



# TAI 報 POST

WILLIAM YIM

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Following our club installation and district installation ceremony in early July, we planned to jumpstart our club activities with our first regular meeting on the third Monday, the 17th of July. Our guest speaker was Deborah Yu. However, due to the unforeseen intensity of Typhoon Tailem, which was departing Hong Kong but left behind a level 8 typhoon signal, our meeting was pushed back to the 31st of July.



The rescheduled meeting was truly an enlightening experience, offering practical knowledge on legacy planning. We had an impressive turnout of 82% of our members, a great show for our first regular meeting! It was heartening to see seldom-seen members like Wilson Lam, Frankie, and Creamy return. What a wonderful start to the new Rotary Year!

Since this was our first July meeting, we celebrated the birthdays of our members. I had prepared a unique birthday gift: a beautifully crafted, portable stainless steel wine container, laser-engraved with the Rotary Club of Tai Po logo. This practical and collectible gift seemed to spark envy and anticipation for personal birthday celebrations amongst the members. That was indeed my intention.



I was able to steal a few days away from my busy schedule for a sunny beach vacation on Phuket Island with my family and relatives. After many years, we, a group of 12, including my mother-in-law, Bernice, Argus, Alaric and his girlfriend Flora, enjoyed a relaxing five-day holiday filled with good food and ample time in the swimming pool. Alaric's interest in range shooting led us to a shooting club run by the Rotary Club of Andaman. We had the chance to meet their Club Treasurer who gave us a tour and introduction. Unfortunately, I hadn't brought a club flag for exchange as per the usual Rotary protocol. However, a Summer Fever Fan made for an acceptable substitute.



As the president, I joined the installation ceremonies of other clubs in our area, such as RC Mandarin and Channel Islands, our Baby Club RC Central, and RC Shenzhen in July, the month of the Rotary year transition. It was a privilege to be part of their memorable events and have fellowship with other presidents and committee members. District Governor Andy Li encourages us that by pooling our efforts, we can achieve even greater service projects and maximize Rotary's impact on the community.

The installation of the Rotary Club of Shen Zhen deserves a special mention. Over 30 Rotarians and friends from Hong Kong joined the ceremony in support. Despite travel restrictions and suspended activities due to the pandemic, they've managed to maintain their services and club meetings with commendable dedication. I extend my warmest congratulations to the Rotary Club of Shen Zhen and President Vivien.



Let me take a moment to acknowledge the 54th anniversary of humanity's moon landing on the 21st of July. Watching this monumental event on TV at the age of seven sparked my lifelong interest in science and technology. I studied at the Hong Kong Polytechnic and later became involved in the high-tech industry. My fascination with science and technology is ceaseless. I am honoured and humbled to share with you all that I was recently awarded an honorary fellow from the Hong Kong Provisional and Training Council for my work and expertise in Science and Technology. This recognition is a significant endorsement of my past efforts.

Cheers!

**WILLIAM**



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## EDITOR SAYS



The weather continues to be extremely hot, and July 2023 is the hottest since the earth's records began in 1940. UN Secretary-General Guterres recently warned that the earth has entered an era of "global boiling". The word "boiling" is apt in describing the dire situation; but will the warning really ring alarm bells?



Paris is preparing to face 50°C! It turns out that the old zinc roofs of old Paris are the culprit of some heat deaths under the hot weather. The French society is forced to discuss whether Paris has to change the beautiful roof tops which they have been proud of for ages.

Other than implementing the "Very Hot" and "Heat Stress at Work" warnings, Hong Kong has not seen similar mobilization of the whole society to discuss the response to climate warming. When it comes to heat, netizens seem to care more about whether former Observatory Chief and meteorologist Lam Chiu Ying, who had said that he will not resort to air conditioning, did turn on the air conditioner or not. I don't suppose many people can follow Lam or the sort of lifestyle he advocated. Hong Kong people's responses to the heatwave include calling off opening of the airport's third runway, and petitioning to stop the construction of artificial island. How do these suggestions help I wonder. They appear more of political propaganda than environmental resolve.



The most vivid "boiling" scene in Hong Kong recently took place in Sai Kung. A seven-meter-long Bryde's whale was first spotted at Millionaire's Beach off the coast of Sai Kung in mid-July. Several videos showed the whale coming to the surface of the water, opening its mouth to feed, and then returning underwater. To me, the little whale looks more like coming up to gulp for air in the midst of the heat more than anything! But of course that is only my impression. Not long after, there is the sad report that fishermen found whale carcass off Shelter Island in Sai Kung and it is believed to be the same whale spotted earlier in the month. Bryde's whales are tropical mammals and, while they do not usually frequent Hong Kong waters, it is not abnormal to see them in the region. That said, it begs the question why it came into Hong Kong waters in the first place and one cannot shy away from the cogent factor about climate changes.



Photo: Sam Somerville, Jake Newbery and Lily Reid, staff of Hebe Haven Yacht Club

Our PPE Chair of last year, Rtn. Henry Wang has said not only once that Rotary Club of Tai Po was recognized and even commended for our contribution to Preserve Planet Earth. Well, he showed us the Certificate of Appreciation we had received. What had we done to deserve the appreciation? What have we been doing? I don't seem to be able to figure out the answer. If it is just a matter of filling out some questionnaire, then ... what's there to be proud of? Oh, well...



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**NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY (NID)**  
from RI website and Peter's own experience



PETER LAM



**ROTARY INFORMATION**

**P**olio Eradication is a major program of Rotary Foundation and every year many clubs and districts all over the world still raise funds to support the effort and individual clubs, including our club, also contributed certain amount specifically for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Do you know that other than financial support, Rotarians can participate hands-on to support the campaign? Yes, that is when a district receives invitation from the host country to organize a mission to join the “**National Immunization Day (NID)**.” I am glad that I did participate once in an NID way back in 2010 and it was indeed a tremendously rewarding feeling to realize that you administered those two drops of vaccine and saved a child from being a victim of polio! Let us look at what NID is about.



Although India is certified Polio-free since year 2011, still there is a fear of its coming back. Hence, every year as a precautionary measure India organizes a *National Immunization Day (NID)* to deliver Oral Poliovirus Vaccine drops to every child under 5 years of age. In 2020, NID was held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in India. Invitations were sent to many Rotary Clubs in the world to come to India, have Rotarians from all over the world volunteer, and participate in immunizing children by dropping those two precious drops of polio vaccines.



Those NID usually lasted 1-2 days and might coincide with visit by Rotarian volunteers to hospitals in host city like Delhi where current polio victims are given treatments and provided artificial legs to get them back on their feet. For the 2020 event, a day before the NID, all Rotarians from various countries walked around the area near Delhi to announce the National Immunization Day to make people be aware of the importance of this immunization. The host gave participants a jacket, a hat and a scarf saying “KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE”. Participants were then divided into groups of 3 to 4 each (a total of 13 groups). A person from WHO (World Health Organization) who had the vaccine and list of children to be immunized, assigned participants to go to a very poverty-stricken (slum area) town named NUH, about 1.5 hours-drive away from New Delhi. Each group had an assigned place where children under 5 were brought there by their parents. Rotarians had the privilege of administering the two drops of polio vaccine into the mouth of each child and then mark their pinky (little finger) as an identification that that child has vaccinated. Some volunteers were assigned to go to each home in a certain area and knock on the door of each home, requesting parents to allow volunteers to vaccinate their children. In many NIDs, it was well known that some parents were very resistant to have their children vaccinated. They had the wrong impression about this vaccine, didn't want their children to be seen by foreigners nor have their pictures taken. The effort might not always be smooth, and thus required good promotion, especially to the less educated residents in poor areas.

For the 2020 event, in those two days of National Immunization Day, about 2.5 million children all over India were immunized by volunteer Rotarians from many different countries. In fact, our District 3450 did participate in a few NID in India around 2010-15. I am glad to have participated in one NID in Jan. 2010 when I was a member of the District Foundation Committee, and PP Kenneth Chow of RC Tsuen Wan the District Foundation Chair. It seems that our district has not organized an NID trip for a long time. But, perhaps we have not received any invitation as it might be very difficult to organize NIDs due to wars and other political risks in Pakistan and Afghanistan, in addition to the Covid pandemic!

Photos from our District 3450 mission to join NID in India 8-10 Jan. 2010 including visit to hospital treating victims.



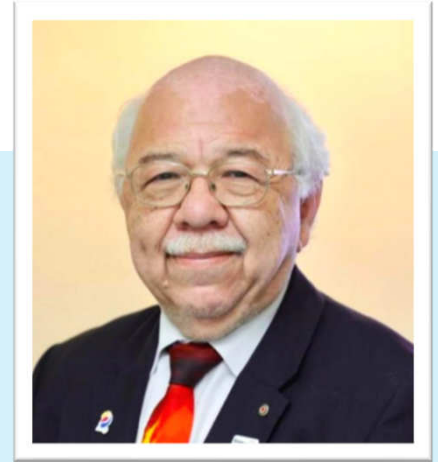
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HELLO THERE!

## THIS IS : **Anthony Hung**

**Name:** Anthony James Hung 洪宏道

**Spouse:** Mary



**Inducted to Rotary:** 23rd February 1986

**Inducted to Rotary Club of Tai Po:** January 1992

**Year as President:** 1992-93 Real Happiness Is Helping Others

**Year as District Governor:** 1998-99 Follow Your Rotary Dream

**Inducted to Rotary:** 23rd February 1986

**Inducted to Rotary Club of Tai Po:** January 1992

**Current Post in Club:** Youth Committee Chair



**Classification:** Legal practice

### Getting to know the person

#### Education:

**Secondary School:** Diocesan Boys' School

**University:** Hong Kong University

#### Professional Qualifications:

1981 Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong

#### Hobbies:

Drama, Reading, Horse Racing and Golf

#### Credentials:

Deputy Judge of the District Court

Past District Governor of Rotary International District 3450 (1998/99)

Past Director of Travel Industries Council

Chairman of the Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection

The Law Society of Hong Kong

- Vice Chairman of the Family Law Committee

- Member of Sub-Committee on Guardianship and Custody of the Law Reform Commission



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**Rotary Involvement**



Anthony Hung after his induction as our member in Jan. 1992 with CP Donald, mother club PP Johnson Chu (special representative of 90-91 DG Arthur Au to our club formation) and charter member CP Herbert Lau.



Anthony Hung in his 1992-93 President Red Coat outfit at our Mar. 1993 meeting to welcome club visit from mother club RC Peninsula at Royal Park Hotel in Shatin. Anthony was not our Charter member but he certainly played a key role in our formation as he was the main advisor from mother club to setting up our club.



Attended closing ceremony of our English Enhancement Program for newly arrived immigrant students at Li Po Chun United World College in 1998.



Presented gift to elderly home in Tai Po during our club's visit Jan. 1996.



Attended RI Convention in Singapore Jun. 1999 as 98/99 District Governor.



Attended Interact Club of TTCA club officers Installation in Dec. 2012.



Announced voting results at RCTP AGM in Dec. 2012.



At Rotaract Community Service Month activity with Rotaractors and Rotarians outside Shatin New Town Plaza in Jan. 1999.



At pool side BBQ change-over party at PP Man's home in Tai Po, 1 Jul. 2010.



In action with Mary at District Tree Planting day in Sai Kung in 1995.



At Star Reaching Program cooking activity in Jan. 2013.



As one of the officiating guests at Area 6 Career Expo in May 2014. PDG Anthony has always been the key figure behind this district project.



At District Change-over meeting Jul. 1998 in New World Hotel, TST.



Visited Child Hospital of Hebei Province for our support to RC Beijing's Gift of Life project for children with congenital heart disease; May 2011.



Interaction with Rotaractors at youth joint meeting at TTCA school hall in Mar. 2015.

PDG Anthony as advisor to our Interact Club of Taipo Schools and gave remarks at their carnival in Oct. 2015.



At our youth project closing ceremony in May 2017.



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# Sunshine Teens Abseiling Event

11 July 2023

Trix Har

The Salvation Army had organized a Sunshine Teens event at N.T.H.Y.K Tai Po District Secondary School on 11 July 2023.

This year I had the privilege of attending and participating in the activities together with other members. Approximately 100 F. 1 students showed their enthusiasm and determination, leaving a lasting impression on me.



During the activity, the students attentively listened to the instructions of the coaches, challenged their own courage and overcame their fear of heights. They bravely took the first step and rappelled from the fourth floor to the first floor. This activity cultivated the students' ability to courageously overcome difficulties.



Throughout the process, the F.3 students provided their experiences and support, demonstrating care for their younger peers, fostering a sense of teamwork, and increasing their sense of belonging to the school.



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After completing the rappelling activity, the students engaged in group discussions to reflect on their achievements, thereby enhancing their self-identity and boosting their confidence. The immediate support and encouragement from parents also strengthened the parent-child relationship and mutual understanding.



The parent workshop, facilitated by our IPP Danny, provided invaluable insights for parents on how to nurture their children's creativity. The parents were deeply engaged and exhibited enthusiastic responses.



This was truly a meaningful event, and I am delighted to have had the opportunity to participate. I hope to continue supporting and being part of it in the coming years.



# "Sparkmen" Grand Opening

22 July 2023

Danny Lau

I am filled with gratitude and joy on the successful opening celebration of my company's new event and exhibition space, which took place on July 22, 2023. Your presence and support during this important milestone were deeply appreciated.



Located at Number 1018, Tai Nan West Street in the Oriental International Building, just a stone's throw away from the Lai Chi Kok MTR station (Exit B), it is capable of accommodating up to 200 people. This space was initially intended to serve as a training ground for our technical support team. I would like to make it as an event and exhibition space for customers, with professional audio and visual equipment.

This idea was born a few years ago when, due to the impact of the pandemic, one of our units in Shek Mun was left vacant. My initial thought was to lend this space to non-profit organizations, including our friends at the Rotary Club, free of charge. The overwhelming response we had received from this initiative made me realize that many organizations and groups in Hong Kong were in dire need of dignified and affordable event and meeting spaces. The greatest challenge was finding a place that is not only strategically located and well-equipped but also reasonably priced.



With this in mind, our new event and exhibition space was born. We hope to provide the people of Hong Kong with a comfortable and well-managed venue for various gatherings and exhibitions.



I have also moved my office to 1018 Tai Nan West Street. Should any member of the Rotary Club of Tai Po wish to use my office for our board meetings, you are more than welcome.



## Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po-Companion (2023-24)

Jodhy Mak, Chairlady



(from the left) Gabriel Kwan, Gary Yeung, Alan He, RCTP IPP Danny Lau, RCTP Pres. William Yim, Jodhy Mak, Viola Chow, Sharon Choi, James Cheng



(from the left) Tony Luk, Ernest Chan, Scarlet Li

It is my honour to be the Chairlady of Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po - Companion 2023-2024. Big thanks to my club members and board members for continuing to support the team.

It is my 15th year in the Rotary Family. I started off as an Interactor in the Joint interact council, then as Rotaractor and now Rotarians. I am glad that the teams I was with always echo with my goals, to help; to serve; to learn. Rotary is a platform to lever our ability and to serve the society, create hope in the world. This year, our team will continue to focus on community services, mainly on SEN students (special education need). I am very thankful that my team members come from all walks of life with all the expertise to serve. Wish this rotary year another successful and joyful year to be.

### Our Team:

<b>President</b>	Jodhy Mak	Orthopaedic Surgeon
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tony Luk	Accounting
<b>Community Service directors</b>	Viola Chow	Education
	James Cheng	Paediatrician
	Sharon Choi	Financial Planning
	Gary Yeung	Treasury Management
<b>Members</b>	Ernest Chan	Information Technology
	Scarlet Li	Psycholinguistics
	Alan He	Social worker and Wellness Advocate
	Gabriel Kwan	Accounting

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# M Regular Meeting

## 31 July 2023

At this first substantive regular meeting of the new Rotary year, **members and spouses** turned up in numbers to happily **catch up** with each other. We also welcomed visiting Rotarian **PP WH Fok** of RC Peninsula South.



Cheerful red box contribution from Pres. William on chairing the first meeting of the year; and welcome back long-time-no-see PP Frankie and PP Wilson.



Speaker Ms. **Deborah Yu** spoke on the topic of **"Legacy Planning"** and gave unreserved analysis on the various options including making of wills, insurance, private placement life insurance, trusts ... etc., the intricacies and costs involved.



The **Kolan Society Japanese Porcelain - Shallow Bowl Set of 5** given out for raffle draw by CP Donald was won by **lucky Bebe**. Rtnn. Anne presented the prize.

Concerned about legacy planning, members eagerly **raised questions** with Deborah, some under the pretext of **asking on behalf of a friend**. They included **William, Louis, Joan, Trix, K F and Jules**.



PP **Armstrong** delivered a **Vote of Thanks** to our speaker for her informative talk and suggested members to seek Deborah's advice privately.

**Happy birthday** July birthday boys and girls! **PP Armstrong** was given the birthday present of a **hip flask** imprinted with "Rotary Club of Tai Po".

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7 August 2023

The interesting topic of the evening attracted a sizable turn out with guests like **Winnie Tang** (guest of PP Wilson Woo) and potential member **Mac Chan** ... and also Satellite Chairlady **Jodhy** and family: **Gary** and **Isaac**.



Rotary Club of Kingspark HK happened to have AG Visit meeting next door and so Rotarian friends dropped by to visit, chat and say hi. They included **AG Jack Chong** (RC KIn NE) and **DAG Francois Fong** (Kai Tak). **Past DT Ted Ho** (Kingspark) gave us a red box!

**PP Louis Tang** gave a mesmerizing talk about his “**Adventure in the North Pole**” telling us tips and first-hand information about this less-travelled territory surrounded by Norway, Iceland, Finland and Sweden. He stressed time and again that the pictures spoke a thousand words; and indeed members were in awe when Louis showed the spectacular photos of the rough seas, the cliffs, the greens, the glaciers, the avalanche, the puffins and other birds, the running foxes, the small reindeers, the playful polar bears, the yawning walruses, the dashing whale, the laborious trekking, the deserted mine ... captured by his friend (who, according to Louis, uses a camera worth over \$130,000). Louis said the trip was costly but the exclusive experience is worth every buck.



Lots of raffle prizes to be won this evening. **Chocolates and other snacks** were respectively won by Wilson, Henry, Jules (twice!), Bebe Margie, Claire, K F and Trix.



PP KF gave out a bottle of Chinese Jade Dove red wine for raffle draw and our wine connoisseur **PP Natalie** claimed the prize.



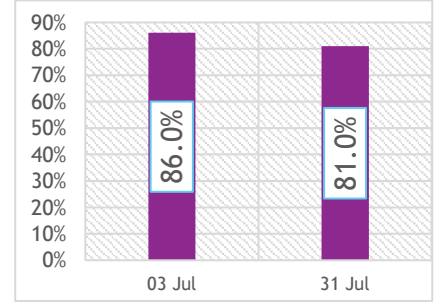
Many happy returns **August birthday boys and girls!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue	
21 AUG (MON)	19:00	<b>Regular Meeting &amp; New Member Induction</b>		Regal Kowloon Hotel, 71 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
		Speaker:	IPP Danny Lau	
		Topic:	Stock Investment Philosophy	
		New Member:	Mr. Mac Chan	
29 AUG (TUE)	19:00	<b>Team 1 ~ Theme Night</b>		Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Mong Kok
		Theme:	Story Night	
4 SEP (MON)	19:00	<b>Assistant Governor Anita Tang's Visit &amp; Regular Meeting</b>		Regal Kowloon Hotel, 71 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
		Speaker:	Dr. Edwin Lee	
		Topic:	Entrepreneurship & Transformation	
7 SEP (THUR)	18:00	<b>Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo 31<sup>st</sup> Induction Gala</b>	SJW Building, Paseo De Magallanes	

### JULY 2023



Average attendance: 83.5%

### Perfect Attendance JULY 2023

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| Jules JIU    | KF TAM       |
| Natalie KWOK | Louis TANG   |
| Peter LAM    | Henry WANG   |
| Wilson LAM   | Kenneth WONG |
| Danny LAU    | Wilson WOO   |
| Sally LUK    | William YIM  |
| Claire MAK   | CM YU        |

### AUGUST

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Wilson Woo |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Louis Tang |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Henry Wang |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | K.F. Tam   |

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Club of Tai Po

**Tue, 29 Aug 2023**  
19:00 - 22:00. Royal Plaza Hotel. @ \$700  
Sign up @ BAND or Salina 66900929

**Story Night**  
TEAM 1

**Rotary**  
Club of Makati San Lorenzo

**CREATE HOPE**  
in the WORLD

You are cordially invited to

**The 31<sup>st</sup> Induction Gala**  
in honor of the RY 2023-2024 Directors & Officers

A Black Tie Affair  
September 7, 2023 | 6:00 in the evening  
SJW Building, Paseo De Magallanes  
Dresscode: Strictly Formal

RSVP : 09063528762

miss you  
TSUBAKI  
MASAYUKI  
SINCERE YIP

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