

# TAI 報 POST

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF TAI PO

JULY 2022

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DANNY LAU

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is truly a great honor to serve as the President of Rotary Club of Tai Po for the year 2022-2023. Thank you for all your trust and confidence in me. I would also like to express my gratitude to IPP Wilson and to keep up with the dedication to lead in times of change.

Speaking of change, the past couple of years have been full of challenges with persisting COVID-19 situation which has initiated unprecedented transformations in all aspects of our lives. As we are adapting to this unfamiliar order, this year will continue be a year of Change.

One of the most important changes we have in our Rotary life is about our regular meetings. Founded in 1991, the RCTP had its very first provisional meeting in March 1991. Ever since then, our fellow Rotarians have been meeting weekly on every Monday – 4 times a month consistently for over 30 years. With the pandemic, as I am sure all of you are aware, it is difficult, if not impossible, to hold large meetings and gatherings. With a view to reconciling this and to promote better bonding among members, we change our regular meetings to twice a month plus two fellowship events on suitable dates.



Another change we experienced in the handover months of June and July is that our Executive Secretary Tiffany has resigned from her position due to personal reasons. Our new Executive Secretary Salina, who is also very experienced in her expertise, will render her support in the days to come.

During my presidency this year, my primary mission is to provide more opportunities to build connections and partnerships and to bring us all closer together again. I believe it is the fellowship among us that drives the progress of the world and the success of the club. I look forward to seeing you all in person. Stay tuned!

Cheers!

**Danny**

*Good  
FOOD  
Good  
WINE  
Good  
FRIENDS  
Good  
TIMES*



## EDITOR SAYS



CLAIRE MAK

**W**elcome to a brand new Rotary Year. IMAGINE ROTARY! You are asked to stretch your imagination to come up with good deeds and good projects to hopefully... change lives.

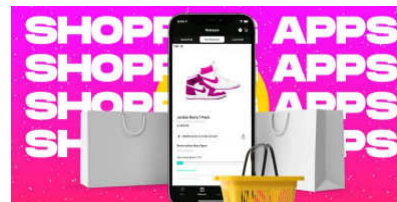
IMAGINE  
ROTARY

I think one modern pioneer who dared to imagine and successfully turned dreams into reality is Steve Jobs. During his lifetime, he had imagined and worked towards designing a mobile phone which could handle most daily matters. Judging from today's standard, I think he has amply achieved what he prophesized.

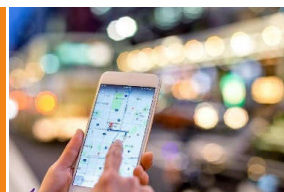


By reason of the anti-COVID Pandemic measures, most people have experienced being imprisoned at home. This makes everyone more reliant on the use of mobile phones. We are accustomed to using our mobile phones to discharge daily undertakings whether in terms of getting clothes, having meals, transportation, even renting or buying home or doing sports and maintaining spiritual well-being.

Nowadays, 'window shopping' means entering different shopping website using your phone. There are sites for genuine big brand names; side by side with A-grade imitation ones. You just scroll and flick on your phone and you shop. No need to go to and jostle with others at Canton Road or Causeway Bay. No need to go to supermarkets or grocery. You just sit tight at home and wait for the doorbell to ring.



Even for selling or purchasing flats or house, one can even skip on-site viewing. There are these virtual flat-viewing websites and you can even execute documents on-line! As long as you dare to, if you have your mobile phone with you, you can buy or sell flats, trade your shares, manage bank accounts, subscribe to insurance policies ... all sorts. As for transportation, it now seems indispensable to have your phone on for navigation whenever you drive and get your apps ready to secure parking space. You also need your mobile phone for all the websites to check when the bus or next train arrives; and Uber is almost only done on phone.



As for communication, from pigeon mail to writing and posting letters, which metamorphosed to fax transmission and then calling by phone ... we have reached yet another phase for communication. We have phones but we choose to depend on texting rather than calling. We typed hard on text messages and prefer uploading photos and images instead of speaking with each other.

Also for TV sets. What used to be a family staple is quickly becoming obsolete. People now watch TV programs and sitcoms on mobile phones because they can be watched while on buses or MTR, or when one is doing other chores ... There is no need to buy newspaper; you don't go to the Bank anymore and you don't go to the gym either because you rely on your mobile phone Apps to check news, bank balances and your heart rate and calories burnt.



All these evolutions are quite beyond imagination a few decades ago; yet they are the present norm. So, don't be inhibited by existing rules and practices; but let your imagination roam. Young President Danny is full of new ideas and, as a start, is setting in place new parameters for our meetings. Let's hope that RCTP will flourish under his reign and that we all get seriously unserious to IMAGINE ROTARY!





## Rotary International Convention in Houston, USA

From RI news 9 June

### ROTARY INFORMATION



PETER LAM

The 2022 convention in Houston, Texas, USA, offered plenty of inspiring moments as Rotary's global network gathered in person for the first time since 2019, following two conventions that were held virtually because of COVID-19. The convention offered participants new horizons to discover through in-person events and a robust schedule of virtual offerings (with recordings available through 31 August).

#### Highlights from Houston:

- During the closing session, Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones gave members a preview of what she will be focusing on. "For the past two years, the most common question I have received is, 'How does it feel to be our first woman president?'" Jones said. "I will confess I feel a sense of excitement brewing because I believe this opens opportunities for lifting and celebrating each of our diverse perspectives."
- The Rotary Presidential Conference Houston: Serve to Bring Peace brought together peacebuilders from around the world to reflect on Rotary's response to conflict this year and reinforce our commitment to creating more peaceful and resilient societies.
- Rotary's response to the war in Ukraine was acknowledged several times during the convention. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta praised members for donating millions of dollars to help displaced Ukrainians. "They opened their hearts and homes...I saw from close quarters how Rotarians were caring for them. Seeing was believing," he said.
- Dr. Olha Paliychuk, a member of the Rotary Club of Cherkasy, Ukraine, thanked Rotary on behalf of the more than 1,000 members in Ukraine. "You have not only donated and shipped medical supplies and other daily essentials to those of us inside Ukraine, but also provided shelter to those who have fled," she said. "Your help has saved lives, giving us hope and inspiring Ukrainians like me to stand up, to help our people, and protect our homeland."
- Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi spoke about the work of the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation to end the exploitation of children in India and around the world by addressing the inequality, injustice, and discrimination that lie at the core of child labor. Following his remarks, Mehta presented Satyarthi with the Rotary Award of Honor for his advocacy of children's rights globally.
- Dr. Hamid Jafari, director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Region, shared an update on Rotary's progress in ridding the world of polio. "Through your entrepreneurial spirit, you have energized and inspired other partners to never give up. You are the glue that holds us all together, motivated and accountable," he said. "You have led us from the start of global efforts to eradicate polio, and we will be together at the end of polio."
- Antoni Slodkowski, a 2003-04 Rotary Youth Exchange student from Poland to Japan, is the 2021-22 recipient of the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award. Slodkowski, Tokyo correspondent for the Financial Times, previously served as a bureau chief for Reuters in Myanmar, where he led coverage of the election of Aung San Suu Kyi and of the military crackdown on Rohingya Muslims, receiving the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting.
- Gen. Charles Duke (USAF Ret.) NASA astronaut, Lunar Module Pilot and 10th man to walk on the moon during the Apollo 16 mission, spoke of exploring new horizons.







## FLASHBACK

A look back of our club's past activities by topic

COMMUNITY SERVICE  
PROJECTS

2020-21 President Sally and members at 鄰舍會築起大埔 project 14 Mar. 2021



Wish Wagon project Dec. 2019: tour to Tai Mo Shan with needy young families from Tai Po where Rotarians acted as drivers and tour guide in private cars.



Home visit to elderly with dementia 25 May, 2019: a project we worked with Salvation Army Tai Po Integrated service for Senior citizens (守護關懷行動計劃). We also organized an outing and lunch with the elderly at 稻苗學院 / 稻香飯店 in Fotan in June that year where the elderly enjoyed good food and a recap of the history of Hong Kong food culture.

2021



We were honoured to have our 2020-21 DG Eric Chak at our 大埔浸信會觸感遊玩閣 opening 27 Mar. 2021

2020



2019-20 President KF Tam and members at SEN room (融匯愛教室) Opening at 炮台山循道衛理中學 20 Jan. 2020

2017



Step up Infinity Dance showcase Sep. 2017. Apart from supporting our youth from Tai Po 青少年服務處 in this big dancing event, we also supported their Red For You street dance competition in Dec. that year.





## Sunshine Teens Maker+ Workshop

15 June 2022  
Danny Lau

“Sunshine Teens Maker+ Workshop”, co-organised by the Salvation Army Tai Po and NT Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School and sponsored by RC Tai Po, aims to encourage students to learn from building things and to foster their “maker” spirits, such as persistence and dexterity. This year, the students’ mission was to make eco-friendly wooden furniture for the school. Carpentry – not usual to see in an everyday Hong Kong classroom!



The workshop took place at the Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School on 15 June afternoon. PDG Anthony and I joined the young makers in their process of building wooden fittings and PDG Anthony has contributed to the assembling of the wooden parts! The names of the student who built the furniture were carved on the wood – a marker of recognition for the hard work they’ve put in!



During the session, I had the chance to speak with the teachers / organisers who told me that this group of students is made up of pupils of different academic / learning abilities. Some of them are what we called SEN students – they may suffer from dyslexia, ADHD, or autism. It came as a surprise that as an observer who didn’t know the kids in the room, I could hardly tell who has “special educational needs” and who hasn’t. I guess in a less traditional classroom setting where grades and scores are not emphasized, students who are not considered as “book-smart” need not stuck with a board-and-chalk environment and have a better chance to thrive. A dyslexic pupil may have difficulty in identifying characters, while he / she may have an exceptional gift in verbal communication and compassion. An ADHD child may also find him/herself difficult to concentrate in reading a passage, but laser-focused on building the handicraft presented before him/her.

To sum up my insight, may I quote the famous saying from Albert Einstein - “Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by the ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.” There should definitely be more school projects like the Sunshine Teens Maker+ that encourages students that are “different” to enjoy learning.





## District Tree Planting

18 June 2022  
Wilson Woo



Incoming DG Norman LEE and Incoming DGN Nigel LO together with PPE Chair, PE Eliza NING led about 80 Rotarians and friends to attend the District Tree Planting day at Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve, Tai Po on 18.6.2022. A briefing was conducted at 9am and the activity took the whole morning to complete.



As informed, the site boasts over 200 species of butterflies which is 90% of the total 245 species in HK; and amongst which, over 140 species are uncommon and very rare in HK. All participants carried the plants uphill before digging holes for planting the trees to attract butterflies to come to this "Site of Special Scientific Interest" conservation area.



Our Satellite Club members, Sharon CHOI, Gary YEUNG, Jodhy MAK, and little Isaac (son of Gary and Jodhy) together with members of RAC Taipo, Dominic KWAN, Jade CHAN and Katherine SO, came and supported the event. The weather was nice and it's a perfect day for outdoor activities. We all enjoyed the day so much! The exchange was not just amongst the members of our satellite club and Rotaract club, but also other Rotarians from different clubs as well as IPDG Eric CHAK from our mother club, RC Peninsula.





## RCTP 2022-23

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Danny LAU



## Rotary Area 6 Career Expo 2022

18 June 2022

William Yim

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting 2-year suspension, the Area 6 flagship project Rotary Career Expo was finally being held successfully on the 18th of June 2022.

Still, with the influence of the COVID19, the Career Expo was conducted on Zoom. It wasn't the best arrangement as most people expect a better interaction between the speakers and the students / teachers audiences.

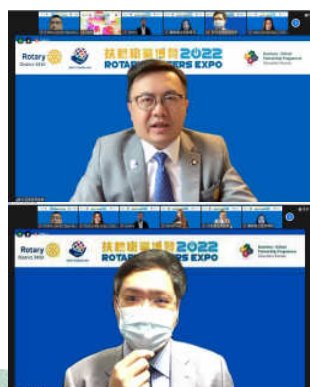


The main objective of Career Expo is to give the students some understanding of each profession, the nature, job requirement and prospects, so as to enable the students to choose their pathway and get prepared for the future job that they may engage in. This year, the event organiser arranged 15 speakers to share their knowledge in their career categories. The 15 speakers are from the following industries:

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| 1. E-sports and artificial intelligence | 9. KOL                            |
| 2. Doctors                              | 10. Finance and wealth management |
| 3. Nursing                              | 11. Pharmacist                    |
| 4. Accountant                           | 12. Information technology        |
| 5. Entertainment                        | 13. Hotel and tourism             |
| 6. Social worker                        | 14. Kindergarten education        |
| 7. Biotechnology                        | 15. Athlete                       |
| 8. Animator                             |                                   |

One might notice, that there are some rather untraditional careers this time such as KOL and E-sports, and I think these were especially interesting to students. I am actually pretty curious about some of those.

To organise an online event with so many speakers, each from a different place, is not an easy task. The organiser has put in a lot of effort in liaising with each speaker for their presentation format, content, speaker appearance and the video / audio effects. We did a rehearsal a day before to make sure everything is alright.



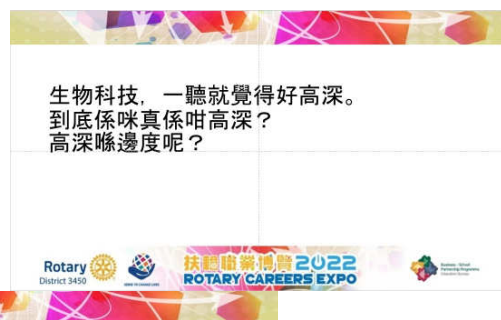
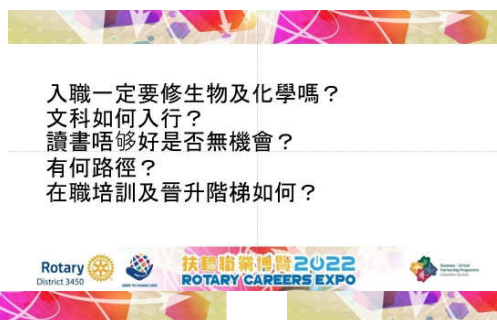
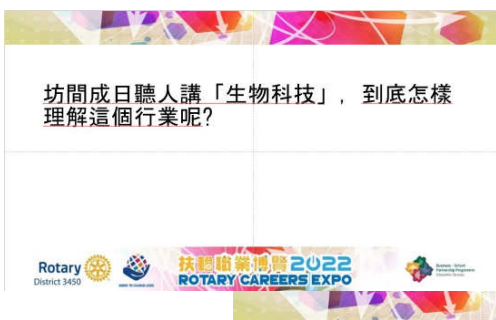
The event kicked off at 9:00 am in the morning. A sharing was made by Ms. Manci Man right after a short opening address by DG Keith. Manci shared her fulfilment, happiness and hardship during her career to the audiences. It indeed showed herself as a role model being a KOL and entrepreneur. I am sure the students learnt a lot from her.







After her talk, the rundown goes to the 2 x 15 breakout sessions. In order to allow the students to get a chance for more than one career sharing in breakout sessions, two breakout sessions were scheduled for each career. That means each speaker would need to share the same presentation TWO times. Each breakout session lasted for one hour which included 30 minutes presentation and 15 minutes Q&A. Wow, that was a bit tough for most of the speakers I think 😊.



科研公司立足香港，但係香港始終只得七百萬人，成個行業要發展起來，需要大量高端研究人才。呢行會唔會借助國家內地？香港的定位又點樣？

新科技似乎同研究分唔開，咁走入呢行嘅同同學係咪一定要對做研究好有興趣？

It's time for my presentation. I made some sharing on Biotechnology. Since, a lot of students may think biotech has a high threshold to cross, I decided to go with another approach. I made the presentation in a very local Cantonese style, so it is easier for them to understand. Also, I used Q&A format instead of a lecture format to make the session livelier. I explained biotech is just a combination of nature science and engineering science and I named a few common things we all know and which are typical biotech products, such as Tofu, Cheese and wine. However, on the high tech side, biotech also covers stem cell therapy, genetic engineering and artificial organs. I explained that biotech can be categorised into 10 types, namely **Blue** for ocean resources; **Green** for agriculture processes; **Red** for medical and pharmaceutical industry; **White** for industrial processes; **Yellow** for food production; **Grey** for environmental applications; **Black** for bioterrorism and biological weapons; **Brown** for management of arid lands and desert; **Purple** for ethical, legal and philosophical issues; and, the last one, **Gold** for bioinformatics.



I think it is interesting to the students, as they started to understand that biotech is not as boring an industry as they had thought, but rather a very exciting one. And, the entry barrier may not be as high as they had expected.

Nevertheless, I reminded the student that they must study hard, so they have more freedom to choose the subject and or career that they wish to have.

The event went very smoothly and surely it was a very successful one.





## Installation of Mother and Baby Clubs

### • Installation of Rotary Club of Peninsula (our Mother Club)

21 June 2022

at Centenary Room, Marco Polo Hong Kong Hotel



### • Installation of Rotary Club of SoHo Hong Kong (our Baby Club)

6 July 2022

at Choi Fok Royal Banquet, Tsim Sha Tsui



### • Installation of Rotary Club of Central (our Baby Club)

13 July 2022

at Chinese Chamber of Commerce





# National/Foreign Wine Sharing Fellowship Dinner

## 國酒/洋酒分享會

24 June 2022

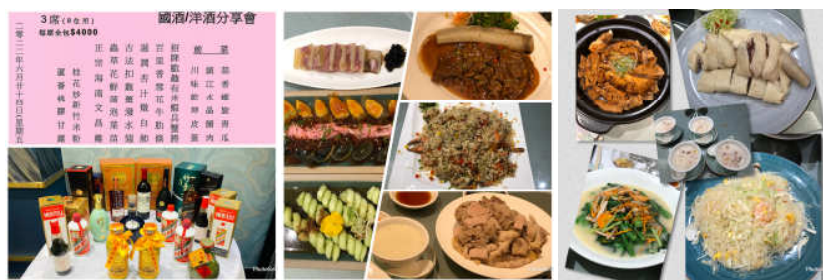
Claire Mak



Just the look of all the available wines already got one intoxicated! Yes, but that's exactly the idea behind this Fellowship Dinner: to share Chinese and Western wines! We had with us, Moutai, Brandy, VSOP, Whisky, Huadiao wine, Snake gall wine, red wine ... you name it.

At the initiation of CP Donald and with the capable assistance of PP Armstrong who looked after all the arrangements, RCTP members enjoyed a cozy closed door Wines Dinner in a private room at Heyday Cuisine 凱日精品粵菜館 in Jordan.

The menu was specially selected. The food was delicious and the chef worked surprises on what could be simple traditional dishes. Well, CP Donald with him Anne and Armstrong with him Rita had done a try-out beforehand – even though they visited for dim sum lunch instead.



We were all too busy chatting, toasting and eating that only Louis tested the use of the karaoke system. Three tables of us shared different attributes. The *Ladies'* Table oozed with feminine youth and beauty.

Those at the center *Host* Table showed a bit of self-restraint but were nevertheless non-stopping with cheers when all the different wines and dishes were served.



The *Men's* Table involved non-stop banter from north to south and the downing wines glass after glass.

Since this was practically the last meeting of members for this Rotary year, Armstrong thoughtfully bought a gift for President Wilson to show our appreciation of his hard work and leadership for the past year. After a Vote of Thanks delivered by PDG Kenneth, CP Donald presented to President Wilson a useful Seagull divers watch to which President Wilson acknowledged with thanks and promised to continue serving the club.



Before dessert was served, PE Danny gave his word that he shall work hard in his year and asked that we similarly enjoy ourselves under his leadership to which we all agreed in unison. The Wines dinner thus ended on that cheerful note. By the time we left the restaurant, we were...still sober ... loaded with packs of 'left-over' food as the portions were really generous.



## RC Tai Po and Satellite Club Installation

4 July 2022

Wilson Woo



When I rang the bell to signify the beginning of the club installation of RC Tai Po and Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po – Companion, my last duty as a Life-Changing President had been fulfilled. It's our great honour to have the presence of DG Norman LEE and IPDG Keith CHOW, to be our Guests of Honour and witnessed our handover ceremony.

As our club's tradition, CP Donald also led our club members and their spouses to join the first club meeting in Rotary Year 2022-23. They conveyed all their blessing and support to our new President Danny LAU and his team.







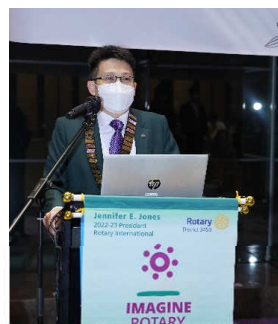
At that night, Sharon CHOI who is a member of our Satellite Club, volunteered to be the Emcee for our handover ceremony. As you can see, we have more and more interaction and collaboration with our Satellite Club. Members from RAC Taipo and RAC Wu Yee Sun had also come and joined our meeting. How many of them you can recognize?



Blessing from other clubs was delivered by Presidents and representatives from other clubs, including President Simone KONG and IPP Edmond CHAN from RC Central, IPP Eddy LO from RC SoHo Hong Kong and all Presidents and classmates from Area 6.



Year report should not be missed. Hope the flashback and recap were not boring. IPDG also took this opportunity to give a special thanks and appreciation to many members who had made a great contribution to the District all year along.



My mission has completed. It's time for a simply fun, productive and successful year ahead for P Danny and Chairlady Viola!







## Fellowship Teams for 2022-23

Leader: Frankie Wu

Team 1



Vikky Tam



Jules Jiu



Gabriel Kwan



Armstrong Shea

Leader: William Yim

Team 2



Peter Lam



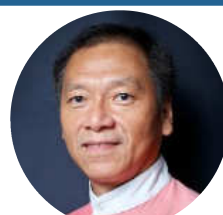
Masayuki Tsubaki



Wilson Lam



Danny Lau



Armstrong Shea

Leader: Wilson Woo

Team 3



Claire Mak



Anthony Hung



Sincere Yip



Armstrong Shea

Leader: Kenneth Wong

Team 4



Louis Tang



Henry Wang



Ronald Chung



Armstrong Shea

Leader: K F Tam

Team 5



Sally Luk



CM Yu



Natalie Kwok



Armstrong Shea

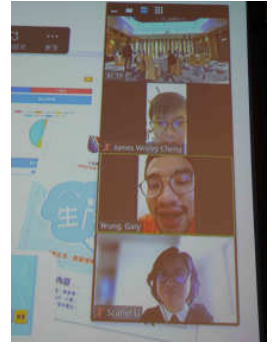




# M Regular Meeting

## 20 June 2022

In view of the sudden yet inevitable decision to postpone/cancel the 3-club joint meeting on 27 June, this meeting had abruptly become the last regular meeting of the year. With Danny looking after the technical side of things, it was a hybrid physical plus zoom meeting well attended by RCTP members as well as Satellite Club members.



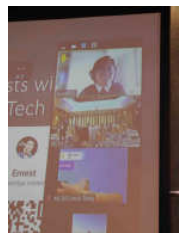
IPP Sally introduced speaker Mr. Ernest Chan who has multifarious interests and involves himself in a lot of different disciplines, including having been an interactor. More importantly, he is also a potential member of Rotary Satellite Club of Taipo Companion.



Mr. Ernest Chan was very thorough with his topic "Apps for Children with Special Education Needs" starting with what spurs him onto doing Apps; why, in particular he does it for SEN children; what he considers are the future improvements; and what other aspects of Apps he envisages will be beneficial to those in need.



Questions were raised mostly by audience 'in the field' including Danny with IT skills, Jules on the financial aspects, William with the technical know-how, Wilson on marketing promotion and Scarlet on possible integrating/enhancing with Speech therapy.



Jules thanked Ernest on behalf of RCTP and members of Satellite Club were eager to take a group photo with Ernest.



It was a sweet ending for Satellite Club Past Chair Gabriel who won the 2 bottles of organic local honey given out by President Wilson for raffle draw.



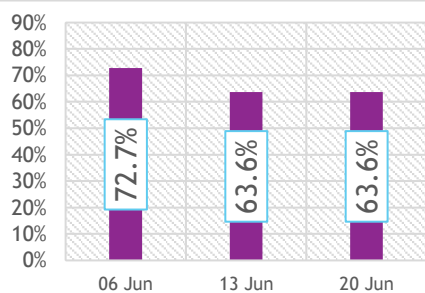
A final Toast to end the last Regular meeting of the year. Cheers!







## JUNE 2022



Average attendance: 66.67%

## Perfect Attendance JUN 2022

Anthony Hung Armstrong Shea  
 Natalie Kwok Louis Tang  
 Peter Lam Henry Wang  
 Danny Lau Wilson Woo  
 Sally Luk William Yim  
 Claire Mak

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
18 JUL (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Richard Chan Topic: The Dos and Don'ts at a Funeral	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
21 JUL (THUR)	19:00-21:00	Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK	LT 1, Yasumoto International Academic Park, CUHK
24 JUL (SUN)	16:00-17:30	District Rotaract Installation Ceremony 2022-23	HKFYG Auditorium, 9/F, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Group Building
1 AUG (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: "Meeting our Youths"	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
7 AUG (SUN)	16:00-19:00	District Installation	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
15 AUG (MON)	19:00	Assistant Governor's Visit	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan

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 Theme: Lumière  
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you

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