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MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF TAI PO

MAY 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DANNY LAU

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope this President's Message finds you all in good spirit. Reflecting on the past month, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful events and achievements that Rotary Club of Tai Po has experienced.

Firstly, I'd like to extend my gratitude to Rtn. Henry Wang for representing our club at the Carbon Video Competition Award. It's an honour for Rotary Club of Tai Po to receive the award, and I appreciate all of our members' ongoing efforts to reduce carbon emissions and live eco-friendly lifestyles. Additionally, a special thanks to our sister club RC MSL for inviting us to attend the Youth Summit, where Rtn. Henry and I had the opportunity to deliver a brief speech to young professionals about environmental protection.

On April 17th, we joined our fellow A6 Rotary Clubs for the DG Visit, where we had the chance to engage with DG Norman and other clubs to exchange ideas about our service projects and share updates on our recent activities.

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It was a pleasure to attend the SOHO HK Annual Dinner with all of you this year. The theme was glamping, and everyone dressed the part as we sang and danced the night away in a jovial atmosphere.

I'm grateful to PP KF and Team 5 members for organizing a delightful coffee latte art workshop for our members, Hong Kong Children and Youth Services, Fullness Social Enterprises Society, and Mother's Choice. This casual and warm event provided a chance for everyone to mingle with Rotary THE ONE award winner, Mrs. Song, while gaining some hands-on experience in latte art.



Lastly, thank you to all who attended the DTA, and special thanks to PE William for representing our club during the voting activities.



Once again, I appreciate each and every one of you for your continued dedication to our club and community. Let's keep up the fantastic work!

Cheers!

Danny

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EDITOR SAYS



CLAIRE MAK

Our club is facing a pressing issue regarding membership decline. During the last District Governor's visit on 17 April, I, and probably other RCTP members as well, felt the problem starkly when some other clubs in Area 6 carried out the induction of new members and recorded encouraging membership growth. This suggests that other clubs are managing to increase their membership, but the Rotary Club of Tai Po is not. I don't think we can continue to lay the blame on Covid/the pandemic because the other clubs have also gone through the same dire situation but they fare differently.



Repeat

Also, for the first time, our club needs to repeat a Past President as the next year's president due to a lack of new blood in the membership. This is not a problem unique to Tai Po, but it is one that requires immediate attention because our club is losing members faster than it is gaining them in the last couple of years.

Regrettably, there appears no measure in place either to expand membership or to retain existing members. We have tried to turn mature Rotaractors into Rotarians; but even though there are Sally Luk and Wilson Woo as successful precedents, we have yet to make a breakthrough. I do not really count the mid-way compromise of having them grouped under a Satellite Club as a real solution because for all purposes, THEY continue to remain quite detached from US.

What our Club needs are new blood and energetic members who are ready to serve. It is also essential to promote and market the Club to the community, highlighting the work that the club does and the impact it has on the community.

I think we can consider collaborating with other entities in the community. This will help the Club to raise its profile and promote its work to a wider audience. K F has recently represented our club at a Toastmaster event which our club has sponsored. That looks a good source of new members but somehow the event was not really promoted in our club and none other than KF had participated.

It is also important to create a welcoming environment for new members and to provide them with opportunities to get involved in the club's activities. Speakers at our regular meetings can be one good source because speakers usually come from different fields and thus could be a welcomed addition. More importantly, they are present in a particular RCTP meeting and so could be impressed upon to joining us.



Rotary Club of Tai Po should also consider creating a mentorship program for new members. This will help new members to navigate the club's structure and get involved in its activities. It will also provide them with a sense of belonging and encourage them to stay involved in the club for the long term.

Hopefully, with the right approach, the Rotary Club of Tai Po can overcome this challenge and continue to make a positive impact on the community.



2022 Interact Awards



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From RI Website May 2023

In November 1962, the first Interact Club, The Interact Club of Melbourne High School in Florida, USA was formed. Now there are some 340,000 Interactors from about 14,911 clubs all over the world. In District 3450, there are about 85 clubs in Hong Kong, 5 in Macau and 6 in Mongolia. We certainly wish to see that our Interact club of Taipo Schools could restart soon and stay active again...

In 2009 RI Introduced the Interact Video Awards and in 2020 the video prize becomes a component of the more broadly themed Interact Awards, which also honor photos and essays. For the 2022 Interact Awards, the theme encouraged Interactors to share how they are champions of diversity, equity, and inclusion across their service projects, club, and community. With over 170 videos, 58 photos, and 72 essay submissions showcasing their accomplishments, several clubs stand out. Let's take a look at the winners and one finalist who entered the contest.

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PETER LAM

2022 Best Video



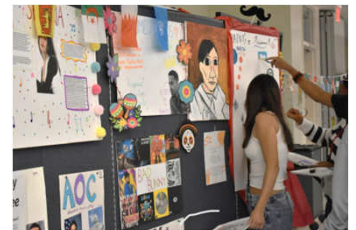
The Interact Club of Golden Gate International College in Nepal teamed up with a local sports club to spread awareness about disabilities and reduce bias within their community.

To foster inclusion, the Interact Club of GoldenGate International College in Kathmandu organized table tennis matches and invited people with disabilities. The event was dubbed Triveni, a Sanskrit word referring to the confluence of three holy rivers. The club chose the name because it unites three themes — diversity, equity, and inclusion — into one project. In July, about 18 club members joined representatives of the Inclusive Sports Club to stage the event, which drew about 200 people to the historic Patan Durbar Square in nearby Lalitpur.

2022 Best Photo

The Interact Club of High Tech High School, USA partnered with students from their school Spanish Club to host a showcase to educate their peers about Hispanic culture during Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Club strive for diversity by celebrating different cultures and Interactors find it fun and exciting to learn, showcase and celebrate various cultures each month.



2022 Best Essay

The Interact Club of Dulwich College, Shanghai Pudong



After conducting a survey of their fellow students, members of the Interact Club of Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong realized many of their classmates struggled with a negative self-image. Three club members formed the Our Image group to promote body positivity. The club created an Instagram account devoted to the project and designed infographics on topics such as body image in males and normalizing periods, with links to help lines staffed by professional counselors. The Interactors also left what are known as mirror messages — encouraging written with whiteboard markers — in school bathrooms. “We received positive feedback with multiple students showing interest to join the club and help spread our message and expand our vision,” the Interactors note in their essay.

One of 8 Finalist:

the Interact Club of Madison, New Jersey

To address hunger worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Interact Club of Madison, New Jersey, started a no-contact food collection project in July 2020 to stock a food pantry. The Madison High School students created an online survey and a flyer to gauge the interest of potential donors. More than 100 families and businesses volunteered to fill containers with food items and leave them at their doorsteps for pickup. The Interactors, parents, and other volunteers used an app to arrange efficient pickup routes and communicate with those offering donations. The Madison Ends Hunger project has achieved meaningful results: more than 3,500 bags of food and counting, and about \$4,500 contributed to another food pantry through a fundraising site. “I give them full credit for their initiative and the push,” says Doug Willis, president of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Madison. “We’ve gone through two senior classes. The families’ generosity doesn’t seem to be ending, and the kids’ willingness to stick with it seems unending” too.





FLASHBACK

RED BOX COLLECTIONS

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

Red box contribution from 2021-22 President Wilson after AGM 21 Dec. 2021.



2021

2022



Why did acting Sergeant Danny have to give red box at 13 Jun. 2022 meeting?



PDG Anthony gave red box after speaking to us on Rotary protocol 19 Jul. 2021.

2019



PP Louis had to give red box for his long comment during Q&A session after speaker's talk on 22 Oct. 2019.

First Red Box donation by Jules and Satellite Club member James Cheng after their induction 28 Jun. 2021.



CM gave red box to show appreciation to his son Ryan for sharing his school life experience in UK on 26 Aug. 2019 AG visit meeting.



Big red box donation from PP KF at 7 Jun. 2021 meeting when baby club RC Central Karen Chan and RC Macau PP Elizabete Fong visited us.



2019-20 AG Natalie gladly gave red box during her AG Visit on 13 Aug. 2019.

At 10 May, 2021 meeting, PP Peter was delighted to give red box after giving a talk on Japan food culture.



CP Donald seems very happy giving Red Box at 團年飯 big dinner meeting on 21 Jan. 2019 at 陶源酒家 in iSquare after we celebrated his 43rd wedding anniversary with Anne.



Welcome back red box from Sincere at 10 Dec. 2018 AGM meeting.



2018

2017



Welcome back red box from PP Tsubaki at 12 Mar. 2018 Club Assembly and from PP Ron & PP Pearl on 30 Apr. 2018.



Welcome back red box from PP Vikky and Creamy joined in for photo on 11 Dec. 2017.

Rotary Club of Tai Po co-organized Toastmasters Speech Competition

25 March 2023

K F Tam

The Rotary Club of Tai Po co-organised a speech competition for university students hosted by Toastmasters International which was held on March 25th and featured 12 finalists who had advanced through three rounds of screening.



The competition was highly engaging and each participant demonstrated exceptional qualities in their speeches. Past President K F Tam from the Rotary Club of Tai Po was honored to serve as one of the judges and presented awards to the three winners. The event was attended by many university students who were inspired and excited by the competition.



This project aims to encourage university students to continue practicing their public speaking skills and to improve their communication abilities. The success of this competition has demonstrated the importance of communication and the Rotary Club of Tai Po is committed to supporting similar initiatives in the future. We hope that this competition will continue to inspire and motivate university students to improve their public speaking skills, and to use their talents to make a positive impact in the world.



The dinner was agreeable, and members from different clubs enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and catch up with one another. During the event, a few clubs conducted the induction of new members. For one club, this involved setting up a satellite club, which boasted of 9 new members. While those clubs with new members should be congratulated, we should also reflect on what happened at RCTP which had lagged way behind.



The event brought together members from different clubs, providing them with the opportunity to share ideas and strengthen their bonds. The joint meeting ended with a toast to Rotary International and all the clubs of the attending members.



Overall, this DG Visit was rather uneventful and unimpressive and could have been better used by DG to give updates instead of still dwelling on this year's Theme design. That said, it was nevertheless a smooth event which had brought together Rotarians within the Area.



Sunshine Teens Maker+ Project

28 April 2023

Danny Lau

I am delighted to bring you an update on a meaningful and enjoyable community service project that Rotary Club of Tai Po has been involved in, **Sunshine Teens Maker+.**



As many of you may recall, Sunshine Teens is a collaborative effort between our club and the Tai Po Salvation Army. The project is designed to benefit Form 1 students at NTHYK Tai Po District Secondary School by providing them with a variety of engaging activities, including:

Abseiling

- : Under the guidance of trained instructors, students have the exciting opportunity to abseil from the 6th floor rooftop of their school down to the 1st floor.

Parental involvement

- : We invite parents to participate on the day of the event, coming to the school to encourage and support their children.

Parents' discussion group

- : Educational psychologists are invited to offer parents valuable tips and techniques for effectively communicating with their children.

The newly added Maker+ segment

- : Over the past two years, woodworking experts have been brought in to teach the students how to create furniture for their school, which is then placed in the school's public spaces.



In the attached photos, you can see some of the fantastic creations from the Maker+ portion of the event. The students have built long tables and benches for their school, providing a welcoming space for teachers and students to use at any time. We can easily



imagine these pieces becoming popular spots for discussing homework and enjoying meals

The woodworking instructors also crafted nameplates for the students, allowing them to engrave their names on their creations. Years from now, when these students have the chance to revisit their alma mater, they'll be able to see the lasting impact of their work.

I firmly believe that this series of activities helps to strengthen the students' sense of belonging to their school, while also fostering positive relationships with their teachers, peers, and parents.



Fellowship at Holy Café with Coffee / Latte Art

29 April 2023

K F Tam



The Rotary Club of Tai Po organized an event on April 29th from 1 pm to 5 pm at a social enterprise called Holy Café or sometimes more affectionately referred to as "Song's Kitchen," which was awarded "THE ONE" Award in 2019.

The event began with a unique lunch experience at the restaurant, which employs many SEN people. The food was exceptional, as they are well trained and put in their best effort to prepare for the meal.





After lunch, we invited Mrs. Song, the founder of Song's Kitchen to share her award-winning journey with us.



We then played a game called "The Collector" 收買佬 which was enjoyed by all the participants present.





Later, a professional barista taught us how to make coffee and latte art. Everyone was fully engaged in the activity and was able to create their own designs and compare them with each other. The participants found the event to be a unique and fulfilling experience.



In addition to the Rotary Club of Tai Po, we had also invited other social enterprises and the social workers as well as our Rotaractors to attend. The program ended in a cheerful atmosphere, leaving everyone with fond memories.



District Training Assembly

6 May 2023

Claire Mak



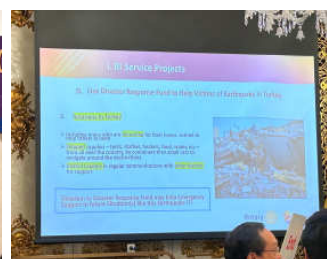
Rotary Club of Tai Po sent its 5 members to the District Training Assembly which was held at the Alexandra Hotel on the Saturday of 6 May 2023. The few from RCTP who really had important roles to play were **District Treasurer Louis** who needed to get the District Budget passed, **PDG Kenneth** who was the facilitator for the breakout session on Vocation and **Rtn. Henry** who spoke at the PPE session. Of course, **PE William** was to vote on behalf of RCTP. The rest of us were there to LEARN.

The DTA formally began with the singing of the Rotary Song and **DG Norman Lee** giving the **Welcoming Address**. It is not difficult to feel that he was already feeling that his term was nearing an end as all the focuses were about preparing for next year.



Foci starting with the “seashell gratitude” story behind the design of the “Create Hope in the World” Theme logo and proceeding to discuss RI and also District Aims and Plans.

PDG Belinda Yeung spoke about **The Rotary Foundation** and her talk was interesting because she left the boring technicalities of Grant applications for other training opportunities and rather, had focused on sharing worthwhile Grant projects world-wide.



By contrast, **PDG Eric Chin**, in his address on **Membership**, harped on figures of membership/club growth and targeted net growth of 3 members each club. I don't seem to hear anything about membership retention though.

PDG Eric Chak developed on the subject of **Public Image** and started by asking members to read out with him the **Rotary Vision Statement** which forms the Rotary Brand: *Together we see a world where People unite and take action to Create lasting Change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves.* He then explained ideas to Increase Impact, Expand our Reach, Enhance participant engagement and Increase our Ability to adapt. The aim is to enhance people's perception of Rotary.



After an informative morning, it was time to take a Break, grab a coffee and ... do what Rotarians like to do most: take photos, including one big **Group photo** taken at the hotel carpark.



After the break, Incoming **CDS Heman Lam** introduced the District Team and listed out all the important people in the District one by one. Heman made full use of the 20 minutes he was allotted to finish the introduction. One can imagine how *intricately structured* our District has become.

PDG Anthony Hung chaired the next Session on Resolution. He spent some time making sure Mongolians on the Zoom platform could see and hear and more importantly could be heard.



District Treasurer Louis Tang presented the main points on the 2023-24 District Budget (District dues remain unchanged) which was then put to vote. There was unanimous consent, including voting for the motion by our **PE William Yim**, and the session was uneventful.

We did not break for lunch until after **DG Norman Lee** had spoken about **Digital transformation and Online Academy** and we were told new members shall be required to attend training courses before becoming a Rotarian.

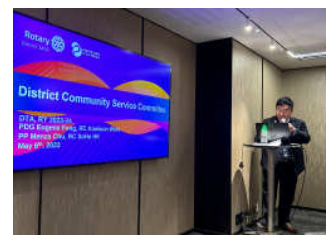


Lunch was a little controversial. Admittedly there were full 3 courses western menu with lots to choose from and the food was quality food. However, save for the bread, it all comes in plastic boxes and plastic containers. I wonder why the PPE members made no quibble about them.



After lunch, we dispersed to different rooms for the **Breakout Sessions**. **PDG Kenneth Wong** was one of the facilitators for the Session on **DEI & Vocational** focusing on the latter subject of course. **Rtn. Henry Wang** was one of the speakers at the **Peace & PPE** session.

I attended the session on **District Community Service & Health**. The session was pretty rushed and **PP Menza Chu** could only briefly touch on subjects like challenges faced by clubs with finding good projects and/or service partners, past references, useful data base etc. **President Priscilla Law** quickly introduced some **New Initiatives on Community Service** before passing on to **PP Isaac Yip** to discuss **District Health Services**. In addition to existing projects like CPR/AED trainings, promoting Organ Donation and Blood Donation and also Dementia project etc., there will be an addition of 2 projects: **Mental Health** (which is very much an RI focus) and the **Eye Check-Up Vehicle**.



Thus ended my attendance at the DTA. I did not join the program which followed as they covered various Promotions of District events, information of which would surely be divulged to us later on.

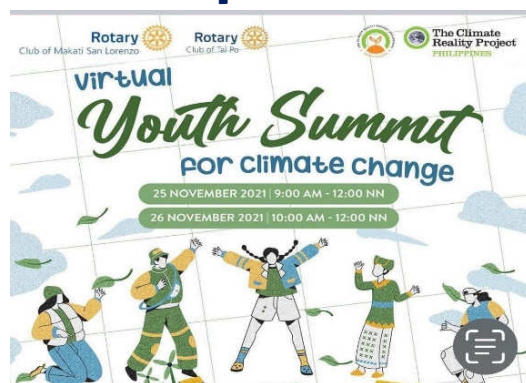




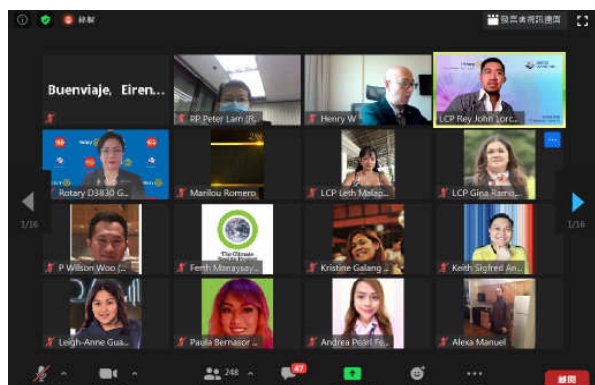
International Climate Youth Summits & Competitions

Henry K. H. Wang

The Rotary Club of Tai Po (RCTP) in Hong Kong and the Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo (RCMSL) in Philippines have been jointly organising two successful International Climate Youth Summits and Climate Competitions in 2021 and 2023, together with our international climate partner, the Climate Reality Project.



RCTP and RCMSL organised the first International Climate Youth Summit in November 2021, together with the Climate Reality Project. Over 300 Rotarians, Rotaractors and youths from Philippines and Hong Kong attended online. Rotary leaders from both D3450 & D3840, including District Governors, Presidents & Directors, plus international climate experts gave good speeches on different aspects of climate change and PPE. There were keen interest and questions from the participants.

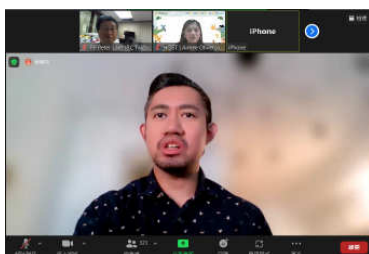
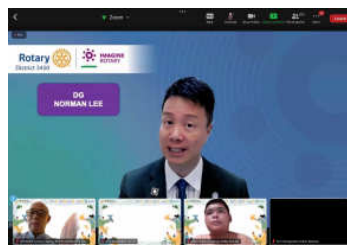


After the Summit, the youth participants worked in different teams. They developed various interesting environmental PPE project proposals. They presented their climate PPE project proposals to a panel of international judges from RCTP, RCMSL, Philippines and Hong Kong. Six climate PPE projects were then judged to be the top proposals. RCTP, RCMSL and RCMAA (Rotary Club of Makati Ayala Amity) jointly sponsored the development of these six top climate PPE projects by the youths.

In 2023, RCTP and RCMSL jointly organized a successful second International Climate Youth Summit on 6 May 2023. Over 500 Rotarians, Rotaractors and youths from Hong Kong, Philippines, Mongolia and different countries attended the Summit online virtually.



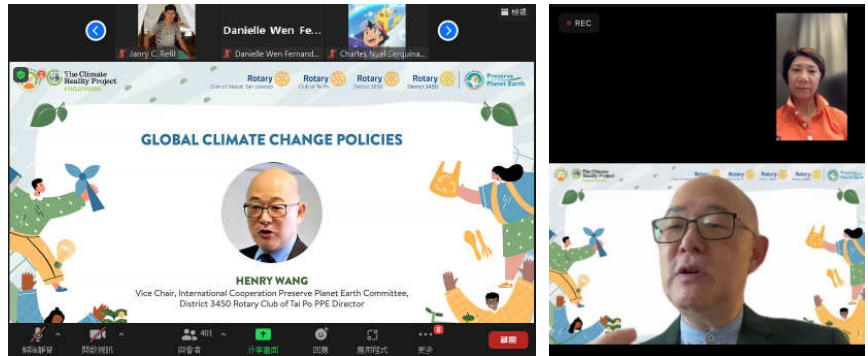
Inspirational opening welcome speeches were given by senior Rotary leaders from both D3450 & D3840, including D3450 DG Norman Lee and D3840 DG Mildred Vitangcel.



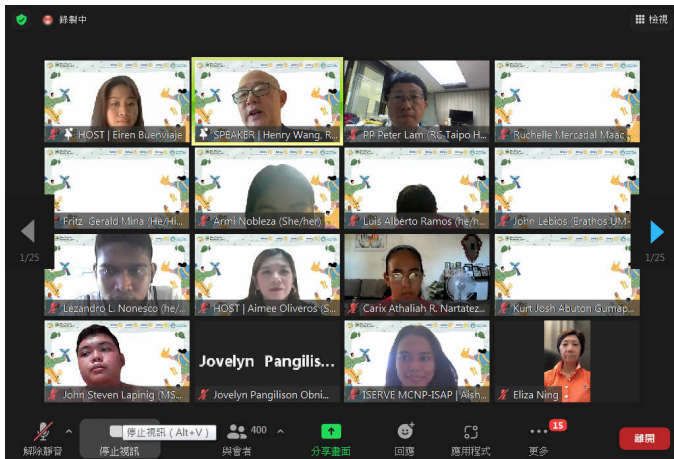
Then the RCTP President Danny Lau and RCMSL IPP Rey John Lorca gave interesting opening messages on behalf of the two Rotary clubs.



Interesting Climate PPE speeches were then given by the D3450 PPE Committee Chairlady Eliza Ning plus the D3450 PPE Committee Vice Chair for International Cooperation, Henry Wang, who is also the RCTP PPE Director.



International climate experts then gave good speeches on different aspects of climate change and PPE. There were strong interest and good questions from the over 500 international youth participants.



After the Summit, the over 500 youth participants will join an International Climate Youth Summit Workshop on 13 May 2023. International climate youth leaders and experts will speak to the youths on different key climate and PPE topics. There will also be opportunities for the youth participants to further engage and exchange views in different teams.

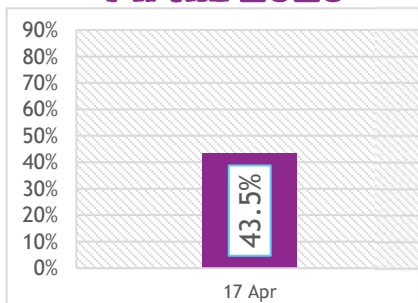
After the International Climate Youth Summit and Workshop, the youth participants from different countries will then work in various project teams. They will brainstorm and then develop different interesting climate and PPE project proposals in 2023/2024. It is planned that they will then present their various climate PPE project proposals to a panel of international judges from RCTP, RCMSL, Philippines and Hong Kong in late 2023 or early 2024. Six promising climate PPE projects will be selected to be the top proposals by the judges. Then RCTP, RCMSL and RCMAA (Rotary Club of Makati Ayala Amity) plus other Rotary clubs will jointly award and sponsor the development of these six top climate PPE projects by the youths in 2024. It is planned that the awards and development highlights will be announced in the third International Climate Youth Summit in 2024/5. RCTP and RCMSL will also consider jointly raising new Global grants applications for suitable promising climate PPE projects developed by the youths in 2024/5.

At the D3450 District Training Assembly DTA on 6 May 2023, highlights of the D3450 PPE Committee plans plus the International Climate Youth Summits and the Climate Competitions were reported by PP Henry Wang to the over 400 participants. After the DTA, DGE Andy Li sent positive feedbacks on the presentation to RCTP and the D3450 PPE Committee.





APRIL 2023



Average attendance: 43.5%

Perfect Attendance APR 2023

Anthony Hung	KF Tam
Jules Jiu	Vikky Tam
Natalie Kwok	Louis Tang
Peter Lam	Henry Wang
Danny Lau	Kenneth Wong
Sally Luk	Wilson Woo
Claire Mak	William Yim
Armstrong Shea	



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
16 MAY (TUE)	19:30	Team 4 Fellowship Dinner 邪惡的誘惑	King's Bistro (小皇府), 205, L2, MOKO, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon
20 MAY (SAT) - 21 MAY (SUN)	14:00	63rd District Conference	Regala Skycity Hotel, 8 Airport Expo Boulevard, Hong Kong International Airport, Chek Lap Kok, Lantau Island
29 MAY (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Kelvin Wong Topic: Fire Safety Design in Hong Kong and Mainland China	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
5 JUN (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Club Assembly	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
17 JUN (SAT)	18:30	Annual Party 2023 Theme: Summer Fever Dress Code: Red Hot	Ballroom, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon

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