

# Tai 大報 Post

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William Yim



## President's Message

It is a tradition of Area 6 to have joint spring dinner every year. The **Area 6 "NT 9 clubs" Spring Dinner 2017** was held at Royal Plaza Hotel. The guest speaker this year was Ms. Mak Ling Ling, the famous Feng Shui master. She talked about the wealth, fortune and what we should be aware of in Feng Shui in the Year of Rooster. The red packets giving session is always the most popular part in Spring Dinner and we got even higher when the "God of Wealth" arrived at the venue! The program was precisely planned. Thanks to the Area 6 Presidents for making this joint meeting so successful. Most importantly, our new member Mr. Henry Wang, a specialist in Chemical Engineering, was inducted on that night. Welcome, Henry!



Not long after, over 20 of our club members and their family joined "**Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup**" at Happy Valley Racecourse. With a little bit of luck and skills, most of our club members laid bet on the right horse and won some money. Nevertheless, it is more important to enjoy tasty foods, be surrounded by the joyful ambience, and have fun together.

I had a business trip to Israel to visit Israeli Biomedical and Health care industry. The take-off day was the same day as **Rotary HK Ultramarathon**! I pushed myself to support our Ultramarathon teams: RC Tai Po team, RAC Tai Po team, 5100 Tibet Water corporate team, and Sanwa BioTech corporate team. It was a sunny day. I reached there in the early morning but they had already started. It was good to see all the teams were well organized. At the venue, there was not only racing, but also music and stage performance. Everyone was so excited and loudly supported their teams. Our Club won the "**Top Supporting Club of D3450** in sponsoring Rotary HK Ultramarathon 2017". I could only stay there for a very short time, and had to leave straight for the airport for a long haul flight and 5-day business trip.

There were quite a lot of Rotary events in Feb and March. The Joint Meeting with our mother club RC Peninsula Family had become a "**4 Generations Joint Meeting**" this year. I was so happy to see our grandma RC Kowloon joining in the first time and made it an 8-club joint meeting on 15 Feb.



The highlights of the **trip to Israel** were the meeting with Ministry of Health, visit to Tel Aviv University and MEDINISRAEL 2017. Bebe and I really enjoyed the visit in Israel. We visited a few start-up companies, technology incubators, Israeli Ministry of Health and Rambam Health Care Campus in Israel. We loved to stay longer in Israel, however I promised to attend "**Star Reaching Project Closing Ceremony**" on 11 Mar. So we skipped 2-day schedule and return to Hong Kong by a 1-stop flight with a transit at Moscow. Although it was a 22-hour long haul flight, I had managed to arrive Hong Kong at noon and rushed to the venue right away. I was happy to have our members' support including PDG Anthony, Mary, PP Peter, PP Jacky, PP Natalie, PP Claire, PP Charles and Wilson Woo. I could recognize some of "Star Reaching Project" participants who were also the participants of "Step Up Infinity". I am glad to see they have improved themselves! 曉桐, one of "無名" dance team core members, was the MC of the closing ceremony.



More about Area 6: it was the **41st Anniversary Ball of Rotary Club of Tsuen Wan** on 11 Mar. 15 members and spouses from our club joined the ceremony. We had textured wine, fantastic performance and warm fellowship as usual, and we also had luck on our side this year! PDG Anthony won two lucky draw prizes. OMG! We couldn't believe Anthony's big laughter! Surely the exotic dance on the stage also contributed to the laughter.



Bebe and I shall join the Area 6 Nepal Water Project Trip in late March and I shall tell you more in the next issue of Tai Post. Stay tuned!

Claire Mak



Editor Says

The Taipei City Government had announced a couple of years ago that primary school children can make use of different practical daily experiences to take the place of holiday homework. They can try to bake a cake; or try tidy up one's room instead of doing exercise books. The

underlying reason is that Taipei children were found to be very passive. From a tender age, they were taught what to do and what not to do. Gradually, they lost the ability to dream of what they want to do. So this initiative aims to encourage them to try and experience life outside the curriculum.



Indeed, "tiger parents" or "helicopter parents" seem to have mushroomed in the recent decade. They make their children learn this, that and what not. These parents want their kids to excel in music and instruments. They insist their kids to read and write very well, to draw and paint as budding Picasso or Monet. They spend a fortune to drill their children about different sports. Some of these parents are quite accomplished themselves; but the majority is not: they themselves may not be the least bit interested in music; some do not even bother to turn a page of a book; others don't show much appreciation for art or the aesthetics; and for some others, their closest encounter with sport maybe watching soccer matches on TV! The poor kids become victims of the aggressive spoon-fed system and relentless parents. Surely they are made Jack of all trades ...

Sometimes I am thankful to my parents for the rather lassie faire attitude towards me and my brother. We used to live in departmental quarters in Kwai Chung (I think Kwai Chung was called a 'satellite town' then) quite far from the city when there was no MTR then. Extracurricular activities were thus hard to arrange. I didn't have to learn to play the piano or any other instrument. No ballet, no tutorial classes after school ... So, as long as I have finished my homework and studies, I could freely go biking and running in the vicinity or in the neighbouring reservoir.

Since my time table had not been filled up to the brim, I was never short of idle time. Sometimes I just stared blankly at the clouds which drifted by ... or counted the number of flies which rested on the clothe hangers in the balcony... or, after I moved to live in Kowloon City, watched from afar airplanes taking off or touching down Kai Tak Airport runway ... all unproductive pursuits to while away the time. Had I spent those moments training and drilling for a particular sport, I might already have been a sportswoman representing Hong Kong. Dream on .... I heard you say...



The irony is I do have some good friends who were made to practise playing the piano daily and did score high grades; but once they had achieved grade 8 (or whichever grade is the ultimate), they stopped playing and have since avoided the piano altogether. Well, at least after having spent all those time and effort, they finally figured out what they do *not* like.

On the other hand, since we had been coached for such a long time, the ability to think of what one really wants to do became obtuse. How many adult actually know what he/she wants to do? And life can easily be just following the pack, doing the assigned homework, studying within the syllabus for exams - be part of the system, not to venture out.

Of course, we do have some idea what some street kids should not do and that's the whole idea of our Community Service Project the *Star Reaching* Program. Instead of having them linger on the streets, or be a wayward bunch with too much energy to exude but nowhere to ventilate, we try to provide them with a purpose and steer them towards the *better* path to pursue and a platform for them and vent their energy. The Dance teams of *Step Up Infinity* are one brilliant by-product and we have witnessed our dancers taking part in the District's Rookie Dance Competition and they finished well with flying colours!



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Peter Lam

# R otary Information



## Japanese diplomat earns Rotary alumni award

The recipient of this year's Rotary Alumni Global Service Award is Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar and a past United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Born in Japan to a family of diplomats, Ogata was drawn to studying international relations after Japan's defeat in World War II. When she began graduate studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., USA, in 1951, she was part of the second class of Rotary Scholars from Japan.



"During that period, I also learned about the importance of community service and broadened my perspectives and experiences thanks to various exchanges with Rotarians," she says. "The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me ever since."

After completing her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, Ogata returned to Japan to teach at International Christian University, which now hosts a Rotary Peace Center, and Sophia University, where she taught until accepting the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (head of UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency) in 1991. She also represented Japan at the UN General Assembly, served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and chaired the UNICEF executive board.

During her decade-long tenure with UNHCR, Ogata helped refugees who fled the Gulf War, the ethnic conflicts in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and Cold War-era strife in Afghanistan and former Soviet satellites. She has been credited with expanding UNHCR's budget and staff and strengthening its relations with the UN Security Council by emphasizing the link between refugees and international security.



"Protecting refugees is — by its nature — controversial," Ogata has said. "Carrying out this dynamic and action-oriented function requires us to challenge the sovereign preserve of states to deal with non-citizens and, in some instances, their own people."

Since leaving UNHCR in 2000, she has remained active in government and international affairs, serving as co-chair of the UN Human Security Commission and as a special representative of the Japanese government in Afghanistan. She led the Japanese International Cooperation Agency for two terms and advised then-Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Her government work has shown her the power of private citizens and civic groups to effect change.

"We live in a rapidly changing world," Ogata says. "As the world is confronted with threats more complex than ever before, the role of civil society and the linkages among people has become more important than ever."

The award for Rotary Alumni Association of the Year went to the Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210 in England. These alumni regularly visit club meetings and district events, and they lead a project to provide children's books to homes across the district.

## Rotary Foundation Centennial Information Page

PP Peter Lam



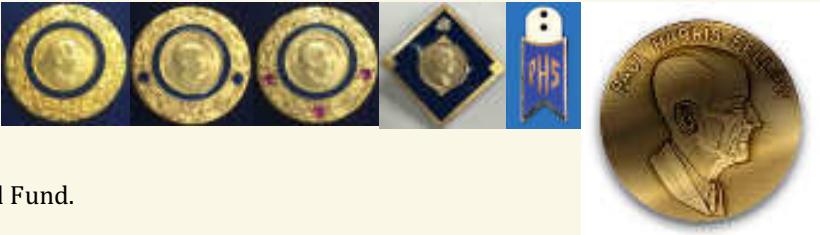
There are many good programs of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) like polio-plus, Global and District Grants for humanitarian services, Peace Fellowship, Scholarships and Group Study Exchange programs. But where does all the money come from? The answer is simple: they come from generous Rotarians like you and me who make contributions to TRF. Let's review the various Donor Recognition and contributions and wish our new members follow our club's good tradition to show strong support every year.

### DONOR RECOGNITION

#### Individual recognition

##### Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member

When you give US\$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.



##### Benefactor

When you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when you donate US\$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

##### Paul Harris Fellow

When you give US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name.

##### Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

When you give additional gifts of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

##### Paul Harris Society member

When you elect to contribute US\$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or a Foundation grant.

##### Bequest Society member

When you give US\$10,000 or more via your estate plans. Bequest Society members are recognized with an engraved crystal recognition piece and a Bequest Society pin. Recognition items commemorate giving at levels 1 to 10 from US\$10,000 to US\$10,000,000 and above.

##### Major Donor

When your cumulative donations reach US\$10,000. Major Donors can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. Recognition items commemorate giving at these levels:

- Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999      Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999
- Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999      Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999

##### Arch Klumph Society

When your cumulative donations reach US\$250,000. Recognition includes an induction ceremony and your picture and biography in the Arch Klumph Society interactive gallery at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. You also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at the various levels ranging from Trustees Circle: \$250,000 to \$499,999 to Platinum Foundation Circle of \$10,000,000 and above.

### Club banner recognition

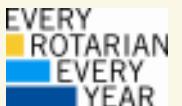
#### 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

For clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows. This is a one-time recognition and our Rotary Club of Tai Po obtained such recognition during PP Dennis Lo's year June 2010.



#### Every Rotarian, Every Year Club (EREY)

For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of US\$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least US\$25 to the Annual Fund during the year.



#### Top Three Per Capita in Annual Fund Giving

For the three clubs in each district that give the most, per capita, to the Annual Fund. Clubs that give at least \$50 per capita are eligible.

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## Area 6 Joint Project Rotary Mock Interview Workshop

Benjamin Wong



The Rotary Mock Interview took place on February 11. PP Louis and I went to Lung Cheung Government Secondary School on behalf of RC Tai Po. Over 80 interviewers from different Rotary Clubs volunteered to conduct interviews and provided feedback to the students to help improve their interviewing skills. The 200 students are either in Form 5 or 6 and in some cases they are continuing to further their education or could also be going to work in the society.

### The purpose & process

The purpose of the workshop was to conduct the mock interview for students to establish "common career life competency" and equip them in handling any job interview with confidence and experience. 4 students were assigned to 2 interviewers with some teachers as observers so that they could understand how to improve the skills of their respective students when they go back to school. Students were allowed to select from 4 job vacancies covering club house administration, shop sale assistant, admin assistant, and maintenance mechanic. We were also given the templates of the resumes which the students had prepared. 2 rounds of interviews were made, first round in Cantonese and subsequently students could opt for Mandarin or English. Feedbacks were given to the students after each interview and Louis and I were very pleased with the results achieved. There is always room for improvement but the sincere attitude from the students made us proud.

Interviewing skill is a capability which will help the students in applying the "technique" to succeed in interviews either for higher education or future job hunting. "Practice makes perfect." I am sure our Rotarians are all equipped with all the "weapons" or experiences that these young ones did not have. The students are looking for that once-in-a-life-time precious chance of success. This comes from cumulative and various exposure leading to a rewarding and fruitful experience. If this does not work this time, there is always a second chance.

### Professionalism is everything

Not only the skills, strategies and tactics; but also the first and lasting impression are the keys to securing a successful job offer. Hence professional appearance, sitting posture, politeness, respectful attitude, interactive thinking and response skills are of fundamental importance.

Our interviewees were doing quite well despite pressure from the other three students watching them being interviewed but this was very fair as each took their turn. The nerve breaking second round was supposed to be a deep dive where Louis and I challenged them a bit to test their desire in getting the job, their understanding of the job content they were "applying" for and whether they had done some "homework" about how they could demonstrate their capability to match the current job requirement and growth of the role in future. There was a fun part when one student wanted to showcase that he had won a mathematics award and could be an engineer in future; but in the end he got challenged with the award details whether that justified an outstanding honour or simply a nice-to-have medal. It's good that some demonstrated they have dreams as it is not easy at their age to dare to dream up! Nonetheless, they have to learn the basics and be able to implement their plans in order to live their dreams!



I must congratulate the organisers, PP Daniel Tsoi and the organising committee, in conjunction with Po Leung Kuk and the Education Bureau, who have made this such a successful event. It gave me good memory and exposure to provide students with some insights. We all make mistakes and I think students will learn through these mistakes. They promised to further practise for the eventual perfect moment.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the participating students the Best of Luck in their future endeavours!



## Rotary Club of Peninsula 4 Generations Joint Meeting

Peter Lam

The Rotary Club of Peninsula's family, namely our mother club Rotary Club of Peninsula, Rotary Club of Tai Po, Rotary Club of Peninsula South, Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise, our baby club Rotary Club of Central, Rotary Club of SoHo HK and Rotary Club of Kowloon Central, have been holding annual joint meeting since a few years ago. This year, the event became "Four Generations Joint Meeting" with the participation of Rotary Club of Kowloon, mother club of Rotary Club of Peninsula and the 3rd oldest club in our district after Rotary Club of Hong Kong and Macau. The event was held on 15th February at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce meeting hall with about 130 Rotarians and guests attending including DG Eric Chin, Area 7 AG Roger Ng, and DS Bee Chan. Our IPP Vikky Tam was the MC of the evening.

For the keynote talk, we were honoured to have Mr. Benjamin Tang Kwok Bun 鄧國斌, GBS, former Director of Audit, to share his 30 more year professional experiences in public governance and auditing. After a vote of thanks by President Jacky Leung from Peninsula South, the eight clubs took group photos with our DG and keynote speaker. The evening ended after the lucky draw with prizes donated by the eight club Presidents. Rotary Club of Tai Po has altogether 14 members and three Rotaryannes attending. As the event was held not too long after the Chinese New Year holidays, several Presidents dressed up in traditional Chinese costumes to fit into the New Year mood.



## New Member



### EurIng. Henry K. H. Wang 王國興

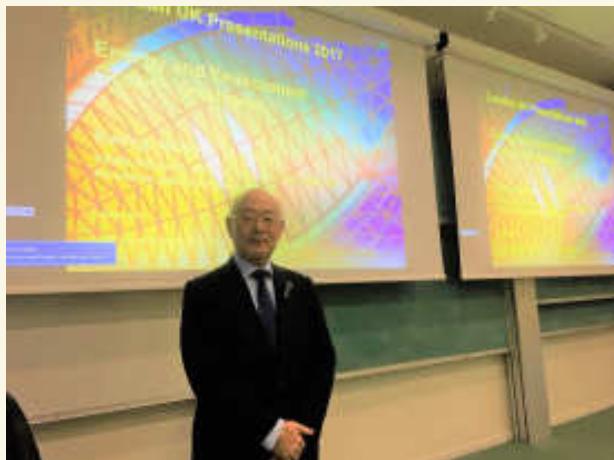
<b>Spouse</b>	Peggy
<b>Son</b>	Christopher
<b>Daughter</b>	Nicola
<b>Date of Birth</b>	15 August
<b>Classification</b>	Chemical Engineer
<b>Inducted</b>	20 February 2017 (2006)
<b>RCTP Team</b>	4

Henry K. H. Wang is an international adviser, author & speaker with extensive high level business experience globally. He is President of Gate International Ltd, a Hong Kong based boutique advisory and investment firm. He has been invited to advise leading Universities, International Agencies and companies globally on energy, climate change, chemicals, business, management & governance.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts FRSA and a Fellow of Institute of Chemical Engineering UK. He is Vice Chairman of the OECD Business Energy & Environment Committee. He has been invited to join the UK Climate Change Advisory Committee and China Carbon Forum Advisory Board. He is former Vice President of the EU & British Chambers of Commerce of China. He is a former director of Shell China and then SABIC in Riyadh. He has held various directorships and board roles in public companies and Joint Ventures globally.

He has published books, technical and management papers globally. He also holds international patents on new inventions. His first book "Successful Business Dealings & Management with China Oil, Gas & Chemical Giants" was published in 2013 & recommended by leading institutes. His second book on "Energy Markets in Emerging Economies: Strategies for Growth" was published in 2016 and he has been invited to speak about it at leading institutes globally. His negotiation management paper was selected as one of Top Five UK Management Papers of the Year 2015 and he has been commissioned by a leading publisher to write a new book on business negotiations.

He has been invited to speak at key international conferences and interviewed by international media. Leading universities & business schools globally have also invited him to speak and lecture. He is a graduate of Imperial College London and University College London. He has also undertaken advanced management courses at Wharton and Tsinghua.



## Area 6 Spring Dinner Joint Meeting

Claire Mak

The 9 clubs of Area 6 jointly hosted a Spring Dinner meeting on 20 February 2017. The theme of the evening is auspiciousness in the Year of the Rooster and all events harp on this theme.

The meeting started with guest speaker, fengshui master Mak Ling Ling, analysing some chosen Chinese characters to preview the year ahead. She discussed how people under each Chinese zodiac fare in the coming year and gave tips on how to avoid bad luck.



*Good luck in the Year of the Rooster permeates the entire evening.*

Then, to continue the good luck theme, the God of Fortune came to spread well wishes and gave out lai see packets and lucky sweets to the delight of everyone.



*RCTP members flanked the God of Fortune*

Items on the dinner menu were ascribed with special lucky names; and during dinner, there was this "Rooster Quiz" where clubs (according to tables in fact) compete by filling in the blanks about different Chinese idioms or sayings featuring the word 雞. One of the two RCTP tables won 3rd prize! Yay! In addition, lucky draws were conducted from time to time and there were lovely prizes to be won.



*Rooster Quiz Winners*



*Lucky Draw Winners*

Birthday celebration took place for February birthday boys and our William and Frankie were among those being congratulated.



*February Birthday Boys*

But for RCTP, what is luckiest of all events must be the induction of our newest member Henry Wang and thereby we gained a happy and prominent figure among us.



*Induction of Henry Wang as RCTP Rotarian performed by Governor Eric Chin.*

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## Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup

Kenneth Wong

Cheers and laughter filled the Happy Valley Race course in the evening on 22nd February. It was an exciting night of horse racing featuring the "Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup" race over 1650 meters.

The history of Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup in D3450 goes back to the year 2005, the year when our districts across the world celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Rotary Club of Chicago as well as the birthday of Rotary as the first Rotary Club in the world, which held its first meeting on 23rd Feb., 1905. The first ever Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup Race turned out to be resoundingly successful and had attracted a sizable presence of Rotarians, spouses and friends. The race was televised which helps to showcase the history of Rotary International and the good works done by Rotarians worldwide.

Almost without exception, seats of this yearly Rotary horse racing night would be sold out very quickly. The district leadership had since awakened to the fact that many Rotarians in D3450 are also keen horse racing fans and they would naturally give strong support such event that brings about fun and wonderful fellowship, not to mention the prospect of becoming richer going home that night. Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup

racing night is now regarded as one of the "not to be missed" district events for the month of February usually held on a race day which is closest to 23rd February. The highlight of the evening was the moment when our District Governor presents trophy to proud owner of the winning horse of the Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup.

About 180 Rotarians, spouses and friends packed the buffet hall. Members of RC Tai Po alone have taken up 3 tables. The horse owned by the Rotary of Tai Po Racing Syndicate called "Catchmeifyoucan" also entered another race of the evening. He put up a gutsy performance and was amongst the leading horses until his steam ran out. It was not the night for our horse to shine but he has left us good impression and reasonable expectation for his future runs.



One horse owned by PP Tony Lau of RC Kwai Chung managed to win his debut race on the night. Being a very generous person and a good Rotarian, PP Tony kept champagne flowing to all participants. His courteous gesture attracted great cheers and applauses from all those present.

One of the hidden talents of our incoming District Governor HW emerged as he shared with many of us his hot racing tips and in many instances, these tips brought fortune to many of us who believed in him. So in the coming Rotary year, when DG speaks, we better listen.



Again, expectation for a full turn out for the Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup racing night in Feb, 2018 is running high. By the time we left the racecourse, we were all winners of a most enjoyable evening of horse racing and wonderful Rotary fellowship.



## Step Up Infinity at Rookie Stars Hip Hop Dance Contest

William Yim

Rookie Stars Dance Competition had been a club project of RC Island East, and it was “upgraded” to be a D3450 project in this 16/17 term. In this year, District 3450 and School of Hip Hop, Youth Outreach organized the 7th Rookie Stars Dance Contest 2017, which was launched at Tsim Sha Tsui Cultural Center, Open Piazza A & B on 25 Feb 2017. It aims to improve the confidence and morale of youths, and give them a sense of ambition and purpose. The contest was divided into 5 categories: Primary School Choreography, Secondary School Choreography, Open Group Choreography, 3 on 3 Breaking Battle, and 1 on 1 Freestyle Battle. Our club sponsored 5 teams from Step Up Infinity to enter the Contest and placed a full page advertisement thus making our club a **Gold Sponsor** in this event.



Team entries came from various countries including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, China, Mongolia, Nepal, and Pakistan. International judges were judging over 1,000 participants to find the best of the best! Some dance teams were creative and added extraordinary elements to the performance, such as traditional Japanese dancing or feminine costumes, which really caught everyone's eyes at the Open Piazza.

The weather was good on 25 Feb. We had two teams from Step Up Infinity joining the Secondary School Choreography session: "**Special IV**" and "**Got6**". Both teams performed excellently, however I couldn't deny that the winning team was extremely good and skillful.

More than 50 teams participated in "Open Group Choreography". Some of them are professional dancing teams. Three teams from Step Up Infinity joined this session: "**無名**", "**MT Crew**" and "**One Crew**". Many dancers had been in Step Up Infinity for a long time, so I know them well. They were not just awarded big hands and screaming cheers from the audience, but also selfie invitation from Korean tourists! It was really encouraging to the team members, their dance trainers and HKCYS colleagues.

Although ours teams didn't win any award in the contest, everyone enjoyed the process. Our dancers gained more experience and hopefully they could get a better result in the future. At that moment, I felt our continuous contribution to the Step Up Infinity project was worth all the effort.



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## ProjectTeen 空看潮 - Visit to Science Park 2 March 2017

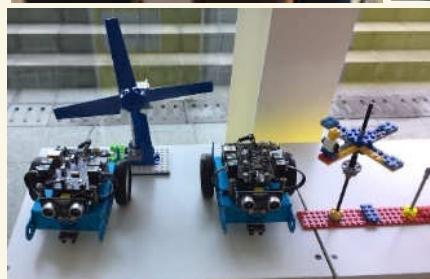
Wilson Woo

The vocational visit of "Strive for Summit" Project was held at the Hong Kong Science Park (HKSTP). Traditionally, the sites of visit were companies or sightseeing spots. This year, we hope to bring something new to the teenagers and to have more interactions with them. A guided tour of science exploration seems to be the best choice to fulfill this change.

12 Form 3 students from NTHYK Tai Po District Secondary School participated in the visit. They assembled at the school after lunch and Hei Sir from the Salvation Army arranged a mini coach and brought the students to HKSTP on time. We were grateful to have PDG Kenneth Wong and PP Charles Chan joining the tour.



The guided tour started at the Robotic Workshop, an interesting place that allows students to build their own robot. The workshop combines STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) with robot making and turns it to an education instrument which stimulates interest in learning. We were divided into 5 teams and used Lego blocks to build a robotic spinner and program it by using a software called "Scratch". The teams tried to compete with each other to see whose spinner could make the longest spin. All the students had a great time building their robot.



We headed to the Robotics Garage afterward. It is a smith place and DIY centre for research students and entrepreneurs who want to turn a concept or idea into a marketable product. HKSTP provides advanced machinery to interested parties, such as 3D printers, laser cutter, and the famous robotic arms.



The next highlight was Green Technology. We walked through Green 18 and Green Trail to know more about how they work. With the guidance and elaboration of the tour guide, we admired the landscape of HKSTP and discovered how technological innovations had merged with modern architecture for a green future. We also learned the principle and energy efficiency concept of green features in its design and operation, such as natural daylight utilization, wind turbine, solar thermal cooling, and thermal storage tanks.

All the students really enjoyed the tour and they asked a great deal of questions. I do hope they can keep their spirits up and remain curious in their life journey.



## "Rotary HK Ultramarathon 2017 – We Serve, We Run"

Wilson Woo

Like most of the meaningful activities and projects in which our club has participated, we provide not only the donation but also the participation. That's the reason I love Rotary.

Our District 3450 organized the third year of Rotary HK Ultramarathon on Sunday 5 March 2017 at Lung Wo Road, Central. The event embraced the same mission of previous years with promoting a positive activity and health awareness to the community, and encouraging the public to support the community services of Rotary District 3450 as well. In addition, our run also celebrated the Rotary Foundation Centennial this year. 100% of the surplus from the event would be used for supporting the future projects of District 3450.

"One Team, One Mission" – With joint effort to finish 50km as a team, we achieved our target together. I have to give a vote of thanks to PP Matthew, PE Roger, Wanda, Caren, Minghay, Laura and Jason. With their whole-hearted involvement, we have made a new "Tai Po Club's record" - 5 hrs 06 mins, which was at least 10 mins faster than last year's. Mind you, Jason had finished another 6 km prior to the 10 km at our team. He is super!



"We all come together to take on the same challenge" – We are not alone! PDG Anthony, PDG Kenneth, PP Peter, PP Wilson, PP Vikky, P William, Jun and May were present and gave us the full support. Our Rotaractors from RAC Tai Po and RAC Wu Yee Sun also formed a team to support the event. The Rotaractors from RAC Wu Yee Sun were actually having their examinations in following weeks. I was grateful to know that 11 Interactors from IAC Tai Po Schools were the helpers of the event. Last but not least, special thanks to P William for treating us to lunch afterwards!



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## Star Reaching Project 「港」. 呢啲 Closing Ceremony

Jacky Sung

The Star Reaching Project has been one of the major community service projects of Rotary Club of Tai Po in the last 20 years. Thanks to the joint efforts of the social workers of the HK Children & Youth Service, 30 to 40 marginal youths from Tai Po district participated in this project every year. The theme of this year is "To know Hong Kong" 「港」. 呢啲, with a focus on environmental protection and recycling. Through different workshops and activities, the participants could grasp better understandings of today's Hong Kong. Under the guidance of the social workers, these youth participants have set up a few web-sites to promote the idea of sharing of left-over food, clothes, and used household items. They even set up a carpool website, to encourage the local people to carpool whenever they need to travel outside Tai Po. This service has been well received.



A Closing ceremony was held on 11th March at Tai Po Municipal Services Complex. Our President William, Youth Chair Jacky, Chairlady of Tai Po Fight Crime Committee, Tai Po Police Public Relation officer and Deputy Tai Po District officer were the honourable guests. In addition, seven other RCTP members were there to witness this meaningful event, as well as to give their huge support to the social workers and youths. In the ceremony, project recap, sharing by participants, certificates and souvenirs presentation were conducted.



# R egular meetings

27th February 2017 – Club Assembly



Members enjoyed a relaxing pre-dinner mingling time, courtesy of IPP Vikky for the Spanish sparkling wines and Pres. William for the cheese and salami.



Ball Chairman Roger updated members on the progress of Ball preparation and generated some cogent discussion.

PP Armstrong won the special Katko tea set given out by Ming-hay who purchased it from the boutique hotel Villa Aria Mui Né, Vietnam.

6th March 2017

Mr. Stephen Liu gave an informative speech about "Water Consumption and its implication on Health".



Acting President Patrick offered best wishes to March birthday girl Caren.

Torrente and Lucia were the two lucky winners of the Silver coins given out by PP Wilson for raffle draw.



On the rare occasion that Sergeant Caren contributed red box, she was served by PDG Anthony!

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## 13th March 2017 – Youth Night



Rotaractors of RAC Wu Yee Sun College, led by President John Chan, introduced themselves and shared with us their year plan when they spoke about the dynamic new board by the name of "Sundiation".

The fund-raising sale by RAC WYS of their homemade palmier was generously supported by members and the biscuits were sold out in no time.



Interactors respectively from IAC Tai Po Schools (led by teacher Ms. Silvia Leung) and IAC Tsung Tsin Christian Academy (led by Wong Sir) attended the meeting.

RAC Tai Po PP Jodhy Mak briefed us on their intended International Service Trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia in April-May this year.



PP Louis brought along good friend IR Richard Yeung (middle) who was welcomed by PDG Kenneth, Rtn. Henry and PP Charles.

The complete team from RCTP Youth Committee.

The raffle gift of a pack of Columbia Coffee Bean given out by Rtn. Jun was won by Wilson Woo but as Wilson had left the meeting slightly earlier to drive our Interactors home, PDG Anthony claimed the prize on his behalf.



2012-13 Peace Scholar Spencer Leung (3rd right) spoke briefly on the subject of his scholarship "Peace and Conflict Resolution" and attracted guests from the District including Past Governor Ada Cheng (2nd left) and Governor-Elect H W Fung (2nd right).

## A February Attendance

CAREN CHAN,  
DOROTHY CHAN,  
ANTHONY HUNG,  
NATALIE KWOK,  
PETER LAM,  
CLAIRE MAK,  
ROGER SO,  
K.F. TAM,  
VIKKY TAM,  
LOUIS TANG,  
KENNETH WONG,  
WILSON WOO,  
FRANKIE WU,  
WILLIAM YIM



## We In February

Sasha Chu



Pearl Dang  
On Leave



Happy Birthday

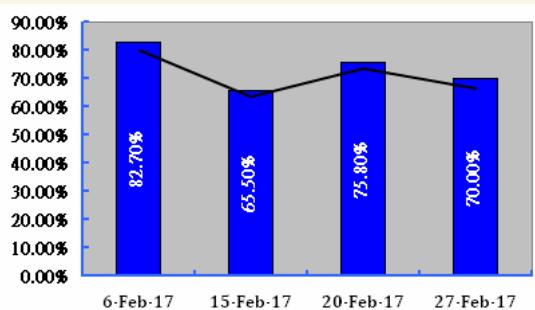
### March

11th Caren Chan  
19th Masayuki Tsubaki  
27th Leung Wo Ping

## Up coming events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
27 MAR (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Susanna Wong Topic: Live Life – Solo Travologue	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan, Kowloon
3 APR (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Jennifer Cheng Topic: Life as Service, Identity, Love	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan, Kowloon
10 APR (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Rtn. Henry Wang Topic: The New Hong Kong Climate Change Action Plan and its Impacts on Businesses and Citizens	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan, Kowloon
22 APR (SAT)	9:15 a.m.	District Training Assembly 2017	Baptist University, Kowloon Tong

Average attendance: 73.5%



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## Rotary Club of Tai Po | Fusion Night



DATE: 20 MAR 2017 (Monday)

Time: 7:30pm onwards

Venue: Loyer Dimsum

4 Landie street, Wan Chai

Price: HKD\$680



Sashimi • Ham • Dimsum • Barbecue • Whisky

北海道帶子刺身 • 黑椒和牛酥 •

黑毛豬燒物 • 威士忌