

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I'm thankful! We eventually resumed our physical meeting on 16 April. I can tell from the smiley faces that we all hungered for seeing each other after suspension of social gathering since Jan 2022. Indeed, the feel is totally different from when we met online, you can feel the warmest, heartfelt greeting from every member and friend. Relaxation of social distancing measures is a good sign which means we are gradually returning to normal, we adapted to the change. Given the fact that Covid-19 infections continue to fall, from the highest 60,000 new cases per day to now less than 300 new cases per day, the figures have dropped drastically. Defeating the pandemic is just around the corner.



Did you attend the meeting at Royal Plaza Hotel on 16 May? If not, you may wish to know that we have invited PP Alex FAN from our Rotaract Club of Tai Po and his wife, Ms. San TAO to be our guests. At the same time, Alex shared about his views and experiences on fighting cybercrime. During the presentation, PP Alex disclosed some hints and



points to note when receiving scam email and suspected call. The sharing was very informative and interesting. There were many interactions between our members and PP Alex. Rotaractors Henry YAU, Jade CHAN and Katherine SO had come and joined us. Katherine also brought us a gift donated by his father, PP Roger SO. He wrote this book and talked about the issues and concerns for the owners of premises.

After attending the District Training Assembly on 11 & 14 May, it reminded me that my presidency will be ending in less than 2 months. Although it is not yet my last president's message, I still want to take this opportunity to thank all members for the tolerance and support! I know there is lot of room for me to improve, so I will keep doing my best in the future I would like to inform you that there is fellowship gathering with our baby clubs, RC Central and RC SoHo Hong Kong. P Eddy of RC SoHo Hong Kong and P Edmond and I, are arranging the venue and program. Most likely we will spend a night on a cruise at Victoria Harbour together with all fellow members and best friends. Details will be announced once available. I must tell you that this gathering had been planned for a long time since the beginning of this Rotary Year. Fortunately, it comes true and arrives before the end of my presidency. See you all on board!

*Wilson*



Thank You!



## EDITOR SAYS



**A** simple question in logic: If “A” is bigger than “B”; and “B” is bigger than “C”; then is “A” bigger than “C”? The logical answer must be “yes”.

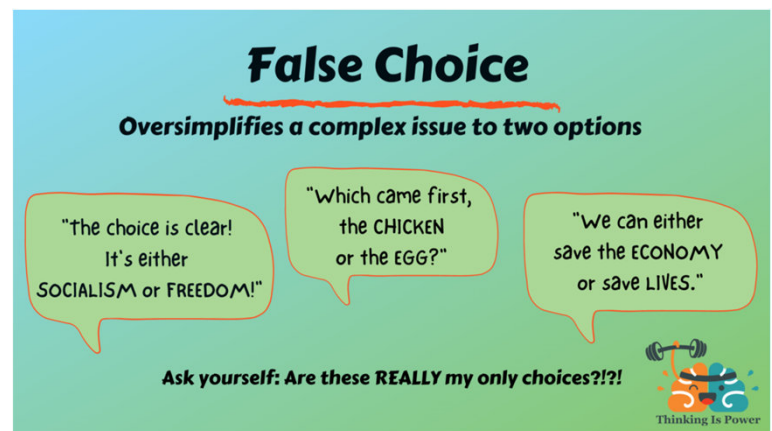
However, placed in everyday life, the result can be quite rather out of the ordinary. For instance, what to order for drinks. Would you like coffee or tea? Tea. Coffee or hot chocolate? Coffee. The ultimate question: Which would you prefer, tea or hot chocolate? Hot chocolate!

These seemingly logical questions tend to puzzle those indecisive people day in and day out as simple as being asked to choose their meal set drinks. If the available choices were like the above, that one has to choose one among the many choices, then the decision remains as difficult every time the person is asked to make a choice!

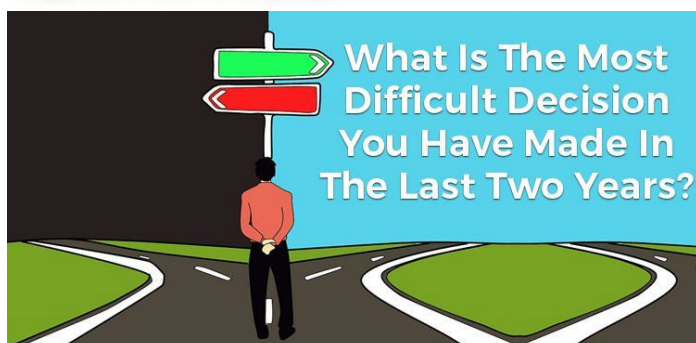


As a matter of fact, the dilemma is not really that difficult to understand. ABC are presumed to be the sole measurable factor, just like age, weight, distance ... That’s why the inevitable conclusion is “A” must be bigger than “C”. However, in the ‘drinks’ scenario, there are more than one single factor under consideration. For example, tea has lesser caffeine, but it is not as sweet; yet you can add sugar and it costs a little less than coffee. Hot chocolate seems to have least or nil caffeine, but it seems a little too sweet... but you have not had chocolate for some time already ... and so on and so forth ... The list goes on.

We are asked to make choices in different aspects of our life; and similarly in Rotary. We have been given choices. (Well, some choices are more real than others.) Yet there are so many factors which may tip the balance one way or another, either affecting oneself, or affecting the club or even the District as a whole. Sometimes, simple logic does not apply and 1+1 does not necessarily equal 2. Maybe taking a different perspective and not get entangled as in the ‘Drinks’ scenario, one may find some enlightenment?



The conclusion is thus, when making a decision, remind oneself not ponder too much on all the factors, or maybe simply grade all the relevant factors, it may assist with making up one’s mind.





## Rotary Peace Centers

From RI website and RI news Feb. 2022



**E**ach year, Rotary Foundation awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships (50 for master's degrees and 80 for certificate studies) for dedicated leaders

from around the world to study at one of our peace centers. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,500 fellows who now work in over 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, education and research institutions, peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank. The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace.

Rita Lopidia vividly recalls her experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford in England. "The classes in African politics and UN peacekeeping were my favorite," she says. "The politics course challenged me to dig deeper into research to understand the history of the continent, and the peacekeeping class aided my understanding of global politics. As a practitioner, that was an eye-opener to have a global view of events happening around the world."

Lopidia's time at the Rotary Peace Center profoundly affected her. "After graduation, I traveled back to Africa and settled in Uganda due to the ongoing conflict in South Sudan," she explains. "There I established the EVE Organization for Women Development and started engaging the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda and their host communities. Through my organization, we were able to mobilize South Sudanese women to participate in the South Sudan peace process promoted by eastern Africa's Intergovernmental Authority for Development — and that led to the signing of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan in 2018."

Currently, Rotary has seven peace centers in various locations around the world; the newest, at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda — the first in Africa — welcomed its inaugural cohort of peace fellows in 2021. Next, Rotary plans to establish a peace center in the Middle East or North Africa, perhaps as soon as 2024, and has set its sights on opening one in Latin America by 2030.

### Master's program Fellowship components

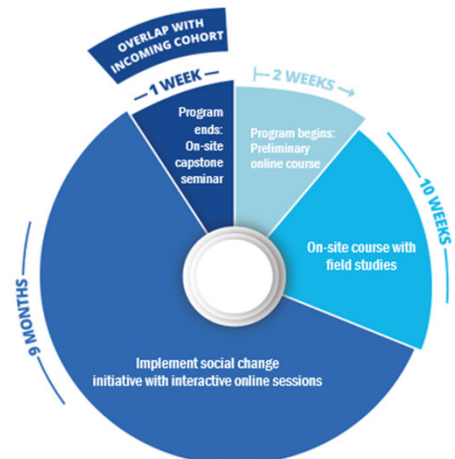


### 7 Peace Centers

(# Certificate program schools, rest offer Master's program)

1. University of Bradford (Bradford, UK)	2. Duke University (North Carolina, USA)
3. University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia)	4. Uppsala University (Uppsala, Sweden)
5. International Christian University (Tokyo, Japan)	6. Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand #)
7. Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda #)	

### Certificate program Fellowship components



# FLASHBACK

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

PETER LAM



## Memorable Visitors at Club meetings



2018

2017-18 Pres. Roger with Pres. Webster of RC HK Harbour and visiting Rotarians from RC Colmar Rhin, France at Regal Causeway Bay Hotel on 15 Jan. 2018. Remember the cooking class before dinner supervised by hotel's chef?



2013

Rtn. Johnny Tan from RC Makati San Lorenzo visited us on 25 Feb. 2013 at Royal Garden Hotel which was in fact their club's first ever encounter with us.

2019



Kayleigh Miller, the Scottish girl who joined the Youth Exchange program in 2005 sponsored by our club and RC Kirkcaldy revisited us on 22 Oct. 2019. We are glad that her high school exchange student partner, Mabel Chu (now teacher at TTCA) and former member Timmy Kwong's wife Alice Chung who was Kayleigh's host parent in HK, joined us at this reunion.

2015



2015-16 Pres. Vikky with speaker Lam Woon Kwong 林煥光 GBS, JP and Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Tai Po at the joint meeting with RC Shatin on 31 Aug. 2015.

2010



At the 13 Dec. 2010 meeting, PP Tony Yu (RC HK Island West), VP of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of HK and Chairman of HK Table Tennis Association, was our keynote speaker who gave us behind scene perspective of the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games. PP Peter also invited his 師弟 from La Salle College, the Ping Pong wonder kid 乒乓神童趙頌熹 and the school table tennis coaches to attend. We were glad our sports medicine expert Dr. Patrick Yung who knew speaker and the sports star well also joined us. Frankie's daughter Kam Tung, Wilson Lam's daughter Chloe and Peter's young boy Daniel, former member Paul Chan, Samantha, Kiyama (deceased) were also present.



Meeting at 7PM every Monday  
@ Regal Kowloon Hotel



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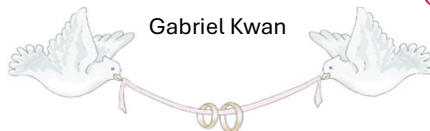


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## *We are married: Raina and Gabriel*

Gabriel Kwan



It is my great honour and happy privilege to introduce to you my wife Raina in this issue of Tai Post.

On 17 April, one of the most memorable days of my life, Raina and I got married in a simple yet very much blessed wedding ceremony in Diamond Hill with both of our fathers as the witnesses of our marriage. With the social distancing regulations at the time, only five people were allowed to be present in the venue, including us both. But we were very lucky to have found a restaurant to celebrate with our family after the ceremony.

Raina and I met in a meditation class in 2019 and we share a great interest in outdoor activities - even though Raina is a UI / UX designer who spends most of her working time in front of screens and I am an accountant who spends most of my waking time dealing with numbers.

We love hiking together and it is lovely to climb the hills with someone you love - to enjoy the stunning views of nature and the pleasant mountain breeze. There are countless times when we chatted and talked on our way and we missed the stop. Raina is not a very good navigator despite our regular hobby of hiking — but we will be holding hands and we will never be lost in each other's company.



We very much look forward to sharing our joy with all of you and we are planning to hold a wedding banquet in September this year. We hope, with the pandemic easing off, we will be able to invite our dear Rotarians / Rotaractors to join our wedding celebration!



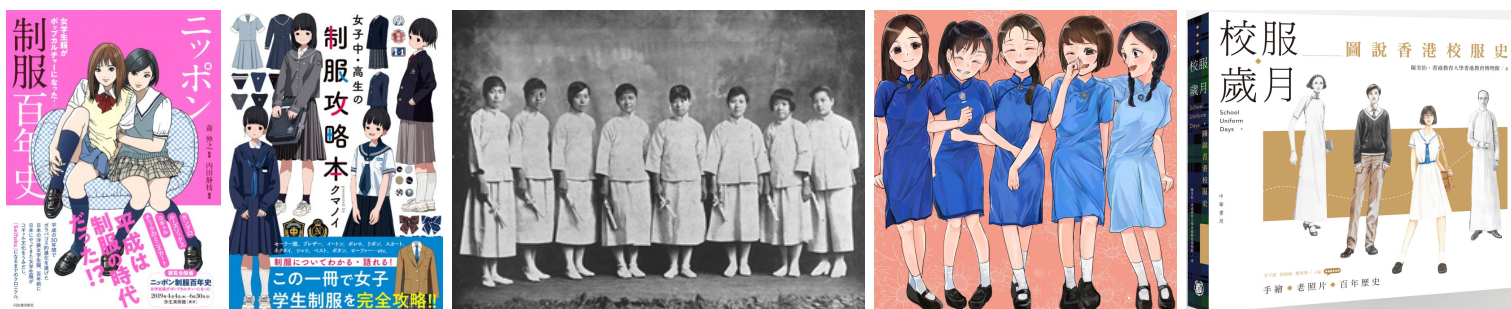
## Secondary School Uniform:

### Hong Kong vs Japan

Peter Lam

To copy Ron's response, "I obliged" when Claire asked me to give an extra article, any topics, for Tai Post. I am in the school uniform family business so I have some knowledge of the subject to tell; but maybe I have been involved with the subject for so long I always think it a bit boring and so avoid talking about it . . . then a new idea came to mind: why not combine the subject with information from and comparison with Japan which seems more interesting? I am limiting this article to secondary school uniform and mainly for girls not just due to limited space here but mainly because in Japan, in fact most kindergarten and primary schools kids just wear their own clothes to school and there is no need to wear school uniforms so there is nothing to compare, and obviously the subject for high school girls are more interesting.

### Hong Kong Secondary School Uniform



In Japan, there are huge volumes of publications written on school uniform development which I shall cover later. But for Hong Kong, not much has been formally written about the subject except newspaper or magazine might from time to time come up with short articles. Perhaps the only formal publication is a book known as School Uniform Days published in 2019 by The Education University of Hong Kong HK Museum of Education which coincided with a HK School Uniform Past & Present exhibition at the university on Nov. 2018. The book and exhibition covered the so called "classic uniform (經典校服)" some of which were or have been supplied by my company Kam Lun Tailors.

According to research by The Education University of HK, St. Paul's Girls' College 聖保羅女書院 (now the St. Paul's Co-ed. College 聖保羅男女中學) is the first school in Hong Kong in 1918 to require students to wear white Chinese style dress (唐裝衫褲裙) as school uniform. Chinese style dress, namely Qipao/Cheongsam (旗袍/長衫) is obviously one classic uniform that is no longer popular but this old uniform tradition is still being kept by several well established schools like St. Paul's Co-ed, St. Stephen's Girls, Heep Yunn, Pooi To, True Light, Maryknoll Fathers' School, Ying Wah Girls College and St. Marks School.



Since the late 1960's, beside the very standard simple white or plain colour skirt for summer and blue or grey skirt (背心裙) with white shirt, many styles of girls uniform had been developed with use of stripes (條子) and check (格仔) fabric and one very popular style emerged which is the so called Sailor style (水手裝) inspired by Japanese school uniform. One such style which many claim to be a classic is the Blue Sailor dress shirt and white skirt which my father designed for New Method College (NMC 新法書院 1949-2012) in the early 60s. In fact many schools like Holy Trinity (上智), Ning Po No.2 (寧波第二), C.U.H.K. Alumni Assn. Thomas Cheung (中大校友會張煊昌) use Sailor style uniform but to many of us of '70s - '90s generation, it seems like we always remember NMC sailor style!?. . . Perhaps the school has closed so there is a certain nostalgic feel or maybe boy students like me in that era fancied the mini white skirt which NMC girls wore and so "新法妹" image became a classic . . . ?! Oh yes, I have heard stories that even the school did not allow mini skirt and our shop certainly did not sell mini skirt; but some NMC girls had own "smart ways to shorten" them after school to "look cool" for hangout with boys . . . any of you guys remember those days ?!





The trend in the past 20+ years see style changes with adoption of shirt and short skirt and even culottes (裙褲) two-piece style, which is particularly popular for upper forms. Since Form 5 HKCEC exam was abolished in 2012 and schools no longer have Form 7, many schools adopted different styles for lower form F1-3 and upper form F4-6. The most significant development or changes in the past 20+ years has been the fading out of traditional wool blazer (西裝褸). Since the late 1990s, many customers found the wool blazer bulky, could not keep warm and simply that very few students actually wear them to school. Almost all of our customers now have abolished the wool blazer and switched to jacket style like outdoor parka or windbreaker, some with detachable fleece jacket inside. So gone are the 大地校褸 era and Chinese Department Store (國貨公司) no longer sell such blazers which were once a big hit!

While my father and I are the “die hard old fashion” gang and sad to see this trend of casual style dominating, we are pleased to see that some established schools are still keeping the old tradition of having wool blazer for winter uniform (such as St. Paul’s, La Salle, DBS, Queen Elizabeth, St. Stephen’s Girls, Good Hope, but who knows how long they can survive?) My father actually hate many new style uniform jacket and think traditional wool blazer is the proper image for a student. However, the reality is that even if the school retains the blazer, many students do not buy or wear them and prefer to just wear sweater or windbreaker in winter and very few schools will strictly enforce... If you think only the traditional elite schools (傳統名校) still use blazers, there is one exception and that is our Olympic Fencing hero Edgar Cheung’s alma mater Lam Tai Fai College 林大輝中學 which commissioned my company to supply boys blazer and girls 中山裝 since their school established in 2004.



Above photos from left to right: Culottes style gaining popularity for style changes, traditional blazer of St. Stephen’s Girls, Good Hope, La Salle, and Maryknoll Convent School new Jacket, Lam Tai Fai’s blazer and 中山裝, even long established school like Munsang (民生書院) have changed to parka style jacket and baseball style jacket became part of school winter uniform nowadays!

## Japan High School Uniform

Except for the NMC 新法妹 episode, Hong Kong school uniform seems rather uncontroversial and limited to normal school life and our school years. But in Japan, secondary school uniform, in particular girls’ uniform, has a longer history and there are many stages of development which makes it an interesting social subject, a kind of sub-culture. Let’s take a look at this JK school uniform phenomena (JK is a widely used term which stands for Joshi Kousei 女子高生)!







Japan entered a modern westernized era since the Meiji period (明治1868-1912) and in 1879 the classic boys black uniform (so called 詰襟學生服 or 學蘭 in Japanese similar to 中山裝) was developed which was based on Navy uniform and first adopted by schools for Imperial families like the Imperial College 帝國大學 (now the Tokyo University). But girls uniform remained Japanese style (和裝) until 1919 (大正8年) when the Yamawaki Senior High School (山脇高等女学校) in Tokyo introduced a one-piece western style dress which lasted until 2013 and is still being used nowadays as a formal wear. Since then many western style dress emerged but the most popular is no doubt the Sailor Style (水手装 or “Sailor服” in Japanese) This sailor style was first created in 1920-21 by a school in Kyoto 京都平安女學院 and in Fukuoka 福岡女學院. There were stories that this sailor style uniform stories that this sailor style uniform became more and more in demand in 1920s-30s as some western style uniform dress looked like that of the “bus lady” who sells tickets in buses so some students felt embarrassed and even protested to schools to make changes.

During the war and post war years late 1930s-50's Sailor skirt style uniform development stopped due to various restrictions and scarce resources. During the war, there was even an order by Imperial government to simplify most schools uniform into one unified style and a kind of loose pants 像燈籠褲的勞動褲 (もんぺ) instead of skirt were widely adopted. So, good looking Japanese girl uniform only further developed since 1970s. Let's check out this most interesting new era!



## 1970- 1980s



Sailor style girl uniform and boys 詰襟 style still dominated but one very interesting trend was the so called “變型學生服” (in Japanese) and its relation with pop culture. Since the 70s, Japan experienced bubble economic growth and

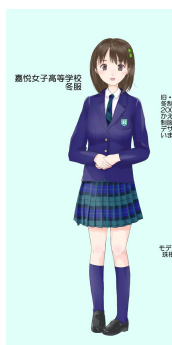
rebellious, anti-social culture among the young people (so called 不良少年, 暴走族, Yankee) emerged and it became trendy for those “bad students” to make skirt length very long, sailor shirt very short (almost showing belly) and boys would wear very loose pants and not buttoned blazer to create this bad boys & bad girls image. In the 1980s there were also many popular Japanese movies, manga, animation, featuring girls wearing Sailor style uniform which further promoted this girls image. The most famous was this novel/movie in 1981 known as “水手服與機關槍” featuring teen idol 藥師丸博子 and TV series 1982-87 known as “壞女孩刑事”. Even pop songs by idol like Matsuda Seiko (松田聖子) and 小貓俱樂部 (工藤靜香) have hit songs titles or lyrics relating to school uniform which all helped stir up this fascination in Sailor style uniform. Indeed it had become very fashionable for idol singers and actresses to wear sailor style uniform on stage and be featured in publicity and photos books (寫真集).

## Late 1980s to 1990s

While sailor style uniform continued to be a popular style in Japan, a major style change movement started in late 1980s with the adoption of so called “blazer, and check skirt modern western style.” This style change movement coincided with the height of economic growth in Japan in late 1980s (the bubble era when many Japanese were supposed to be getting better off and could afford to spend?) and was partly a response to reverse the “bad students’ image which had gained popularity before. It started out with some schools, mainly well established private schools, commissioning top Japanese fashion designers like Hanae Mori (森英惠), Hiroko & Junko Koshino, Yamamoto Kansai to design new uniform featuring blazer with logo badge, Scotland tartan check skirt and tie for rather fashionable look similar to many British boarding schools (so called “branded uniform.”)







This fashionable uniform style changes boom since the late 1980s soon spread all over Japan, not just in big cities like Tokyo, as many private schools made use of this so called “SI – school identity” with unique uniform design to attract new students. Japan media often reported that some students chose to enroll in a certain school depending on whether their uniform were cute (kawaii) or not!

### 1990s-2000s

After the uniform style changes boom from late 1980s, another trend or rather “dress code” appeared among the rebellious high school girls in the 90’s to early 2000s. This group known as GAL or GANGURO (黑白辣妹) love to hang out in Shibuya and Harajuku after school and they wore white long but loose fit socks (泡泡襪, in Japanese term “loose socks”) and also loose fit sweater and super mini-skirt. Besides wearing style, they often tanned the skin and bleached the hair and wore colourful makeup. This popular JK image was enhanced by pop super idol singers like Amuro Namie (安室奈美恵) and Hamasaki Ayumi (濱崎歩).



### 2000s ~



In terms of uniform style, there is no major style changes in Japan since the early 2000s with Sailor & Blazer style still dominating. However, the white “loose socks” and tanned skin and crazy make-up style faded out from early 2000s. Instead of white long socks, they now wear tight dark socks (直筒襪) with longer skirt. A tidier “good student” image normal look returned. By the way, one interesting dress code is the standard shoes that the Japanese high school girls wear: the so called “loafer”

(Penny loafer originated in America), traditional black shoes popular in the US as a preppy style casual wear. I believe such boys’ style shoe are never popular among our girls in Hong Kong.

Lastly, to show you how popular this Japanese JK uniform culture has now developed, I’d like to introduce a new Japanese uniform supplier called CONOMI with flagship store in Harajuku, Tokyo. It has been expanding its business to many parts of Japan and even to China and Hong Kong. The store which was opened in 2008, is in fact selling “school uniform look” clothing not for any particular schools/students but just as a casual wear or fashion. It regularly publishes catalogues to promote and even organize uniform fashion shows and best uniform-look contests!



“Haruta” loafer  
since 1955  
日本女子高校生の定番



“Rika JK dolls”  
by famous  
Japanese toy  
maker Takara  
Tommy, now on  
display in my  
shop.



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## My Story

Ping Leung

I have a habit of keeping diaries. It is in fact a planner or to-do list which reminds me of the things that I need to do every day. It's a good habit, a habit which I was going to turn into a story of my life. When I told my wife Angela of my plan, she thought I was not serious. May be this little article for Tai Post will give me a kick start that I needed. It is not a book or something like that but merely a private story for my family to remember me with.

I have lived a long life, a life full of ups and downs, successes and failures, sadness and happiness. I was born a year before the war ended and my father had the foresight to name me 和平. We were farmers living on our land in a Sai Kung village. We grew rice and vegetables. Our village elders often told us how they caught fish and fetched seafood from the Tolo Harbour to supplement their diets. I heard exciting stories of their catches in the sea and wild pickings from the hills and river near our village. I still remember vividly herding our cows every morning into the nearby hills to graze. I was 7 or 8 at the time and was old enough to follow my cousins to the sea with my little basket and spade to collect shell fish. They were happy days.



*Ping (seated, 2nd from left) with  
classmate from 德明中學*

During the day I attended classes in a temple (七聖宮古廟) which doubled as a school. Despite this, I could still say I have had a happy childhood. All this ended, however, when my mother died of an illness before I was 10. I was sent to live with my uncle in Tai Po where he ran a Chinese grocery store (四興隆什貨店). I continued my primary education in Tai Po and attended two years secondary school in Kowloon before I left for England to join my father. That was in the summer of 1962.

My life changed completely as you can imagine; a new environment, new college, new language, new friends, new everything. It took me a whole year to fit into the new life.

I spent a whole year catching up on my English in a course specially designed for adult overseas students. The course included some basic business training skills. I have much to thank for this training for it had shaped my interest in accountancy which later became my career.

I completed my university education in Newcastle-on-Tyne at the College of Commerce and later at the Rutherford College of Technology. I did not go into accountancy straight after college. Instead I went into a restaurant business with some partners but that venture went wrong and failed. It was then I decided to go back into my chosen career as an accountant. So I started my training as an articled clerk with an international accounting firm.

I returned to Hong Kong also in the summer of 1982. It was exactly 20 years that I have lived, study and worked in England. There have been ups and downs, success and failures. It is fair to say I grew up in England and I am thankful to my mentors and friends who have helped me through my formative years. I have finally achieved my dream as an accountant and became a full member of the prestigious Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.



I returned to Hong Kong with the same accounting firm that I trained with and quickly established myself. Everything worked out as if they have been planned for me all these years. Work was easy carrying on what I had been doing in the UK as a tax specialist.



*Gathering of old Tai Po neighbours.*

As time went by, my community duties intensified and began to interfere with my professional work. So I had to choose between my professional duties and community work. In the end I chose the middle ground by taking up a lesser challenging role as a partner in a smaller accounting firm. It was a balance I managed very well satisfying both my clients and the communities.

The height of my community work involved the District Board (18 years), the Regional Council (6 years), the Rotary and various Government Boards and Agencies (until recently). I didn't know how I managed them but everything worked out somehow. In between I was bringing up a family. I am grateful to my wife for bringing up our three children and managing the household. She had done a wonderful job.

I am now happily retired. And I could say I have had a great life.



I was in big demand not only in my profession but also in the community. My own village wanted me to take over as its representative (村長), the position I am happy to say I still retain to this day. I always had an interest in community affairs so I was happy to assume that role. The important consideration for me was that it must not interfere with my professional work.



*Ping hosted the Tai Po International Orchid Exhibitions. In 2004, the then Miss Hong Kong Mandy Cho and then Chief Secretary Donald Tsang together with his wife were officiating guests.*





## Healing with Nagomi Pastel Art 畫出好心情之 の 和諧粉彩工作坊

30 April 2022  
Danny Lau

**E**xpressive Arts Therapy is gaining its popularity in recent years by virtue of its numerous integrated therapeutic benefits — Nagomi Pastel Art (和諧粉彩) is one of many techniques in this popular art therapy. Founded by a Japanese artist Mr. Hosoya Norikatsu, the Nagomi Pastel Art is also named as “Art of Hope” with Nagomi meaning “harmony”(和). The name is pretty self-explanatory — the aim of this art technique is to create harmony and warmth to both its painter and its viewers.

I personally experienced the calming effect of finger painting by Nagomi Pastel Art in the workshop 畫出好心情之 の 和諧粉彩工作坊, organised by Tai Po Baptist Church Social Services at TPBCSS Charis Parent Integrated Service Centre. The Workshop was one of the many activities in the one-year project supported by Rotary District Grant to provide different community workshops and events for local students and parents.



On 30 April, the day of the event, I was joined by local SEN primary school students and their caretakers to try out this popular painting technique — with our fingers painting with only pastels. The instructor reminded us to be mindful and relaxed in the painting process. We’d smeared and rubbed the pastel on the drawing paper and blended the colours onto the surface. The colours were rich but gentle and there is no right or wrong way of doing it. It was a safe space for children and their parents to express themselves via colours and shades. Our usual way of communication - talking and chatting can be tricky to SEN students whose may not have the language and social skills. I also felt that the Nagomi Pastel Art is a great way to connect our body to our mind and consciousness, because we are engaging our senses by touching the paper using different motions to materialize our imagination and creativity.

Each of us created two pieces of Nagomi Pastel Art and they were showcased on the Sensation Wall which was also funded by the District Grant. I could tell that our fellow Rotarians President Wilson and PP Armstrong also enjoyed very much this artistic and therapeutic activity — we could all use this chance to destress and to welcome some harmony to our hearts.



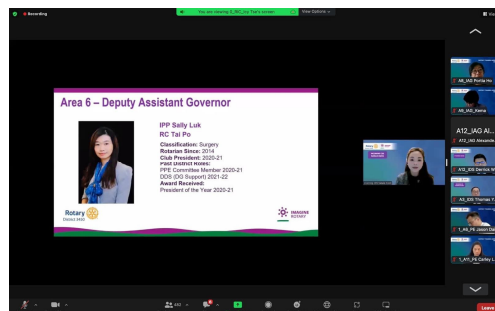
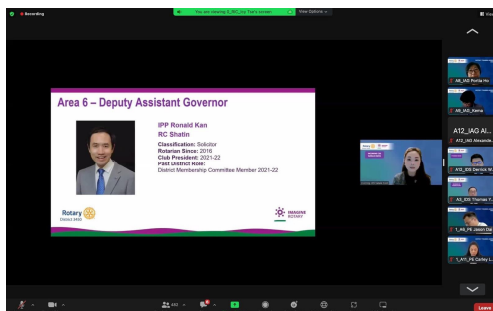
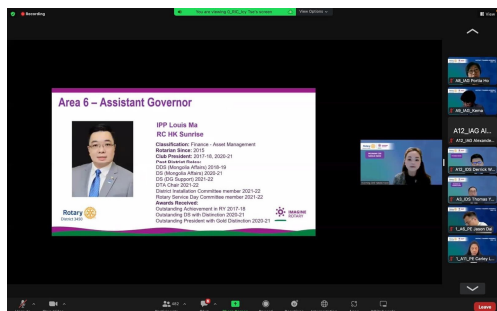


## District Training Assembly 2022

11 & 14 May 2022

Danny Lau

The annual District Training Assembly 2022 was held virtually on 11 and 14 May 2022. The former date was primarily for Hong Kong & Macau participants with the latter being a General Session for all participants. Unlike previous years when DTAs were conducted in person or in hybrid mode, this year, we “gathered” together on Zoom for this two-day training. Just in case you are not familiar with this annual event, the DTA is a major leadership training event that provides us, Rotarians, with a great opportunity to further develop leadership skills and refine strategies to achieve different goals.



The theme for DTA 2022-23 is “Imagine Rotary” and the event began with welcome remarks by DTA chair Cassy Cheng and opening address by DG Keith Chow, followed by another welcome address by incoming DG Norman Lee. There were 10 sub-topics for breakout sessions. They are 1) Membership; 2) The Rotary Foundation (TRF); 3) Public Image; 4) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; 5) Health; 6) Vocational Service; 7) Community Service 8) Youth & Rotaract; 9) Preserve Planet Earth; 10) Club Administration. It was an overwhelming yet comprehensive and important list of subjects to get to understand and act upon.



With respect to vocational services, our District Vocational Service Committee (DVSC) strives to arrange vocational service to our new generation with a special focus on Youth of Differences (YOD) and SEN. The effort to raise awareness of equality and inclusivity among employers is timely but it is still a long way to fostering an inclusive and equal workplace. It will require our continuous input and effort in order to materialise this goal.



The DTA is undoubtedly a very important part of our path of development and improvement as a Rotarian. Although we could not meet in person this year, it was still a fruitful and enlightening experience. As the pandemic seems to be easing, I hope we will be able to host conferences and events of larger scale soon and hopefully see you all in person in the near future!





## REGULAR MEETINGS

### 25 April 2022

Even though we were still subject to the 4-person restriction, members enjoyed the **physical dinner meeting** after an extended hiatus!



We had been missing President Wilson **ringing the bell** to start meeting. Glad to be back!



We had absolutely nil idea about the façade painting business until Speaker **President Benson Chan** told us about the various paints and finishing to walls, buildings, road surface, track... etc. when he spoke to us about **"Architectural Paintings"**. He also walked around to show us and let us feel the effect of certain painted surface.

**PP Armstrong Shea** delivered a **Vote of Thanks**, thanking Benson for the eye-opening speech and also for providing the venue. **PP Dennis Lo** who is in the related industry also gave **encouraging comments**.



Belated, but there was **birthday celebration** for Jan to April birthday boys and girl.



**PE Danny** won the raffle gift of a weighty **CorningWare casserole** purchased by Rtnn. Joan and ably promoted by donor Rtn. Dr. C M Yu.





**16 May 2022**



Members were delighted to welcome former Rotaractor PP Alex Fan and his wife San as we met in Royal Plaza Hotel ballroom this evening; so were our Rotaractors Henry, Jade and Katherine who turned up in support of their former Past President.



When Chief Inspector Alex Fan spoke to us on the hit topic “Cyber Scam” he described the various types of Cybercrimes, gave statistics as compared with other crimes and showed how to stay alert to avoid such crimes. He played a couple of video skit and introduced the latest anti-scam mascot “Tizi”. The take away points on anti-telephone deception are to: 1 Hang Up, 2 Verify and 3 Get Help.

Members were attentive, listening to how cybercrimes happened and what the police are doing about them. In particular, Bebe, Jade and Dennis were quick to answer questions from speaker Alex who awarded them each with a Police Officers’ Club Grand Re-opening whisky glass set.



Louis, William, Wilson, Kenneth and Joan were eager to ask questions, mostly about personal experiences.

PP Claire bought a LumiSpa Face Cleanser Machine set for raffle draw and DT Louis happily claimed the prize and also gave red box.



On behalf of ex-member Roger So, his daughter Rotaractor Katherine So gave out his book “Building Management Journal” for lucky draw and Rtr. Henry Yau collected the prize for informative reading.



Incoming CDS Natalie Kwok also gave red box upon claiming her long overdue raffle prize.

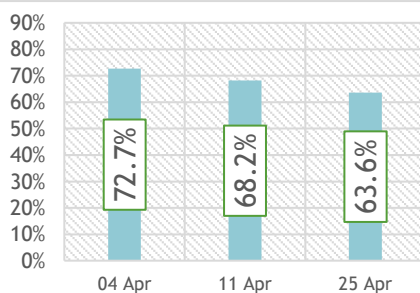
Cheers everyone!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 2022**



Average attendance: **68.18%**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
23 MAY (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: PP Daniel Lam (RC Kowloon) Topic: Hardships and Difficulties faced by Hospital Authority during the Pandemic	Grand Ballroom 1, Level 6, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok
28 MAY (SAT) 29 MAY (SUN)	13:45	62 <sup>nd</sup> District Conference	Nina Hotel, Tsuen Wan West
6 JUN (MON)	19:30	RCTP Club Assembly	Grand Ballroom 1, Level 6, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok
13 JUN (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Principal Stanley Kam Topic: The development of STEM Education in Hong Kong	Grand Ballroom 1, Level 6, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok
20 JUN (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Ernest Chan Topic: Apps for Children with Special Education Needs	Grand Ballroom 1, Level 6, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok



## 62nd District Conference

**Date: Saturday – 28th May 2022**

**Sunday – 29th May 2022**

**Venue : Nina Hotel Tsuen Wan West**

**MAY**

23<sup>rd</sup>

K.M. Chan



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FRANKIE WU  
SINCERE YIP



**APR 2022**

**Perfect Attendance**

Anthony Hung    Armstrong Shea  
Jules Jiu        KF Tam  
Peter Lam       Henry Wang  
Danny Lau,     Wilson Woo  
Sally Luk       William Yim  
Claire Mak      CM Yu



**Leave of Absence**

PP WILSON LAM



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