.

After the successful launch, the key events planned and their timeline include the following:

<i>Dec 2023</i>	<i>Call for Proposals from the international participants</i>
<i>Jan 2024</i>	<i>Pre-Pitch Training and soft advocacy skill trainings</i>
<i>Feb 2024</i>	<i>Training Sessions for Proposal Write-ups</i>
<i>Mar 2024</i>	<i>Pitch by teams to International Judges Panel</i>
<i>Apr 2024</i>	<i>International Youth Climate Summit with Winners Presentations & Awards</i>

The International Youth Climate Competition and Summit help to contribute to the Rotary PPE and environmental focuses. These should help the international youth participants to develop innovative solutions to tackle the global climate crisis plus improve their climate advocacy skills. These should also help to make important contributions to global environmental improvements and youth developments internationally.



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Regular Meeting

20 November 2023



PP Vikky briefed members about our District Grant Project “Paint Beautiful Hong Kong”; while PP Natalie previewed the “Job, On Your Mark” event.



At this meeting, we were delighted to see PP Wilson Lam and PP Dr. Sally Luk, and welcomed guest of Henry, Ms. Janet Kwong and WYS Rotaractors Sum Him and Olivia.



The highlight of the evening was PP Wilson Woo’s colleague, Greakman Singh 夏域文 speaking to us about “Firefighter- looks the same”. Born the son of an Indian father (also a firefighter) and a Chinese mother; Greakman was brought up in Hong Kong. He spoke perfect Cantonese to the extent you won’t be able to differentiate him from any local HK person. He told us life as a fireman and the routines at Sham Shui Po Fire Station which he said was among the busiest. He never felt being treated any differently, or discriminated by reason of his skin or race. Rather, at times when having to handle cases involving ethnic minorities, he seems to be able to gain the EM’s confidence even though he does not speak their languages.

Greakman’s talk generated questions from KF, Vikky, William, Armstrong and Kenneth.



Birthday celebration for speaker Greakman and PP Sally.

PP Wilson Woo thoughtfully gave a box of birds’ nest plus soothing pear and sea-coconut drink for raffle draw and PE Jules was the lucky winner.



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Rotary Club of Tai Po Annual General Meeting cum Club Assembly

4 December 2023

Claire Mak

RCTP held her Annual General Meeting on 4 December 2023 at Regal Kowloon Hotel and did her club assembly on the same occasion.

We started off with usual announcements and reports. We continue to have raffle draw and the Shiseido Men's Face Care Set given out by PP Tsubaki was won by PP Natalie.



Secretary KF then chaired the conduct of the annual general meeting and, noting we have 15 members present, voting strength was established. Committee chairs reported on the different club activities and previewed plans for the coming half year. The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 was made available prior to the meeting and Auditor PP Louis, in the absence of Treasurer PP Frankie, highlighted a few points to note, including measures implemented to improve liquidity of the Club in view that in the year before last, we did not hold annual party to raise service funds. He assured us of the healthy financial state of RCTP. The Statement was unanimously adopted and PP Louis and PP Frankie were duly thanked.



Then came the confirmation and/or election of the important posts of the Club Board. We raised our hands to confirm certain elected members and filled out the ballot forms for selection of the directors to serve on the 2024-25 Board. Notably, we have PE Jules confirmed as president of 2024-25 and secured Rtn. Mac as his President Elect.



RCTP 2024-25 Board of Directors

President	Jules Jiu
Immediate Past President	William Yim
President Elect	Mac Chan
Secretary	Claire Mak
Treasurer	Louis Tang
Hon Auditor	Frankie Wu
Director	Natalie Kwok
Director	Peter Lam
Director	Danny Lau
Director	Armstrong Shea
Director	KF Tam
Director	Wilson Woo
Director	Vikky Tam

Congrats!

As in the past, CP Donald had had the unenviable task of verifying the ballots but when the result of the duly selected Board was announced, members broke into happy applause. Here is to wish RCTP all the very best!



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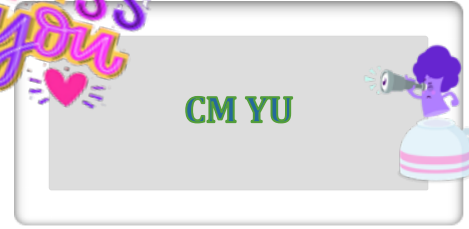
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
06 JAN (Sat)	10:00 - 15:00	Driving Trip "Wish Wagon"	All over Hong Kong
15 JAN (Mon)	19:00	#1428 Regular Meeting Speaker to be advised	Regal Kowloon Hotel
20 JAN (Sat)	09:00 - 13:00	District PPE Mangrove Sapling Plantation and Ecological Conservation Tour	Sha Tau Kok Farm @ 30G, Tong To Village, Sha Tau Kok, NT
29 JAN (Sat)	19:00	#1429 Regular Meeting Speaker to be advised	Regal Kowloon Hotel

miss you



Perfect Attendance NOVEMBER 2023

Mac Chan
Anthony Hung
Jules Jiu
Natalie Kwok
Peter Lam
Danny Lau
Claire Mak
Armstrong Shea
KF Tam
Vikky Tam

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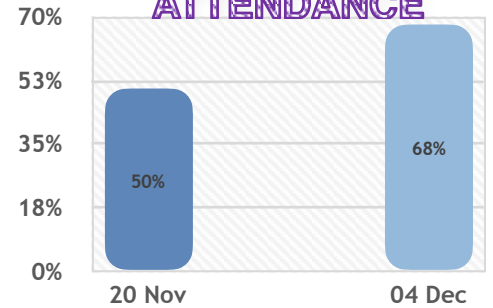
Sat, 6 Jan 2024
10:00 - 15:00

活動:
義工駕駛私家車帶參加者, 前往飛鵝山、青馬大橋觀景臺、香港國際機場、遊戲和午飯。

目的:
通過駕駛私家車, 陪伴參加者家庭到多個景點參觀, 欣賞沿途風景及了解一下香港的發展, 互相交流及共同渡過一個快樂的週末。

途經景點:
吐露港公路、飛鵝山、國際貨櫃碼頭、青嶼幹線訪客中心、香港國際機場、港珠澳大橋香港段、博覽館、香港迪士尼酒店、昂船洲大橋等等。

NOVEMBER 2023 ATTENDANCE



Average attendance: 59%



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