



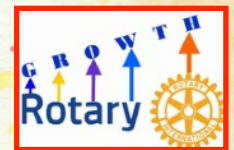
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAC CHAN



Dear fellow Rotarians,

August 2025 marks a special time for us to focus on our members and the invaluable contributions they make to our Rotary Club. It's Rotary's Membership and New Club Development Month.

This month is dedicated to focusing on growing Rotary's membership and establishing new clubs. It's a time to celebrate current members and encourage them to invite new individuals to join Rotary and in particular, Rotary Club of Tai Po.



It's an opportunity to appreciate their dedication and to celebrate the impact they have on our community. This month also encourages us to strategize on how to grow our membership effectively.

The strength of Rotary lies in our shared passion for making a positive difference in the world. This collective enthusiasm drives us to collaborate toward meaningful goals, and it's what makes our organization thrive.

However, we face a challenge: many young people are not aware of Rotary's mission or the opportunities it offers. Even those who are familiar with us often encounter barriers to joining our ranks. This year, we hope to collaborate with more youth organisations to carry out service projects, and at the same time, to promote Rotary, our club and our club's services.

Together, we must continue to adapt and innovate to retain our current members and attract new ones, ensuring that our Club remains vibrant and impactful.

Last but not least, may I also take this chance to share with you upcoming district events and services by way of the following tables:

Date	Events
Aug 2025	13 Workshop on Global Grant
	16 District PPE Seminar
	17 District Rotaract Installation
	21-26 DG's visit to Mongolian Clubs
	25 Hong Kong Volunteer Award 2025 - Volunteer Hours by Individual
	30 District Community Service Seminar
	31 District Grant Application
Sep 2025	3 Sponsorship for District Health Project on "Breast Cancer"
	6 Youth Learning Assembly
	13 Peace School Assembly
	17 CP Academy
	19 Standup Rotary Comedy
	20 District DEI Seminar
	21 International Peace Fundraising Day
	27 District PI Seminar
Oct 2025	11 New Member Orientations (English)
	16 Dialogue with the Under Secretary of Finance Service and the Treasury
	19 End Polio Walk in Macau
	24 End Polio Day (Macau & Mongolia)
	27-31 達古冰川考察團
Nov 2025	8 Grant Management Seminar
	23 Tennis
	26 The ONE Award Gala Dinner
Dec 2025	7 Sports Day
	18 Intercity Meeting

Date	Events
Jan 2026	15 Dialogue with National People's Congress Member
Feb 2026	7 Golf
	8 Blind Bowling
Mar 2026	1 Ultramarathon + End Polio
	7 Mahjong
	4 or 11 Centenary Cup
	14 New Member Orientations (Chinese)
	TBC RYLA 2025-26
Jun 2026	19 Dragon Boat
Ongoing	Report Club Youth Director
	Membership Registration
	Small Group Blood Donation
	Rotary Volunteer Network
	Rotaract Membership Survey
	Appointment of DEI Director

Yours in Rotary,

Mac Chan

EDITOR SAYS
CLAIRE MAK

You know, there's this funny notion that we Hong Kong folks are champions at queuing. But hey, I think it is not about loving to queue, it's more about being ready to endure the wait, right? Because let's face it, who really enjoys standing in line?

Whether it's for snagging that idol merch or trying out the hottest new eatery, the value of queuing really depends on what you're after. And if all you treasure is time, well, then standing in line might not be on your to-do list.



Now, when it comes to queuing, I'm not entirely put off, but I'm picky about the setting. Baking under the sun in summer? No way! But an air-conditioned mall? Sign me up! Time is precious, so why not bring along a good book or have your trusty smartphone handy to make the wait more bearable? And, get a buddy to queue together, gossiping and comparing notes can turn a boring wait into a fun memory-making session; because let's be real, wasting time together is always better than wasting it alone.



Speaking of queuing, let me tell you about this hilarious Japanese drama I once watched. It was like this: customers in a supermarket, eyeing different checkout lines, trying to figure out which one's the fastest. They keep switching queues, hoping for a quicker checkout. When they switch back, the original line suddenly speeds up.

And that slow cashier? Well, it turns out, the cashier was stalling on purpose, waiting for the police to arrive and nab a wanted criminal who was posing as a customer! The twist is: that criminal was sought after for ruthless robbery; yet he was arrested while dutifully queuing up!



And you know what? Similar to “loving to queue” vs “enduring the wait” concept, doing Tai Post isn't just about loving what I do, it's about being willing to give it my all. Big hand to PP Peter for being the most helpful editorial member and keeping Tai Post going! I hope you enjoy reading the 2025-26 Tai Post.





2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada From RI News Jun 2025



CALGARY (21-25 June 2025) As Rotary's International convention in Calgary draws to a close, some 16,000 Rotary members and participants from over 140 countries will bring home indelible memories, renewed connections, and an inspired sense of purpose for helping to create a healthier and more peaceful world.

Often described by attendees as a “mini-United Nations”, the convention served as a hub for Rotary members and participants to connect and learn from each other and a range of experts on how to take action to address issues in their communities. Welcomed by Alberta Premier Danielle Smith and Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek and further inspired by Academy Award-winning actor Geena Davis and many others – issues addressed ranged from gender parity, children's education, artificial intelligence, preventing and treating cervical cancer, ending polio, and furthering world peace and understanding.

This week, Rotary announced the extension of its joint commitment of up to US\$450 million with the Gates Foundation to end polio, a Rotary-led peacebuilding program to help strengthen communities affected by conflict in Colombia, and a partnership with Symbiosis International University to establish a Rotary Peace Center in India.

The Convention concluded in a spirit of fellowship and rejuvenation. Addressing the event's closing general session, RI President Stephanie A. Urchick urged members to recognize the power of their relationships. “Rotary's most powerful asset has always been you, our members. But we are only as strong as the people who stand beside us,” she said. “We talk a lot about goals and strategy. But without friendship, without encouragement, none of it takes hold. Rotary works because we belong here. ... This is our community, and it matters.”

The session also featured Rotary's future leaders. President-elect Francesco Arezzo described his commitment to the 2025-26 presidential message, *Unite for Good*. “[It] means involving all members, but not only members, in our service. It means involving [partner] organizations ... local administrations, other voluntary associations. In short, it means ‘expand our reach,’” said Arezzo, who was selected earlier this month as the next president. “Let us create one great shared dream that unites us, that excites us, that changes the world and changes our lives, too.”



Attendees spent the morning exploring various ways to maximize their impact. One breakout session, The Amazing Peace Race, explored how clubs can incorporate the eight Pillars of Positive Peace into their projects. The session Literacy Alive focused on the success of an initiative to build early reading skills in children in Belize. A particularly crowded session was hosted by the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, which fights human trafficking around the world. Earlier in the week, the action group had unveiled a permanent peace pole in downtown Calgary. The breakout session featured Cheryl Perera, founder and president of the Canadian nonprofit OneChild and a nominee for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. She told how she — seeking a way to fight child trafficking while still a teenager — served as a decoy for a government sting operation in Sri Lanka.



Perera aided in the capture and arrest of a perpetrator. The experience cemented her commitment to the issue and was part of what led her to found OneChild, which mobilizes children and teens to raise awareness about child trafficking. In the House of Friendship exhibition hall, it was impossible to miss a 20-foot-tall tipi sponsored by Rotary District 5360 (parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada). The tipi was equipped with numerous learning tools to inform visitors about the concerns of Indigenous peoples.

Many attendees were already looking forward to upcoming gatherings. The chair of the 2026 Taipei Convention Committee, Andreas von Möller, enthusiastically invited attendees to the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan (June 13-17, 2026).



Flashback當年今月

A look back of our club's events of the month in the past 3,6,9 & 12 years

August 2013



At 2013-14 DG Eugene Fong's Visit to Area 6 clubs meeting on 19 Aug. at Royal Plaza Hotel, our Charter Member Jimmy Wai and Paul Chan re-inducted as members as witnessed by District Membership chair PDG Ada Cheng, AG Andy Li and President Francis Au.



September birthday stars celebrated on stage together with August stars a bit too early!



Thanks for Red box donation from AG Andy Li during his visit to our 12 Aug. meeting at W Hotel. And welcome back Sincere Yip at our 25 Aug meeting when we had a talk on exotic South America travel including Brazil which she is quite familiar!



PP Peter with our Rotaractors at District Rotaract Installation & Awards ceremony 9 Aug. at Science Park.

August 2016



RCTP delegates led by 2016-17 President William Yim having great fellowship during our trip to Manila to attend sister club RC Makati San Lorenzo 24th Installation Party 13-16 August. The fun included visit to a nice Filipino restaurant near volcano in Tagaytay province, museum & fruit market visit, buffet lunch at Sofitel Hotel and Chinese Seafood dinner.



Attended 24th Installation Night of RCMSL at Sheraton Park Hotel 15 August. The dancing entertainment was well participated by members and spouse like PP Pearl, Rtn. Caren Chan & Bebe. Oh yes, all the ladies were so well dressed!



August 2016



At 8 August meeting in KCC with RC Singapore Mark Wang and RC HK North East President Dr. John Wong who shared with us district CPR education project.



Toast from AG Patrick Chan during his visit to RCTP on 22 Aug. at KCC. (Recognized our 3 former members Ming Hei, Ada Wu & Dorothy Chan?)



PDG Peter Wan was winner of raffle prize from PP Dennis Lo on 29 Aug. meeting. PDG Peter briefed us on District's China extension including new concept of Satellite club.

August 2019



At District Membership Connect Forum at The HK Productivity Centre 3 Aug. Glad to have PP Charles participating.



"Spicy or Not" Theme Night on 30 Aug. at Granville Hotel in TST. What a fun party well participated by our family members with good singing performance and games and lots of chilly dishes!



Fellowship buffet lunch and dinner party at RCMSL Yoli's home during our trip to Manila to attend RCMSL Installation party during 15-17 August. Glad KF & Armstrong brought along their daughters to join us on this trip.



At our 12 Aug AG Visit meeting, kids of CM, PP William and PP Louis gave sharing.

August 2022



Our team at District Installation at HKCEC on 7 Aug. How lucky we managed to hold this big event when Covid still affected lives in HK with various restrictions! Rex Auyeung, Chairman of MTR was the Guest of Honour. Right after the installation ceremony, we moved on to a Sichuan restaurant in Wanchai for our Hot Hot Succession party theme night and had good time with our families.



Thanks IPP Wilson Woo for hosting this Thank You dinner at Royal HK Yacht Club in Causeway Bay on 27 August. Wilson thanked all RCTP members for support during his presidency in 2021-22.

**Our Sister Club ~ Rotary Club of Taipei
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 2025-2026**
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 Rotarian Ann

Service Projects Committee Chair

 Nancy Baldwin
 Rotarian Aries


Group photo of Rotarians who attended the Club Installation on 3 July 2025

(From Our Sister Club)

Bridges of Hope:

The Rotary Club of Taipei's Year of Giving

Rtn Aries (Nancy Chen Baldwin)

Service Projects Committee Chair

Rotary Club of Taipei

The Rotary Club of Taipei looks forward to a year of service that links hands and hearts with communities both near and far. We aim to blend international outreach with meaningful local engagement at home in Taiwan.

Our international programs continue to grow in scope and impact. In **Myanmar**, the *Happy Smile* dental initiative enters its second year with our next trip scheduled for November 2025, while a new dental clinic is being set up in a Rangoon charity hospital. In **India**, we are partnering with RC Sarasota Sunrise and RC Ascot Fort on *Restoring Smiles*, a two-year program beginning January 2026 that will bring much-needed dental care to underserved communities.



Our commitment to education extends to **Indonesia**, where we provide support to purchase school supplies in Malang, and our members will join RC Singapore for their annual education project visit this September. In Vietnam, *Our Better Angels* will create learning opportunities for children with disabilities through teacher training, digital tools, and family awareness programs.

Environmental stewardship remains a priority. We are exploring a project with Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl to restore mangrove and grow firefly habitat protection in Sabah, **Malaysia**. We are assessing a project to preserve wetlands and near extinction pond frogs and snakes in Northern Taiwan.

In **Cambodia**, a prison dental ministry will receive dental care supplies funded by our club. We are also helping to restore mobility in Nepal by funding new wheelchairs in collaboration with RC Duliheh.

Closer to home, our community service activities will focus on strengthening relationships and meeting local needs. This November, we will sponsor and host a **Thanksgiving lunch** for children from the Holy Word Foundation and join the St Anne's Children Home Christmas Fair.

There is a **Resident Day** being planned for March-April 2026 that will bring together students from Taipei European School (TES) and Tamsui Elementary School for cultural exchange, sports, and fellowship. A **winter soup kitchen** is being planned with TES or the French Chamber of Commerce that will warm both stomachs and spirits. In the spring, there will be a project that focuses on the cooking skills of youths from the Xindian Juvenile Welfare Service Center - "**The Rotary Table - Serving with Smiles**".

Our Vocational Service will spotlight members' expertise, with planned talks on the automobile industry, a hands-on culinary experience in October, and a career panel introducing students to diverse industries.

Our **remote English learning** projects will continue in partnership with Asia American International Academy (AAIA)/ Cha-Cheng Hot Spring Branch Elementary School and TES-Tamsui Elementary School, with an in person meet-and-greet planned for the autumn and a closing ceremony in early summer 2026.

Looking ahead, we are exploring ways to enhance our annual signature project - **English Social Solutions Contest** (ESSC). The contest challenges students in Taiwan to identify and propose actionable solutions to social problems, fostering community engagement and leadership development. The contest's semi-final and final are being planned for March 2026.

From Myanmar to Malang, from Taipei to Nepal, our club is committed to building lasting friendships, creating sustainable change, and living the Rotary motto of *Service Above Self*. The year ahead promises both challenges and opportunities, and together, we will continue to transform lives—one project, one community, and one connection at a time.

Rotary Club of Tai Po Services Plan for 2025-26

Service Chair, Danny Lau

This coming Rotary year, I planned community projects and a transparent working budget of HK \$158,000. Below you'll find a friendly walk-through of each initiative and how every dollar will translate into hope, dignity, and opportunity for our neighbours.

1. SSSS Mid-Autumn Festival Visit (30 Sep 2025) — HK \$7,000

Our year begins under the lantern light of the Mid-Autumn Festival. On 8 September, we'll once again visit SSSS (Street Sleepers Shelter Society). Together we'll donate mooncakes and remind our street-sleeping friends that community has room for everyone. The modest HK \$7,000 allocation covers mooncakes and small care-pack gifts.



2. Tai Po Career Expo — HK \$20,000

For over a decade we've partnered with the Civil Service Bureau to help secondary students explore career pathways. This year's Tai Po Career Expo will invite club members to share professional journeys, and even scout potential Interactors or Rotaractors! Your out-of-office stories can plant seeds of ambition — two vibrant futures for the price of one. Budget items include venue rental, marketing materials, and light refreshments.



3. School Abseiling Adventure — HK \$20,000

Adventure builds confidence. In partnership with Tai Po Heung Secondary School—or any other school suggested by members—we'll provide a safe abseiling opportunity so that teens can build confidence, understand themselves, and have courage in the face of gravity. Allocation covers certified instructors, safety gear, and insurance. Got a favorite school? Let me know!



4. Star Reaching Youth Project — HK \$20,000

Our long-running Star Reaching Project supports at-risk youth teetering on society's margins. Mentoring sessions, life-skills workshops, and weekend excursions give these young people the "nudge" they need to choose productive paths. HK \$20,000 will fund venue hire, workshop supplies, and mini-grants for vocational training.

5. President Mac's Service Allowance — HK \$10,000

Great leadership deserves flexible fuel. Last year President Mac organized an unforgettable elderly-care program. This year we're setting aside HK \$10,000 so the President can seize similar service opportunities quickly—whether that's covering transport to another NGO's joint project or buying materials for an impromptu elder-care day.



6. District Grant: Women Back-to-Work Initiative — HK \$30,000

President-elect Sim-sim is passionate about helping women re-enter the workforce after family or health interruptions. We target the District Grant rebate \$80,000 full. Yet, according to experience, we'd better make a conservative budget plan. HK \$30,000 in case it is not fully granted. Imagine the ripple effect when a mother regains confidence, income — and the power to inspire her children.



7. Elderly “Disco 4 All” (4 sessions) — HK \$20,000

Remember the joy we sparked last year at Quarry Bay’s seniors’ dance? We’re scaling up! Four mobile “Disco 4 All” parties will roll into community centers and even care homes —wheelchairs welcome. Your participant and big smiles can make a difference; the budget funds a DJ, portable dance floor, and volunteer transport.

8. Area 6 - Clean Water Project — HK \$15,000

Water is life, yet safe water remains a luxury for too many. Area 6 as a team, we’ll finance filtration units and hygiene workshops for a rural school network. HK \$15,000 purchases hardware, while sweat equity from members turns taps—and futures—clear.

9. Area 6 - Joint Schools Career Expo — HK \$10,000

Because career dreams have no district borders, we’re co-hosting a larger expo across Area 6. Funds will underwrite logistics so dozens of schools can attend free of charge. Expect wider reach, richer speaker panels, and chances to cross-pollinate service ideas.

10. Area 6 - Operation “Brightness” (Eye-Care Mission) — HK \$6,000

Following AG Sally’s suggestion, we’re piloting Operation Brightness. A small HK \$6,000 goes a long way.

Date	Activity	Amount
30-Sep-25	SSSS Mid-autumn festival Visit	\$ 7,000
TBA	Tai Po Career Expo	\$ 20,000
TBA	Abseiling in school	\$ 20,000
TBA	Star Reaching Project	\$ 20,000
TBA	President Mac’s Project Allowance	\$ 10,000
TBA	Women Back-to-Work Initiative	\$ 30,000
TBA	Disco for Elders x 4	\$ 20,000
TBA	Area 6 Water Project	\$ 15,000
TBA	Area 6 Career Expo	\$ 10,000
TBA	Area 6 Operation “Brightness” 光明行動	\$ 6,000
	Total	\$158,000

AG Visit
 28 July 2025


It is AG Visit meeting. The incumbent AG is our very own AG Sally so members turned up in good numbers to support her and amassed an attendance of 78%! AG Sally gracefully brought a bottle of whiskey to share with us.



AG Sally dutifully discharged her duty as the bridge between club and district as she comprehensively imparted to us RI themes, District Priorities, and plans for Area 6 joint projects.

DAG Michael Chang of RC Tsuen Wan gave a few words in support of AG Sally.

Before breaking off, AG Sally also briefed us on her new ventures.



Members were generous with giving red box on the happy occasion of AG Visit.



As the meeting falls on Armstrong's birthday, we celebrated with him with a birthday CHEESE cake.



PDG Anthony gave a bottle of Australia Shiraz for raffle draw. PP Louis claimed the prize on behalf lucky winner PP Vikky.

Regular Meeting 4 August 2025

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Speaker (and potential member) Mr. Timmy Chong (Him) and wife Alice have been with us a number of times.

VP Benjamin gave an introduction of Him whom he met at a social gathering and found that Him is multi-talented. Among all his vocations, Traffic Accident Reconstruction appeared least discussed and most interesting.



Him demonstrated his experience with Traffic Accident Reconstruction by first showing us a car-cam recording of one accident, followed by some basic physics concepts and general data analysis, and then raising series of questions to prick our brains before explaining his observations which led to his conclusions. This 'journey' was logical and interesting.



At the Q&A session, VP Benjamin raised the first question of how the court imposes penalties in different case scenarios; while Rtnn. Joan asked about incidents of car-kissing situations.



PP KF was keen to ask about accidents on highways – look at how concerned Rtnn. Trix became! On the other hand, PP Claire asked Him about his experiences as an expert witness in court proceedings.



PP Peter's turn to give a Vote of Thanks this time.



Rtn. Henry won the Smart Ring given by PDG Kenneth for raffle draw.



August birthday boys and girl celebrated over Birthday Song led by CP Donald, birthday cake cutting and Perrier-Jouet Grand Brut Champagne, courtesy of PP Peter.


**JUL
 2025**

Armstrong Shea
CM Yu
Frankie Wu
Henry Wang
Kenneth Wong
KF Tam
Mac Chan
Natalie Kwok
Sally Luk
Simsim Lai
William Yim
Wilson Lam
Wilson Woo

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
23 Aug (Sat)	12:45 - 14:00	Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po - Companion: Club Installation	Aberdeen Fisherman's Wharf Pier 6
26 Aug (Tue)	18:00 - 22:00	Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo Rotary Induction Night	Manila House, Philippines
30 Aug (Sat)	09:30 - 12:45	District Community Service Seminar	Auditorium, 1/F Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wanchai
1 Sep (Mon)	19:00	# 1467 Regular Meeting Speaker: PP Colin Chau Topic: Family Office - Managing Ideology Difference & Family Wealth	Regal Kowloon Hotel

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INSTALLATION
ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF TAI PO - COMPANION

DATE: 23 AUG 2025 (SATURDAY)
 TIME: 12:45 - 14:00
 VENUE: ABERDEEN FISHERMAN'S WHARF PIER 6
 Light refreshments will be available

Makati San Lorenzo
 Rotary Club

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

ROTARY INDUCTION NIGHT 2025
where legacy meets leadership

Celebrate the future of service with us as we honor the 2025-2026 Directors and Officers over an evening of cocktails, dinner, and fellowship.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Bonifacio Dining Room, Manila House

Attire: Cocktail | RSVP: Betty Centeno 09063528762

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST STARS

Mansan Ho (3 Aug)
 PP Wilson Woo (10 Aug)
 PP Louis Tang (14 Aug)
 Henry Wang (15 Aug)
 PP KF Tam (23 Aug)

Rotary
 District 3620

DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE SEMINAR 2025/2026
 PARTNERSHIP - SERVICE BEYOND ROTARY

TIME: 9:30 TO 12:45
 DATE: 30 AUGUST 2025
 VENUE: AUDITORIUM, 1/F DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, WANCHAI

FOR REGISTRATION:

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
 • Ms Joyce Chan - Commissioner of Women Affairs
 • PDG Joseph Lee - President of Wofsoo Social Enterprises
 • Ms Grace Chan - Chief Executive of HKCSS (TBC)

PANEL DISCUSSION - SERVICE BEYOND ROTARY
 HOW ROTARIAN BE BENEFITTED FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE TO SERVE THE SOCIETY?

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

• PDG Peter Wan - Heep Hong Society
 • PDG Peter Pang - Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon

BREAKOUT: SERVICE PARTNERS (6 NGO) MATCHING
 ROTARY VOLUNTEER AWARDEES SHARING
 SERVICE CONNECT: IMPACT MAKER 2025

• Impact Maker 2025
 • Rotary Community Corps (RCC)

Seminar in English
 • Breakout speakers are bilingual in Cantonese, English and Mandarin.

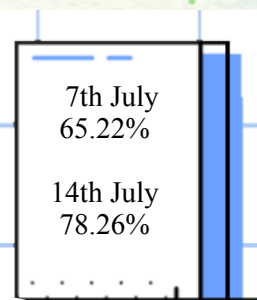
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FAMILY OFFICE
Managing Ideology Difference & Family Wealth

Regular Meeting #1467
 1 September 2025 (Monday)
 Regal Kowloon Hotel, 121 East
 7:00pm Reception / 7:30pm Meeting

PP Colin Chau
 Rotary Club of Pasadena

JULY 2025
Average
Attendance
71.74%



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 Mansan Ho
 Masayuki Tsubaki
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