



In end August a team of delegates from our club visited our sister club RC Makati San Lorenzo in Philippines, witnessing its 25th Anniversary Installation cum Royal Ball. There were good memories of fellowship and other meaningful activities like planting palm trees in Manila (which achieved the target of “One Rotarian Member One Tree”). I would like to thank Rtn Sally, PP Pearl and PP Peter for organizing this wonderful trip, PP Peter

and PP Claire for taking good photos, Alan for money exchange, May for arranging the banner and the gift for exchange, others for their strong support and participation, and Meipo for the logistic support. You may refer to the other write-up in this issue of Tai Post or the photos and videos shared in our club Facebook and WhatsApp group.

Instead of reporting on the recent activities of our club, which I am sure most (if not all) of them will be covered by other writers, I wish to share my observation on a recent social phenomenon. Recently there has been much media coverage on the suicide of a young man and his mother. The young man was certified dead shortly after delivery to the hospital.

In normal case most people will feel sorry for the surviving mother and hope she will overcome the sorrow soon. This is because most of us have a kind-heart and will have sympathy for her. This also differentiates mankind from animals. Even if you don't feel any need to sympathize for the poor mother, at most you may be indifferent to this incident. It would be unacceptable for someone to utter cruel words or post satirical messages of congratulations to the victim mother for losing her son. This is outrageous and contrary to the traditional ethical norms. Such harsh comments would deserve condemnation. They would also certainly provoke retaliating comments and, at the time of writing, such prediction does unfortunately come true.

Some commentators may regard such cold-blooded remarks were targeted at the mother because of her position as a government official. I would refute such irresponsible views. No matter based on Oriental or Western ethical values, the sufferer should receive same humane treatment regardless of his/her position or values.

This may be the side effect of the “competition-oriented propaganda”, such as “win on the start line” which has penetrated our media since the Millennium. Many commercial advertisements and news stories, no matter intentional or unintentional, impute competitive attitude to our off-springs when they are very young, such as to learn many skills so as to fight for the scarce places of prominent kindergartens, then renowned primary schools, secondary schools, high schools and so on. When this young generation grows up, some of them will gradually develop a self-centered ego – an ideology known as individualism that emphasizes the self more and social rules less. Perhaps this may explain why the society is less harmonized nowadays.



SERVICE Above Self

In contrast, the motto of Rotary is *Service Above Self*. We also adopt the 4-way test. So if there are more and more people who live truly by the Rotary spirit, the world would be a much better place to live. In this regard I also commend the Rotary International's peace initiative and our District's efforts in promoting peer mediation among secondary school students in recent years as a non-confrontational conflict resolution method among the younger generation.

Last but not least, may I quote the following words of wisdom from Confucius to conclude?

子曰：“仁者人也”《中庸》

Confucius: “Benevolence is the characteristic element of humanity.” (Zhongyong)

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仁者人也  
qīn qīn wéi dà  
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CONFUCIUS

When delegates from RCTP started on the trip to the Philippines on 26 August 2017 to attend RC MSL's 25th Installation, it was a time when Typhoon Hato just left town after giving us a rare No. 10 with widespread damage; and Typhoon Pakhar loomed very near. We were lucky to have safely departed to Manila, and enjoyed some very good weather and fellowship, when Hong Kong suffered the effect of two successive typhoons (reaching no. 8 or above) in a matter of 3 days! Recently, the weather fluctuates a lot and undergoes drastic changes. Indeed, news reports are all about the inclement weather.



## Editor Says

Claire Mak



Inevitably, this brings to mind the science fiction movie "The Day After Tomorrow". This film portrays a larger-than-life climate disaster in America when everyone dies but the protagonist. He could even camp in the snow-capped wilderness and walked miles, unaided, to rescue his son. Some of the scenes were quite unnecessary but had left lasting images in my mind: like a few hungry wolves escaped from the zoo to chase and devour humans because they were too hungry; but the messages of global warming leading to unpredictable weather and human destroying the environment were starkly put across.



That wolves chasing and eating humans may look exaggerated; but there are recent real-life news clips which shows the migration of swarms of cockroaches in Macau right before the Storm. That was animal/insect instincts against natural disaster. People who live in the city like you and me do not perceive that disaster could be so near. For instance, the guy in Macau who only wanted to retrieve his car – who on earth would have imagined the water gushing into the carport, drowning him before he could have sought help?



Then, there was Hurricane Harvey which dropped a staggering amount of rain over Texas. Indeed, the rain in Houston accumulated up to 50 inches within 4 days! The National Weather Service says the historic amount of precipitation was unprecedented. 50 inches is about the height of a small boy! I was appalled to watch the photos taken of the rain and the flood. People have sofas, tables, cupboards, piano, beds ... all drenched and damaged and afloat. Some elderly people have their bodies immersed in the flood. Some of them were on respirators, some needed wheelchair ... How did they evacuate? Rotarian Henry has highlighted the effects of global warming and we have been warned that catastrophe is not too far away. There are more and more flooding in different cities. In the movie, the Americans took refuge in Mexico. In reality, it is ironic that President Donald Trump is building a wall to close the Mexican border!



When our delegation visited RCMSL, we joined their meaningful Tree Planting project for Makati Metro City. This is not only to satisfy RI President Ian Riseley's mandate for presidential citation; but we hope our little effort really helps with improving the environment. When we returned from the Philippines trip (and we were only away for 4 days!), we were already taking precautions against yet another typhoon striking Hong Kong, Typhoon Mawar! Whew!



Teenage suicide and online negative impact are certainly global social issues now. I am sure we are saddened and shocked by the tragic youth suicide news in Hong Kong recently too. Let's see how an Interactor is helping with his social media project. Perhaps we, Rotarians, should also learn from it to launch service projects online to catch up with the modern world!

## Interactor from Brazil combats a deadly online game

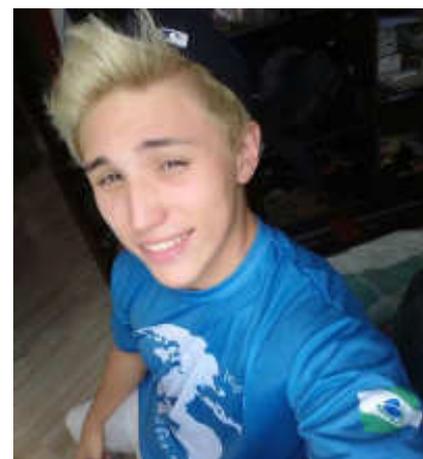
White Whale designed to promote peace and self-esteem

RI News

Horrified by stories about an online suicide game called Blue Whale, Gabriel Kenji of Brazil decided to create a game to counter the dangerous online trend, and hopefully, save lives.

The Blue Whale Challenge is a chilling suicide game allegedly run by a social media group. The game preys on vulnerable adolescents and teenagers, who are instructed to complete a set of challenges over a 50-day period. The tasks begin harmlessly but become increasingly more dangerous, including self-punishing, and end with the teenager being urged to take their own life.

"When I first heard about the horrific game, I thought it was a problem far away from Brazil," says Kenji, a member of the Interact Club of Pinhais, Parana, Brazil. "Once it reached my country I realized this type of evil can be anywhere. I had to do something to alert others about the seriousness of the problem."



Peter Lam

The game may have originated in Russia where more than 130 suicides have been allegedly linked to the game. The online trend has caused significant concern in Western Europe and South America, particularly in Brazil, where alleged suicide attempts from the game have cropped up in at least eight states. At least two suicide cases in the U.S. have been linked to the online fad. The title is said to refer to blue whales that beach themselves purposefully to die.

While no one can prove the existence of the game or identify who is behind these suicidal challenges, what is clear is that young people are ending their lives and documenting it on social media.

So, Kenji decided to do something about it. He devised a social media game that he named [White Whale](#) to help boost self-esteem, self-worth, and peaceful interactions among young people.

Challenges include forgiving yourself for mistakes, exercising daily, discovering new facts about people in your life, participating in volunteer activities, and posting positive messages on social media.

White Whale is a way for teenagers, who may be vulnerable to the suicide game, to engage in positive activities and feel valued, says Kenji. He chose the name White Whale because he says the color white signifies peace, purity, and clarity.

"We want to show young people that they can make small changes to change the direction of their lives," says Kenji, who will enter college this year to study dentistry. "There is another path for teenagers to take that is far removed from an action like taking their own lives."

Fellow Interactors and local Rotaract club members are helping to spread the word about White Whale by passing out brochures and information at bus and train stops, busy intersections, and to friends and family. They also helped Kenji create some of the game's challenges. "I'm so grateful that my club and others people in the Rotary family are taking a small idea and making it big," he says.

According to Kenji, about 4,000 people have shared the White Whale's Facebook page with a reach of nearly 30,000.

## Regular Meetings in the past five years: August 當年今月: 九月例會

Do you remember 2012 - 2016 ?



by PP Peter Lam

REWIND



Our sergeant teams at Area 6 joint DG visit meeting in Royal Plaza Hotel 12 Sep. 2016 . . . Hope Ming Hay can rejoin us soon!



Youth Night on 7 Sep. 2015 at Royal Garden Hotel with Rotaractor as keynote speaker which was well attended by Rotaractors from District as well as our Interactors. PP Francis Au was our DRC (District Rotaract Chair) that year.



Former member Paul Chan arranged Prof. Zhao Yue as speaker on his journey to Tibet at 29 Sep. 2014 meeting in Royal Garden Hotel. Our Interactors from Tai Po schools also attended and reported on their IS trip to Taiwan. VP William chaired the meeting on behalf of Natalie.



Joint meeting with District 3230 India, our mother and baby clubs on 30 Sep. 2013 at The General Chamber of Commerce function hall in Central.



Joint meeting with baby clubs RC Central & RC SoHo with keynote speaker Florence Hui Hiu-fai 許曉暉, JP, Undersecretary for Home Affairs, 12 Sep. 2012 in General Chamber of Commerce in Central. Our PP Kenneth Wong was DG that year and VP Francis Au was acting President for Ron Chung at the meeting.

## Trip to Kenya, East Africa 20 to 27 July 2017

Patrick Fong

Torrente and I joined an 8-day (5-night) adventure tour to East Africa. Initially, we had no intention to join but were attracted and fascinated by a presentation given by an expert guide organized by a local travel company.

Two weeks before our departure date, we were invited to attend a pre-tour gathering. During this gathering, we were given relevant information and reminded to bring necessary belongings. We were scared when the guy said that we would stay in lodges rather than hotels. There would be no shampoo, no conditioner, no shower gel, no hair dryer, no slippers, no steady supply of hot water for showers, no kettle (if you require some hot drinks), no TV, and most importantly no wifi. Also, he recommended us to bring some distilled water as it would be difficult to find supermarkets and water suitable for drinking. Finally, he added that we should not expect too much of the food. By that time, both of us thought that it was a "trap" and were even thinking of cancelling the trip! Fortunately, we did not!

On 20 July, our plane took off at 9.10 pm and stopped over in Bangkok. We stayed there for an hour and continued with our flight for another 9 hours to Nairobi. We arrived there early in the morning on 21 July and then we were taken to a 5-star hotel in the city for a buffet breakfast – what a nice start for the trip! Then we started our "rock and road" journey to Masai Mara. It was so bumpy that we almost hit the ceiling of the jeep even though we were holding the handles. After 3 hours' ride, we arrived at Mara Simba Lodge which was a resort type hotel. We had buffet lunch there, and then took a break before we visited the Masai Mara National Reserve. The park was very big (1,500 square miles) and wild animals were living there. We targeted to meet the Big 5 of Africa: Elephants, Buffalo, Rhinos, Lions, Leopards but we missed the Rhinos.



On 22 July, we went to the National Park again before we headed to Masai Mara for the animal migration. We went to the border between Kenya and Tanzania but we had no luck to see the animals. We could only find dead animals lying in the river where they were killed by crocodiles while crossing. On the way back to the resort, we visited the native people living in a small village, Masai Village. Although they were very poor, we were impressed by their hospitality. The children ran from far distance to welcome us and in return we gave them some snacks and biscuits. They showed us folk dance and how a fire was made from drilling a piece of wood. We went into a small hut built by the the waste of animals. When we asked the children to take photos, they held our hands tight and looked at the camera with a big smiling face. We suddenly know that we all live in a civilized world but it is so sophisticated that we sometimes feel lost. We could feel that the natives were happy and enjoyed their simple living.

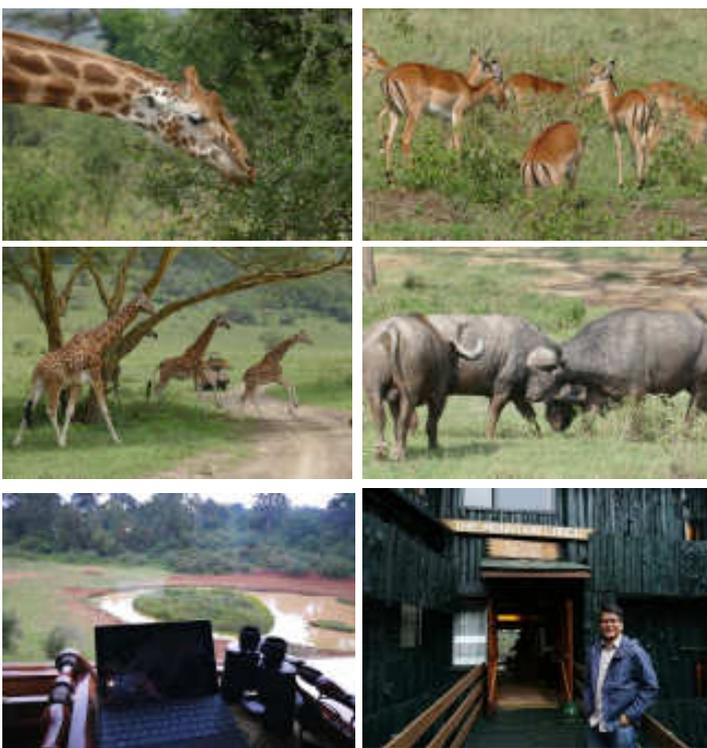


On 23 July, we had lunch at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge. When we arrived, we were excited to see 2 giraffes eating leaves on the trees outside the lawn of the restaurant. We would very much like to take photos but the guide suggested that we had lunch before we took photos. However, after lunch, the 2 giraffes left the lawn and returned to the forest far behind the hotel. It was so disappointing! After lunch,

we visited Lake Naivasha and the Crescent Island where the movie "The Gods Must Be Crazy" (上帝也瘋狂) was produced. It was a very peaceful place and we were lucky that it was a cloudy day and we were not exposed to sunlight too much. We took photos with zebras and giraffes. We returned to the hotel in the evening and enjoyed another peaceful night.



On 24 July, we went to Lake Nakuru National Park. Although the park was not as big as Masai Mara National Reserve, we could see Rhinos and flamingos there. Our mission was completed as we had already met the Big Five. We then headed to Serena Mountain Lodge which was located at 7,200 feet (2,195 metres). The lodge was built by wood and we could hear people talking, walking and even showering. Outside the windows, there was a man-built big pond where wild animals came and drank water. Since the lodge was built on mountain, it was rather cold and a hot water pocket was placed in the middle of the bed to keep us warm.



On 25 July, we moved on to Mountain Kenya Safari Club. It was a very British style resort. We enjoyed our buffet lunch there, with a very nice green piece of land outside. We stayed in an en-suite room, sharing a big living room with another couple on the other side of the bungalow. Peacocks were walking outside our bungalow and birds were staying on the big piece of grassland. While we were enjoying our afternoon tea, the weather outside changed suddenly. There was thunderstorm and then sunshine resumed. We were lucky to see double rainbow. It was a very relaxing night after the tiring journey.



On 26 July, we went back to the city of Nairobi. We stopped at a shopping mall to "visit a supermarket". Supermarket is a place for rich African people. Then we had our dinner at Carnivore Restaurant which was famous for BBQ chicken, pork, beef, rabbit, lamb, ostrich and crocodile. After that, we headed to the airport for our flight back to Hong Kong.



It was an amazing tour! It was so enjoyable and really exceeded our expectation. Next time, when we plan for similar trip, we shall bring more biscuits and snacks to the kids living in Africa. Also, we witnessed the influence of Chinese government in the development of Africa, such as building railways, highways and hotels. While we appreciate that developing Africa is important, we hope that the nature will not be sacrificed.

## A Perfect "Tick" – from Brisbane to Adelaide

Alan Kwan

Everything started with an invitation from Pearl's niece - attending Coco's graduation ceremony at the University of Queensland in July. Though not the main reason for planning a trip to Australia with Coco's family, this was the perfect excuse for a bit of a break!

We landed in Brisbane fairly early in the morning and took facilities provided by the Conxion Airport Transfer to our hotel. We found that the taxi service was good, the price was reasonable and the ride was comfortable. Booking a taxi was easy and it's best to do it online in advance.

In Brisbane, South Bank is a place you must visit at night time. We enjoyed a leisure walk around the river bank which offers a scenic view of the city. The old and modern hybrid of bridges and buildings harmonized perfectly in with the surrounding water and lighting, creating a warm and remarkable atmosphere. After a relaxing stroll, we decided to have dinner in one of the many restaurants - The Charming Squire. The food was well above average and the service was remarkable and attentive. So I would recommend it.

The next day we went to the University of Queensland. The campus is not that big but the environment is nice and pleasant. The ceremony took quite a few hours as you would expect. Adjacent to the main entrance to the campus, we took memorable group photos by the iconic fountain. After the ceremony, we returned to the town centre when we came across a Wednesday Market at Queens Street. We bought some delicious fresh fruits from the market stalls filled with all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

The following day, we went to Chermside shopping Centre which is located 10 km North of Brisbane. There are huge shopping malls, department stores, book shops, super markets and more, where you can explore happily for a full day.

And there was the Gold Coast, famed for its long sandy beaches, surfing spots and elaborate system of inland canals and waterways. The place was buzzing with many tourists around. We first had a late lunch at the Fish Market where we picked a selection of seafood inside the shop and it was all cooked fresh for you to enjoy right there and then. Of course, we did not miss out on enjoying some of the famously fresh oysters. We sat at the dining tables outside where we were accompanied by a flock of seagulls, waiting to join in on our feasts. Around us, we saw seagulls relaxing in a swimming pool at the resort nearby, where the water has got too cold for the residents to swim in. We then travelled to Skypoint, a must-see destination - where we enjoyed the birds' eye view of the Gold Coast. For

those planning a visit in the not too distant future: you can get a 40% discount on entry if you visit the travel agency just right opposite the Skypoint entrance.



The next day, we took the ferry with our car to the North Stradbroke Island. It is situated outside the East coast of Brisbane. After boarding, we spent the one hour travelling time in the middle deck for coffee and snacks and we explored the surroundings by going onto the roof. There are ample seats on the decks and there are many facilities to look after everyone on board. After we have arrived,

we went to the Seashells at Amity for lunch. It is a roadside restaurant where we spent admiring the splendid countryside view. On this island, we were connected with nature; we managed to get a few glances of whales jetting out water. We ended our day perfectly, taking the last ferry back to Brisbane after watching the beautiful sunset on the island.

On the following day, we flew to Hobart in Tasmania. We drove straight to taste the well-known fresh oysters at the Barilla Bay Oyster Farm near the airport. The quality and price were reasonable but we were also joined by a mass of tourists. We checked into our hotel filled with Christmas decorations which enlightened us with festive atmosphere. Not to waste any time, we drove up to Mount Wellington to catch up with our schedule. On our way uphill, the surroundings became misty and the sky grew darker. We still managed to get the chance to get a good view of villages and farms far away under sunshine on the lookouts. Up at the hill top, it was extremely chilly and windy. We quickly took some photos, shook off the cold and headed back to our hotel for a good night's rest.

For the next two days, we visited some of the places such as Richmond Bridge and Old Hobart Town, on our drive up to Swansea. We had a wonderful time wine-tasting along our way.

Log of  
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We finally reached the Freycinet National Park, a place where all tourists must visit while in Tasmania. The weather was pleasant and sunny, and we decided to follow the hiking route uphill to a lookout where we can see the Wineglass Bay. The path uphill was not too relaxing but the scenery at the viewing point was mind-blowingly fascinating. Should I have another chance to come here again, I would definitely spend a couple more hours to get to the Bay. Thinking about it, it would be worth spending another whole day at the Bay, taking it all in.



We had a late lunch at the restaurant called Freycinet Marine Farm. The owner of the restaurant has been running the marine farm for generations. The seafood there were perfect and their oysters and sea urchin I still lust after. There were Kangaroos wandering around within the park, so close that you can even shake hands with them - if you dare to. We visited some other places as recommended by the brochure from the visitors centre. It is rather fitting that the Honey Moon Bay was indeed very small and it would be the perfect place for newlyweds to take a memorable camping trip there.

On the next day, we had a very decent lunch at the Hallam's Waterfront Seafood Restaurant before leaving Launceston. The food was so good that I have added this restaurant to my "must go" list. In order to kill some time between our flight to Melbourne, we drove up to the Cataract Gorge Reserve. There were surprisingly many peacocks showing off, doing cat walks up and down the carpark area, competing for attention from their visitors.

We had trips in Melbourne before, so we rented a car and went straight to Lorne where we began our voyage to the Great Ocean Road the next morning. We had great scenery at Apollo Bay, Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge. We had visited all these places before. The difference was that we had time to go right down onto the beach to have a closer look at the remaining "apostles" which are still standing marvelously in the water.



We continued our journey to Cape Nelson Lighthouse, Mount Gambier, Blue Lake, and Encounter Bay. Although one would consider it too harsh or even cruel for the horses, we took the Victor Harbour horse-pulled tram to Granite Island which provided interesting views on the surroundings.



Finally, we reached Adelaide. All our activities were concentrated in the four streets in the city centre. To our surprise, the China Town here is interconnected with a big market and Coles supermarket. We were overjoyed with the shopping and spent hours hunting for souvenirs to squeeze into our already over-packed luggage. As recommended by Coco who spent some years in this country, we drove to Hahndorf. It is situated about 20km south-east of Adelaide. There are many shops selling a variety of everything on both sides of the town centre. We dropped into the Hahndorf Inn and had a wonderful German lunch.

On the evening before flying back to Hong Kong, we had dinner at the Louca's Seafood Restaurant in the city centre. They provide fine-dining, exceptionally good food and fresh oysters where any visitor ought to visit.

After an enjoyable dinner, we were given a message from our airline company. Owing to suspected terrorists attack in Sydney, we were required to arrive for check-in four hours before our flight at 06:40. In other words, we had a sleepless night before leaving Adelaide.

We flew back to HK on transit in Sydney. Coupled with the tightened up security measures and distance between terminals, we missed our flight. Fortunately, we could take another flight two hours later. This was welcomed and appreciated as some of our target souvenirs are only available inside this airport. We have finally bought everything we wanted on our shopping list!

Up to this point, you may find clues on the title of this article. Pearl and I have made a "tick" footprint on the map of South-east Australia. The weather turned out to

be surprisingly good throughout our 16-day trip against the unfavorable forecast. The thick coats we brought along with us were all redundant. We had great opportunities to enjoy a series of sunrise and sunsets, blowholes, incredible landscape features and double rainbows. Thank goodness - it was "A Perfect Tick"!



## Visiting Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo 26-29 August 2017, Manila

Claire Mak

### 26th August, Saturday

Early in the morning of 26 August 2017, RC Tai Po International Service Chairlady Sally, who had given great effort in arranging the trip, saw the RCTP delegation off to Manila from HK International Airport. It is unfortunate that due to more pressing commitment, Sally could not join the 13 of us: Pres. Roger and May, PP Peter and Tomomi, PP Claire, PP Pearl and Alan, PP Tsubaki and Connie, IPP William and Bebe; PE Patrick and Rtn Caren on this trip to visit our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo.



The flight was uneventful and 1/3 empty actually. Upon arrival, we were warmly greeted at the airport by PP Erwyn, PE Boy and Rtn. Carol before being driven to "Lorenzo's Way" for a very hearty lunch of local Filipino food. In fact, a number of RC MSL members were already there with members of another of their sister club, RC Taipei Capital. We mingled and chatted and enjoyed some pretty tangy food over a few glasses of (yellow/green) mango juice.



After lunch, we checked into Peninsula Hotel and freshened up. Of course, we took time to dress resplendent and ready for attending RC MSL's 25th Anniversary Installation cum A Royal Ball.



The Ball was preceded by a Champagne Reception when we sipped champagne while rekindling old acquaintances and making new friends over some finger foods and nice photo opportunities.



27 August 2017, Sunday

The "Royal Ball" started with an impressive *Imperial Dance*. Governor and Past Governors paired up with their presidents of RC MSL and swirled elegantly around the dance floor. Then there were speeches from all the important people and a recount of the high-flying achievements of the past year. Meanwhile, guests helped themselves to a buffet dinner.

After a night of booze and glamour, we had anticipated to work off the extra calories with the tree planting event "A Green Metro" that RC MSL organized jointly with the local government. We were driven to Our Lady of Airways Parish Park, very much in the city center, where the ceremony took place. When we hear the prominent people spoke, we learned that the project gained the support of the Metro Manila Development Authority and the Pasay City Mayor. RC MSL intends to improve Metro Manila by planting 10,000 palm trees along major roads and thereby lessen pollution and transform Metro Manila into a "Green Metro". We had an easy time *planting* the trees underneath a huge flyover and taking photos of the (hard) work we did. Since we committed to plant 29 trees, representing one tree for each RCTP member, we have fulfilled the direction of RI President Ian Riseley's that each Rotarian do plant at least one tree in the Rotary year.



PP Maridel was installed as president and the simple but formal ceremony was witnessed by her whole family right down to the youngest baby grandchild. Amongst all those congratulating her was of course our President Roger, who also presented a gift on our behalf, and the current Governor, our old friend from RC Alabang, Edwin Afzelius Jr. The Royal Ball ended with the lovely singing of the delectable Tuloy Children Choir and we were most delighted to greet their warden and old friend, Father Rocky!



Before we know it, it was already time for lunch. This time, it was sumptuous Seafood lunch at “Royal Kitchen” which has an affectionate Chinese name, “香港仔” and we were joined by the Taiwanese friends again. Take a look at the photos and get the feel how ecstatic we were with the seafood and drinks!



28 August 2017, Monday

Peter and Tomomi; Tsubaki and Connie left very early Monday morning for the flight home but let them tell you their ordeal some other time. Patrick and Caren were to leave for Hong Kong later in the evening and so they did not join the rest of the team for the trip to the island resort, Punta Fuego. Along the way, we stopped for lunch at the scenic Balay Dako by Antonio's. We took in the captivating crater views and had lunch of a few of their signature dishes, the roasted suckling pig included.

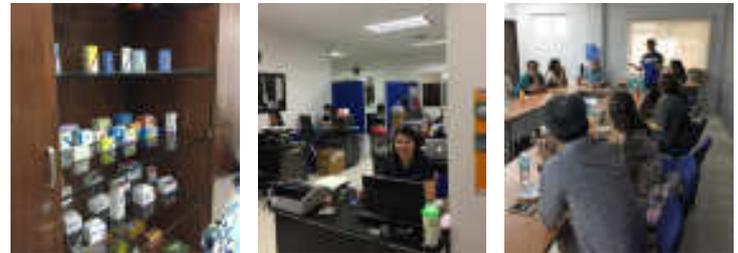
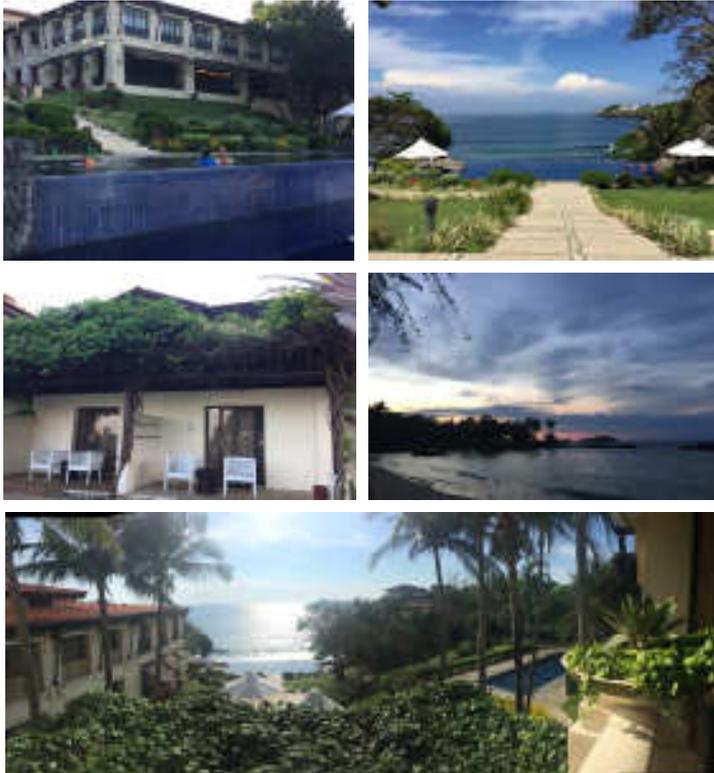


After lunch, we broke off our separate ways, when a number of us went for massage to get recharged while others did some local shopping. Then we gathered again for ... more eating! Yes, dinner at Bayleaf Hotel was cosy as we wined and dined in the restaurant belonging to Ricky, the partner of RC MSL member Yoli. Buffet dinner was served and what impressed us most was the singing by a soprano trio. Of course, downing the bottle of whiskey, which was a gift from our sister club, did spiked up the atmosphere a lot.



When we arrived at Punta Fuego, we could not help but exclaim at the tranquil environment. We checked into the special rooms, mine entering via the bay window. After changing into swimwear, we headed for one of the Resort beaches. We enjoyed light beer and snacks, danced to the tunes of wooing (Elvis Presley's) music, splashed along the beach coast and whiled away the time as the sun set. We were in awe at nature's beauty.





Dinner time! Fun time. The food was not particularly impressive but the fellowship, again boosted by the bottle of whiskey, lingered on in our minds till late. It was then that it rained and thundered but by that time, we were already tucking into bed.



When we reached the city, there was still time for last-minute shopping, so we spent some free time in Filinvest Mall before heading to the Airport. After checking in, we had a last Send-off dinner at Mary Grace Café when PP Cha Cha, PP Erwyn, PP Cynthia and partner Dennis joined us. Our flight back home was, again, uneventful and that marks a satisfying and pleasurable conclusion to the Visit we paid to our hospitable Sister Club.

**29 August 2017, Tuesday**

Those of us early risers took a dip in the infinity pool before helping ourselves to the buffet breakfast. We had an added itinerary for the day: a vocational visit to Am-Euro Pharmaceutical Plant which belongs to RC MSL's Rotarian Alice and her husband Rod. We were shown around the Plant and Alice's daughter Rosella, who is also the general manager, gave a presentation of the structure, operation and visions of the company. This is a sizable plant with no less than 178 employees and produces food supplement, tablet, capsule and non-medicinal herbal substance for local distribution and consumption. Along with the discussion that followed, it transpired that there was much collaboration which Rtn. Alice and our IPP William might explore. Easy lunch boxes from Jollie Bee were served. Now, that's a chance we tried the fried chicken and noodles which we never did in Hong Kong.



# Assistant Governor's Visit 21st August 2017

Claire Mak

On 21st August, 2017, we welcomed Assistant Governor Abraham Chan of Rotary Club of Channel Islands to our meeting; and with him were Deputy Assistant Governors Isaac Yip of RC New Territories and Anita Tang of RC Channel Islands. As the Governor's representatives, they were accorded with sincere reception by RCTP members who were all clad in club uniform to show solidarity. Pre-Meeting mingling saw members and guests exchanging views and name cards. Of course, RCTP is no stranger to the District leaders as we have quite a handful of members serving as District Officers.



*Tai Po members greeted DAG Isaac Yip and AG Abraham Chan (3rd and 4th from left).*



*District Officers getting-together*

The meeting was conducted with the usual reports on past events and notices of upcoming matters. AG Abraham took note of the healthy development and planning of our club and had made reference to them when he dutifully addressed us on RI and District's initiatives.



*Incoming President Gary Yeung of Rotaract Club of Tai Po, supported by Scarlet Li and Tony Luk extended invitation for RCTP members to join their installation on 30 Sept.*



*Team 1 Leader Benjamin Wong promoted Septemberfest Theme Night.*



*PP Pearl Dang gave details about the impending trip to the Philippines.*



*PP Peter modelled the windbreaker which he shall be making for RCTP members and spouses.*



*Rtnn. Bebe won the raffle gift of a specially selected bottle of perfume by Rtnn. May.*



*Assistant Governor Abraham spoke and fielded our questions.*

What is of more significance is the question-and-answer session when members posed questions and expressed views on District and Area matters which AG Abraham either fielded or promised to relate to the District Leaders. The meeting ended in a cordial manner after which Board members continued to discuss and decide on club matters.



*PP Frankie expressed his views for AG and DAGs to take up with the District leaders.*



*Board Meeting took place soon after AG Visit.*

## 4th September 2017 Club Meeting & Assembly

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*Fellowship Chair PP Dennis detailed the arrangements for the 5 November guided Day Trip Outing to Ping Shan, Yuen Long.*

*Rtn. Caren repeated her thoughts about leading our Club to go green.*



*Many happy returns September birthday boys and girls.*



*Rtnn May won a bottle of champagne given out by DS Natalie for raffle draw.*



*VP and Secretary Dorothy kicked off the Club Assembly discussion.*



*International Service Chair Sally previewed plans for receiving sister club members in June 2018 and gave details about the Visit to RC Taipei.*



*Pres. Roger announced plans for community services.*



*PP Frankie expressed his views upon Pres. Roger informing members that the Board has given the president a pre-emptive right on spending.*



*Public Image Chair K F spoke about plans to elevate RCTP image and thanked PP Peter for sponsoring wind breakers for members.*



day	time	event	venue
23 SEP (SAT)	11:00 a.m.	"Step up Infinity" Dance for Day of Peace	St. John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central, HK
25 SEP (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: PDG Jones Wong Topic: Rotary Community Corps	Fincher Room, KCC 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
30 SEP (SAT)	1:45 p.m.	Rotaract Club of Tai Po Installation Dress Code: Smart Casual	Meeting Rooms 3-4, Inno Centre, Kowloon Tong
7 OCT (SAT)	2:00 p.m.	Dementia Friendly Community Service Project "Kick Off & Training"	Tai Po Multi-service Centre for Senior Citizens, 3/F, Tai Po Community Centre, 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po Market, N.T.
9 OCT (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Dr. Mak Kin Wah, Kim BBS JP	Fincher Room, KCC 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
23 OCT (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: PP Wilson Lam	Fincher Room, KCC 10 Cox's Road, Jordan



**Happy Birthday** **SEPTEMBER**

1st	Peter Lam
4th	Kenneth Wong
6th	Wilson Lam
8th	Dennis Lo
17th	Claire Mak
17th	Natalie Kwok
21st	Patrick Fong
21st	Vicky Tam

**ROTARY CLUB OF TAIPEI**

**69th Charter & Charity Gala**

**The Oscar's Night**  
奧斯卡之夜

**W Hotel Taipei**

October 14, 2017 (Sat) 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

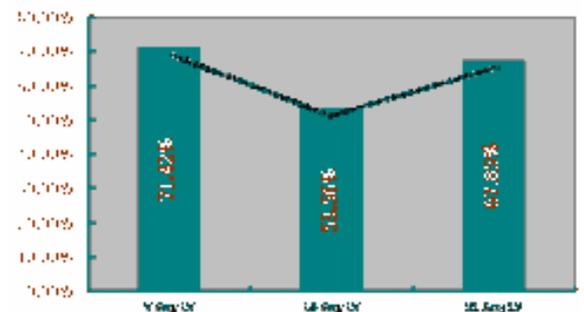
No. 10, Section 5, Zhongxiao E Rd, Xinyi District, Taipei City 110  
台北市信義區忠孝東路五段10號

Dress: Cocktail/Business Suit/Movie Character Costumes/Fancy \$2500/person  
RSVP by Sept. 29, 2017 to Catherine @ 02.2381.0981 or rotary.taipei@msn.hinet.net

**A** **August 2017 Attendance**

CAREN CHAN,  
PEARL DANG,  
PATRICK FONG,  
ANTHONY HUNG,  
NATALIE KWOK,  
PETER LAM,  
DENNIS LO,  
SALLY LUK,  
CLAIRE MAK,  
ROGER SO,  
WILSON WOO,  
FRANKIE WU,  
WILLIAM YIM

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**AUGUST**

**MingHay Yu**

**Leave of Absence**

**In August**

**We missed you**

Sasha Chu  
Ronald Chung  
Henry Wang  
Sincere Yip  
CM Yu