



MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF TAI PO

November 2023



Dear Fellow Rotarians.

We now see a full recovery for businesses on the horizon. Trade shows for diverse sectors such as electronics, toys, lighting, household products, investment, intellectual property, food & wine, travel and more, are back in full swing. Business is booming for everyone, and I am no exception. Additionally, Rotary has also had a jam-packed schedule. The past four weeks have been tremendously busy, yet filled with numerous splendid events which I am eager to share with you in this November issue of Tai Post.,

PDG Anthony and I had a productive meeting with the school principal and teachers at HK and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College. The goal of the meeting was to rejuvenate our Interact Club of Tai Po Schools, the first community-based interact club in District 3450. Like many clubs, it was severely impacted by the COVID pandemic. I sincerely appreciate the school's commitment to the club's full recovery. With the leadership of PDG Anthony and the assistance of PDG Keith as the District Interact chair, I believe the interact club will receive unprecedented support.

Our second Climate Change Youth Summit, co-organized with our Sister Club Makati San Lorenzo and chaired by Rtn Henry Wang, is now in the semi-final preparation stage. Henry deserves commendation for his excellent organization. We have received enthusiastic responses from the Rotaract clubs in both Hong Kong and the Philippines. We anticipate over 500 participants this time and are honoured that Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally and District 3450 Governor Andy Li will deliver the welcome remarks for this year's Summit. We eagerly await this momentous event.

I am thrilled to share that Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally will be visiting our district in person. He will participate in a series of events in both Ulaanbaatar and Hong Kong. As you read this Tai Post, President Gordon has already concluded his schedule in Mongolia and is currently in Hong Kong with District Governor Andy, attending numerous district events. These include the End Polio Walk at Victoria Peak, the Rookie Star dance competition, the Intercity Meeting at Regala Hotel, and more.

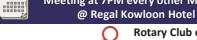




I have had meetings concerning club services and fellowship events such as CP Donald's Birthday Party, Christmas Party, Wish Wagon Service projects, Sunshine Teen Makers, and other club affairs. I am tremendously proud of the dedication our club members have shown, which has greatly benefited our community service projects and enhanced the reputation of our club. I want to express special thanks to PDG Kenneth, PDG Anthony, PP Armstrong, PP Natalie, and PP Peter, along with all our members. The Rotary Club of Tai Po has earned an excellent reputation over the years due to the passion and dedication of our members.

Finally, on behalf of our club, I wholeheartedly congratulate and welcome Alan He as our newest member of the Satellite Club. I wish him the very best on his journey with the Satellite Club of Tai Po Companion.

Cheers!



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veryone has the experience of eating buffet. The dazzling array of delicious food is naturally mouth-watering. However, given that people's appetite is limited, what usually happens is that one can only sample a limited portion of the dishes on the buffet table, and already got pretty full up half way through. Coupled with the fact that we always have some favorite foods which we may take more than one helping, this makes it even less possible to try all the delicious food on offer. That said, buffet is attractive as it brings together delicacies from all over the world, which not only showcases the colorful diversity of human food culture, but also creates a good opportunity for us to taste new dishes.

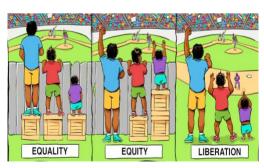
In fact, the same goes for working and making friends. Interacting with people from different backgrounds not only broadens our knowledge, it also inspires us to think and do things from new perspectives. At the same time, friends and colleagues from other places can also learn about our social culture and ways of doing things, which will help them adapt to life in Hong Kong..



Our WYS Rotaractors are actively planning their International Service Trip to Tainan. I do hope their trip can materialise and that they benefit from the experience. If not, the Virtual Vocational Exchange which PDG Kenneth actively promotes will be an alternative, if not an even better experience.

Cultural exchange is beneficial. If you blindly believe that you are superior to others (by race, gender, colour ...) or if you feel that outsiders do not understand local culture and customs, and thus dismiss their suggestions or opinions as having no reference value, then you are complacent and will find it hard to improve.

On the contrary, if you only listen to other people's opinions but lack the ability to think independently or critically, you will be like "learning to walk in Handan", and may eventually lose your original foundation.



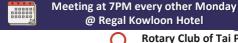
Therefore, in order to create a diverse and inclusive working or social environment, we must maintain an attitude of mutual respect, openness and tolerance; and we must be neither arrogant nor blindly subservient. How to achieve "big tolerance" without losing the fundamentals is easier said than done. We need to explore and keep reviewing in practice every day.

DEI is one of Rotary focuses. I wonder if the DEI committee has anything effective to recommend other than mouthing the concepts of diversity, equality and inclusiveness?

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Maybe on a more local (at home) level, let us hear from speaker Firefighter Mr. Greakman Singh夏域文 at the 20 November meeting to see if his life/work experience gives us more insight. Let us embrace diversity, equality and

inclusiveness.









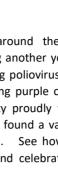


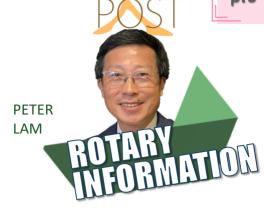
Rotary comes together for World Polio Day 2023

From Rotary Great Britain & Ireland website Oct. 2023

th October saw Rotarians from around the world celebrating World Polio Day, marking another year that the world comes closer to eradicating poliovirus. From lighting up local landmarks to planting purple crocuses and heading out into the community proudly wearing their End Polio Now shirts. Rotarians found a variety of ways to mark World Polio Day 2023. See how those from the world of Rotary and beyond celebrated this

important day in 2023.









Interact Club of Croesyceiliog School in UK organized Walk a Mile to #EndPolio with 240 of their year 7 students. A further £25 from the day's bucket collection has been added to the £133 raised on Sunday.



Rotary Club of Gravesham with Ebbsfleet in UK members came together to plant crocus bulbs, symbolizing their commitment to eradicating polio.



Organized by Banbury Rotary Club in UK, Banbury Town Hall joins public buildings across the world going purple for polio' on World Polio Day.



Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Port Louis in Mauritius and Rotarians joined force at Tribeca Mall to raise awareness about ending polio.



#World Polio Day at St. Catherine Primary School, Nairobi, Kenya.



The Rotaract club of ATBU Bauchi and Rotary club of Bauchi Central in Nigeria having awareness trek from Emir's Palace to Government House Bauchi, to mark October 24th, as World Polio Day.





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The St. Joseph Academy Interact Club in Texas, USA held it 1st Annual Purple Pinkie Day to recognize World Polio Day. In one day, they raised \$231 by selling purple glow sticks for a \$1 donation.



Glorious sunshine at the Kelpies morning when Rotary Scotland South DG Narek, D1320 Rotarians and friends 'Walked a Mile to End Polio' to raise awareness of Rotary's campaign to eradicate Polio.



















Wilson Lam

Name: Wilson Lam 林偉生

Nickname: Mr. Logistics

Spouse: Wanda Ngan

Children: Ivan and Chloe



Year Inducted to Rotary / RCTP: 1996

Year As President: 2002-03, Sow the Seeds of Love

Classification: Metal Products & Electroplating

High School: La Salle College

University: University of California, Los Angeles

(Bachelor of Science in Computer Science)

Qualifications/Credentials/ Rotary Posts:

Chairman, Hong Kong (SME) Economic and Trade

Promotional Association 2016-2020

Honorary Director, Hong Kong Lin Chamber of Commerce

Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Foundry Association

Deputy Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of

Innovative Technologies and Manufacturing Industries

2010-11 Assistant Governor (Area 6)

2012-13 Poverty Alleviation Committee Vice Chair

2014-15 District Conference Chairperson

Passions and Hobbies: Hiking, Traveling, Driving







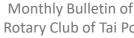
















PP Wilson Lam Rotary photos

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At tea break before Rotary Boat Race (鳳艇) in 長洲1996.



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With son Ivan during visit to elderly home in Tai Po 1996.



With Wanda & Ivan at District Tree Planting Day in Sai Kung 1997-98.



As 1998-99 Club Secretary and joined 98-99 Pres. Peter to attend Tai Po Fight Crime Carnival 1998.



With Wanda and kids Ivan & Chloe at District Sports Day 2001-02.



With Wanda at 1998 CP Donald's Birthday party in Hong Lok Yuen Country Club. "Hairy crab" was the main feature back in those days.



As VP to sign sister club agreement with RC Taipei in Taipei in 2001.



At 2003 Sports Theme Annual Dinner at Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel which was delayed to Sep. due to SARS.



Attended our trip to 洛陽 for our sponsorship of Project Hope 2001.



As Team B runner with Wanda, Chloe & Louis at Rotary 10K race in Nov. 2010 in Shatin.



Attended RI Convention in New Orleans, USA as Area 6 AG in May 2011.

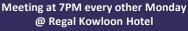


Joint Birthday party with Kenneth at 1881 Heritage on 6 Sep. 2013.



As Conference Chair Apr. 2015 at Regal Airport Hotel. Wilson was our club 2nd Conference Chair after Claire.















聲官發才 Meeting Key Note Speaker: Mr. Raymond Young

16 October 2023 K F Tam

We arranged a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Mandarin on October 16th, and it was an honour to have Mr. Raymond Young Lap Mun as our guest speaker. Mr. Young, a friend of CP Donald, was highly popular among our members and other Rotary Clubs. The event took place at the Regal Kowloon Hotel and was attended by many enthusiastic participants.

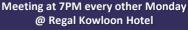


During his speech, Mr. Young shared his diverse and colorful career journey. He started as an Administrative Officer after graduation and steadily climbed the ranks until he reached the esteemed position of Permanent Secretary in the government. However, during the peak of his career, he made the bold decision to retire early and pursue his dreams. He participated in singing competitions, acted as a current affairs commentator, and even published books. Recently, he has taken on hosting roles on radio and television, as well as other media platforms.







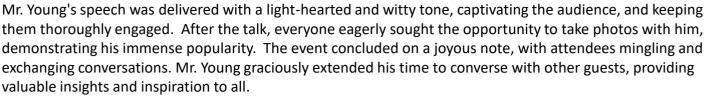
















One of the most inspiring takeaways from the event was the reminder not to forget our dreams amidst the demands of our professional lives. Mr. Young's journey serves as evidence of the importance of pursuing our aspirations whenever possible while staying true to our initial motivations. The meeting and speech were resounding successes, and the Rotary Club of Tai Po looks forward to continuing to invite esteemed guests of high caliber for future events.

During the meeting, PDG Kenneth introduced Rotary to the guests in order to attract new members. What is even more exciting is that on that day, we held a new member induction ceremony, and Alan He became a new member of our Satellite Club. Alan is the founder and head coach of his fencing school. Last year, he was a guest speaker at one of our regular meetings, where he shared his journey of learning fencing and the challenges of establishing his fencing school. It was truly inspiring. We warmly welcome Alan as a new member of our Satellite Club.



















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New member to Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po Companion

He Yang

Date of Birth: 29th November

Classification: Sports & Education & Social Worker

Inducted into Rotary Satellite Club

of Tai Po Companion: 16 October 2023

Director of Thunder Bros Limited Business:

Senior Coach of Elite Academy of Fencing

Community participation:

2019~ Hong Kong Jockey Club Innopower Cohort3 Social Worker Fellow

2018 Hong Kong Social Workers Association – Junior Outstanding Social Worker Award –

Shortlisted

Hong Kong Social Workers Association – The Most Inspiring Helping Process Award

Interests:

Sports and wellness Social projects **SEN Service Fencing** Gym





As a Registered Social Worker with years of experience in youth outreach and support, I have had the privilege of working with young people from diverse backgrounds and helping them overcome challenges. My roles at Hong Kong Children & Youth Services, including the Ma On Shan Youth Outreaching Social Work Team and the eSm^_^iley Cyber Youth Support Team, have allowed me to develop expertise in counseling, case management, and community engagement.

Recently, I have transitioned into leadership roles as Head of Charity at Elite Charitable Foundation and Chief Executive at Elite Thai Boxing and Fitness Limited. These roles have allowed me to use my skills and experience to make a positive impact in the community and create opportunities for growth and development.

I am also an Innopower Cohort 3 Social Worker Fellow at The Hong Kong Jockey Club, where I have continued to expand my knowledge and skills as a social worker.

Currently, as a Director at Thunder Bros Limited, I am proud to be part of a wellness corporation that takes a holistic approach to wellness. Our mission is to promote healthy lifestyles and unlock wellbeing for people of all ages, and we have launched three brands to support this mission: Elite Academy of Fencing, Fencer.com.hk, and WaterLab Hong Kong.



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RCTP Blood Donation Day

21 October 2023 Claire Mak

Rotary Club of Tai Po organized an uneventful Blood Donation Day on 21 October 2023 at the Kwun Tong Donor Centre. Despite the modest turnout, with only two members of the club, PP Wilson Woo and PP Claire Mak, stepping forward to donate blood, their commitment as regular donors could hopefully set an inspiring example.



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The other donors were all family members, including Armstrong's daughter Sara, Wilson's son Alok, brother Danny Woo, his wife Rebecca, and their son Aiden... etc. The event was organized in response to the district Public Health committee's promotion, highlighting the importance of blood donation.



Giving blood offers numerous advantages. First, it is a selfless act that directly contributes to saving lives. Each donation can help multiple individuals in need, including accident victims, patients undergoing surgeries, and individuals with blood disorders. Additionally, donating blood provides a health assessment, including tests for conditions such as anemia and infectious diseases, ensuring donors' well-being. Moreover, it stimulates the production of new blood cells, promoting cardiovascular health. Lastly, blood donation fosters a sense of community and solidarity, bringing people together for a common cause.











For the blood donation drive, we were given a less-than-perfect 'certificate' but Rotary Club of Tai Po's Blood Donation Day exemplified the spirit of service and compassion. It is good to feel that we are making a positive impact on both the donors and the recipients.



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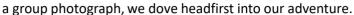




Vocational Visit to Lee Kum Kee "Autopilot Leadership Lab"

30 October 2023 Danny Lau

On October 30, 2023, we embarked on an enlightening excursion to Lee Kum Kee, Hong Kong's most prominent and esteemed oyster sauce manufacturing factory. At 3:00 p.m., we gathered in the grand lobby of Lee Kum Kee, and following





Lee Kum Kee's corporate history stretches back an impressive 130 years, now in the hands of the fourth generation. The reach of their sauces extends to every corner of the globe, and we found ourselves amazed to learn that their products are not only available in our local stores, but they also cater to space agencies, allowing astronauts to enjoy the flavor of oyster sauce and other condiments. Although the Lee Kum Kee staff emphasized that where there are people, there's Lee Kum Kee's oyster sauce, I began to suspect that even extraterrestrials might find Lee Kum Kee's oyster sauce in their pantries!



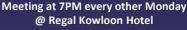
Making oyster sauce is no small feat. Modern oyster sauce manufacturing involves sophisticated technology, including advanced instruments for food and flavor testing, ensuring that each bottle of oyster sauce meets the safety standards of various countries while preserving its distinct flavor. In Lee Kum Kee's experimental kitchen, we witnessed the traces of a rich history, including century-old oyster sauce pots used for fermenting the condiments and the company's gilded signboard. Beyond learning about the oyster sauce manufacturing process, we gained insights into how Lee Kum Kee manages such a successful company, which was nothing short of eye-opening.



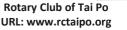






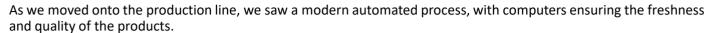












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What intrigued us further was learning that Lee Kum Kee has grown into an international company and established a management academy for their family office, intriguingly named the "Autopilot Leadership Lab". Uniquely, instead of a boss-centered culture, Lee Kum Kee's corporate governance culture centers around its employees, providing various opportunities for them to autonomously contribute to the company.













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All in all, the visit to Lee Kum Kee was not only an opportunity to understand the intricacies of oyster sauce production but also a lesson in innovative corporate governance. It was an experience that we will treasure and remember.













Team 3 Fellowship Dinner

30 October 2023 Claire Mak

Team 3 organized a fellowship dinner on 30 October to follow the meaningful vocational visit to Lee Kum Kee. The dinner took place at BB Happy Restaurant in Lung Mei Village, Tai Po, and showcased the authentic flavors of Hakka cuisine. The menu included signature dishes such as braised pork with preserved vegetables (梅菜扣肉), chicken cooked in yellow wine (黃酒煮雞), and baked fish intestines (焗魚腸). Although the food was quite greasy (as was expected), it was undeniably tasty and thoroughly enjoyed by all. To enhance the atmosphere, Chinese white wine and whisky were served, adding a touch of excitement to the gathering.









The event brought together a diverse group of individuals, including new friends of different *seniorities*. Among them were Mr. Chu(朱柏均) and his wife who are long-time friends of CP Donald and Anne, as well as Mr. Danny Lee and Mr. Russelle Choi, sociable friends of PP Armstrong. Additionally, Ms. Ruby Zhu of Auto Pilot AI Lab at Lee Kum Kee who did the presentation at the Vocational Visit also joined us at the dinner, further enriching the networking opportunities.







The presence of the youngest generation was notable, with beautiful ladies Sara, Sharon, Bernice, Hillary, and Gene (daughter of Visiting Rotarian PP May Tang) adding a vibrant energy to the occasion. The fellowship dinner provided an excellent opportunity for members to forge new connections, strengthen existing friendships, and foster a sense of camaraderie within the club.





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The Hakka fellowship dinner was well attended by members and families despite being on a Monday evening. The gathering offered a combination of good food and abundant wines, creating an enjoyable evening for all attendees. The event served as a reminder of the club's commitment to fellowship and provided a platform for members to relax, unwind, and build lasting connections within the Rotary community.



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The whole Board of Directors of our University-based Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK came to visit us and their President Sum Him introduced them to us one by one.

Line up by PDG Anthony, we zoom-linked the Founder of Dignity Kitchen Mr. Koh Sengchoon, who shared with us the story behind setting up Dignity Kitchen in Hong Kong: When he started the restaurant/workshop in Hong Kong. He braved through social unrest and the COVID 'lock-down times and he himself endured periods after periods of quarantine to fly around just to keep the business afloat. What spurred him on was the idea to help the disadvantaged and people with disabilities. He said he is not giving them money but to the old and weak he promised quality meals. For the disabled, the aim is to help them regain a sense of dignity through their work. "Why one should not start a social enterprise like Project Dignity in Hong Kong?"



DG Kenneth was busy having to introduce the Virtual Vocational Exchange and the PRC Vocational Visit.



PDG Anthony introduced the speaker







Questions were asked by Pres. William, Rtn. Henry and Rotaractor Alfred mainly on how Mr. Koh kept going in view of the adversities. Even he wondered why no one asked him about where the money comes from?

Rtnn. Bebe claimed the bottle of red wine while IPP Danny won a **Book** both given out by Rtn. Henry





PE Jules gave out 3 small jars of hand-made jam for 'extra' raffle draw. They were respectively won by **Rotaractors Marcus and** Olivia and PDG Anthony.







Group photo to commemorate the occasion.



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CP Donald's Birthday Party

11 November 2023 Claire Mak

Charter President Donald's birthday party held on November 11, 2023, at Yu Cuisine in the Scout Centre, Jordan, was a lively and joyous affair. The event saw a strong turnout of members, their families, and even a few former members, such as Pearl and Roger, who came to celebrate and reconnect. The atmosphere was further uplifted when Sincere, on the same occasion, joyously announced the arrival of her two granddaughters in October and distributed birthday cookies to share the





While the food served at the party was plentiful, it did not leave a lasting impression. However, the drinks made up for it, with an abundance of red wine, white wine, and whisky flowing throughout the evening, adding to the festive atmosphere.



The party kicked off with warm birthday wishes for Charter President Donald, accompanied by fellowship and catching up among the attendees. As the evening progressed, games (basically Pictionary) were played during dinner, with fierce competition and exciting prizes up for grabs.













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The highlight of the evening was apparently when CP Donald, surrounded by his immediate family, cut a Longevity Birthday Bun. Tradition and joy filled the air as he distributed red packets to the guests, symbolizing good luck and prosperity.













The entertainment at the party was captivating, with intriguing singing performances and unconventional dances, led by William, accompanying the celebrations.









As the night drew to a close, the party ended on a high note with more songs, dances, and the clinking of wine glasses in celebration of Charter President Donald's special day. It was an evening filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories that will be treasured by all who attended.



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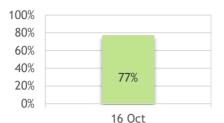




UPCOMING

Date	Time	Event	Venue
18 Nov (SAT)	1425	End Polio Walkathon	Peak Road Garden
18 NOV (SAT)	19:00	InterCity Meeting	Regala Skycity Hotel
23-26 Nov		Club fellowship trip to visit Rotary Club of Taipei and attend its Charter Anniversary Dinner	Grand Ballroom, Shangri-La Far Eastern Taipei Hotel, Taipei
4 Dec (Mon)	19:00	RCTP Annual General Meeting cum Club Assembly	Regal Kowloon Hotel TST East
5 Dec (Tue)	14:30	Job, On Your Mark Career Expo	Confucian Tai Shing Ho Kwok Pui Chun College, Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po
16 Dec (Sat)	18:30	RCTP Christmas Party 2023 Dresscode: Red and Green	Pentola, Shop G01- 02, G/F Tai Po Art Centre 12 On Pong Road, Tai Po
18 Dec (Mon)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker: PDG Kenneth Wong Topic: Vocational Visits	Regal Kowloon Hotel TST East

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Average attendance: 77%

Perfeet Attendance

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

Henry Wang Kenneth Wong Wilson Woo William Yim CM Yu Jules Jiu Louis Tang Masayuk Tsubaki

November

18st **Donald Yap**

Sally Luk 26th



Wilson LAM **Ronald CHUNG Sincere YIP** Sally LUK **Frankie WU**



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