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Tai Post 大報

Club Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (September 2010 Issue)

President's message



August is a busy month. I attended quite a lot of workshops, forums and seminars organized by the District. You may think that joining these events is only to show support to the District. While it may be true on some occasions, I do learn a lot from these activities. They impart not only Rotary information; there are also a lot of exchange of wisdom and experience. I strongly recommend our Club future leaders to join these courses as early as possible. It will help a lot when you are in the position.

I think most members only get a vague understanding about Rotary when they first join, and would be surprised when they see how some of the Rotarians are so dedicated to Rotary. Members would then find that nearly all of these dedicated Rotarian are very successful leaders in their professions.

Please look around and ask yourself why these people enjoy Rotary to such an extent. Joining more Rotary activities will give you the answer.

Coming back to Club activities, I think you will see a lot of photos showing our different functions in this issue of Tai Post. I also see our officers starting to get into their roles. There is progress in different areas like Youth Service, Club Administration and Membership. That said, we still have a lot of

areas that need big improvement, such as speakers program, services involvement, and membership development. The support of our

members and officers gives me a lot of encouragement. I will strive to do better.

Editorial



Rotary Club of Tai Po is generally being recognized as a strong club in the District. In terms of District Governors, we have PDG Anthony who is still omnipresent in most Rotary events, about to have another one when Kenneth office in 2012. In terms of Assistant Governors, had the likes of Man, Peter, Claire and currently, Wilson.



President Frankie is an active president showing staunch support to the District calls and needless to add, Rotarian Francis is all over the place helping (past, present and future) governors and district officers alike.

But where lies the strength of RCTP? It has everything to do with the solid members-family bonding. Spouses are encouraged to attend Club

meetings, District functions and other Rotary events. See the respectable turnout of members and spouses at the last District Conference?
Rotaryannes form the formidable backbone of RCTP and members gladly assume their places in



「貴常會」. That is why in this issue of Tai Post, spouses are given a prominent display. Make sure you know who is whose!

The second and/or New generation of RCTP also plays an important part. When Man's darling daughter Melanie got married in UK, it was just like RCTP marrying away its daughter. Members attended an impromptu dinner thrown by the happy parents and had had a great time. And Man is not the only sentimental dad. See what Ron has to say about recently dropping off his eldest son Sebastian to university.

RCTP's other offspring, Rotaract Club of Tai Po, celebrated its changeover. Read about their well-thought year plan in **Youth**Corner. And to stay in touch, Travel Logs bring us to joining

Kenneth's colourful GSE tour in Brazil and Roger's 23-day Australian



trip. Finally, back to Members. Pres. Frankie has blown the whistle for the start of this year's Membership Challenge. Study the criteria and let's meet the challenge. See who gains prefect attendance!

Frankie Wu

Claire Mak





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Visit to Rotary sponsored center for the Cerebral-paralysis









An inspirationa experience at the Youth Exchange Center talking to many bright young students from many different countries – Bridging Continents in



I did not give it much thought when PP Kenneth Chow, our District Foundation Chair and my fellow President of year 1996/97, asked me to consider the role of GSE team leader. I instantly thought of many enjoyable ways of spending one whole month of my life such as playing golf with PP Jacky and PP Peter, sipping red wine with CP Donald, horse racingetc, and being a GSE team leader was certainly not one of them.

He then told me a bunch of good things about GSE: straight from the RI manual I guessed.

Then he mentioned about Brazil, a country I always dreamed of visiting.

The next thing I knew, I was filling in the GSE team leader application form.

I spent the whole month of May 2010 in Sao Paulo, Brazil and it was the busiest and certainly the most memorable and rewarding month of my life.

If you take a look at our schedule of program in Brazil, you would know what I mean.

The recollection:

The best way to enjoy Rotary is through participation. Many would think being a GSE team leader is hard work, But waitplease think again and consider the following:

- 1) Spending one solid month with three aspiring and creative young professionals in an exciting country, Brazil, a truly multicultural country, the biggest and the richest in South America.
- 2) Pampered by the warm hospitality of over 200 Rotarians of D4420 which often means feasting with sumptuous food of Brazil.
- 3) My knowledge horizon is hugely extended by the 34 vocational visits we made to places like Steel mill (Usiminas), Oil refinery

(Petrobras), fully automated Trucks and car assembling plants, Mercedes-Benz, GM), a guided tour of Port Santos, the biggest sea port in S. America by port officials on a brand new tug boat, visit to coffee bean processing factory..... these are the places that we never dreamed of visiting.

If you think this is fun, how would you like meeting the Mayor of the city of Guaruja, had a candid discussion on social injustice with three civil judges of Civil court of Santos, visiting the famous Santos football club, giving lecture on the "Competitive advantages of HK" in front of over 70 International business students at the University of Sao Caetano du Sul.

There were also inspiring moments that make every Rotarian proud, such as witnessing the work of Rotary projects, the caring of the sick and poor in hospitals, providing free education to youth in slum area, free child care centers for the infants of working teenage moms that

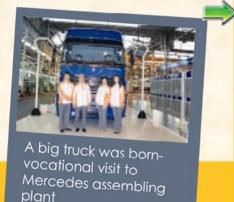






female members, the President Elect is the only gentleman in the Rotary club of Santos Boqueirao





become a family affair



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Madam Terezinhina, PP of RC Santos, a highly respected figure in D4420



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GSE special and fun. We were treated like part of the family



bout eating business, is all you care to eat

are abandoned by their husbands. Each Rotary club would share with you their unique way of putting "Humanity in Motion". And we have visited 29 Rotary clubs in D4420.

To me, nothing champs the feeling of making presentation on Hong Kong and the good work we do in Rotary District 3450 in front of a massive 2000 plus audience at the District Conference of D4420. The GSE team from HK received standing ovation at the end of their presentation.

The real hard work comes when we tried to lose the many extra pounds we put on during our time in Brazil. We were constantly fed with the best and tastiest cuisine of Brazil.

To its participants, the GSE experience is often a life changing one and this could only happen in Rotary, a truly International Service Organization with 1.2 million members all over the world united by the Rotary ideal in Service.

> Yours, DGN Kenneth Wong



The GSE team completed its last presenation A sigh of relief for a Mission



City of Guaruja

Group Study Exchange 2009-10

Between D 3450 (Hong Kong, Macao, Mongolia) and D 4420 (Sao Paulo, Brazil)

Visit to District 4420

Duration of visit: 2nd May to 31st May, 2010

GSE Team D3450

Team Leader: DGN Kenneth Wong Members: Miss Pauline Luk, Mr. Joe Ho,

Miss Yolanda Li

Activities summary:

Number of Rotary clubs visited: 26

Number of presentations made: 29

Number of Vocational visit: 34

Number of visit to Rotary Projects: 15

Number of Rotarians of D4420 were

mobilized: over 200



HKSAR flag flying high at meeting of RC Guauja Vicente de Carvalho



visit to Civil court of Santos candid discussion with three civic judges on Social injustice



A lecture on the Comparative Advantage of HK to a group of Interational buisness students at Universidadae Municipal De São Caetano Do Sul



The GSE team at the Usiminus Steel Mill



A tour of the Port of Santos, the biggest port in S, America at a brand new tug boat with a PDG



Show in São Paulo







Family Corner

Spouse: Guess who is who and who is whose?

































































Answers:

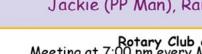
Back Row (Left to Right): Mary (PDG Anthony Hung), Alice (VP Ron), Amy (PP Matthew), Anne (CP Donald), Wanda (AG Wilson), Voil (Sasha)

Fourth Row: May (Roger), Lucia (DGN Kenneth), Creamy (Pres. Frankie), Chloe (PP K.M.Chan), Li Feng (Iwasaki), Tomomi (PP Peter Lam), Tina (Wellington)

Third Row: Clarence (Kiyama), Lawso (Natalie), Eddie (Sincere), Angela (PP Ping), Kennie (Paul), Gary (Ada)

Second Row: Cynthia (PP Jacky), Margie (PP Louis), Alice (Timmy), Rita (PP Armstrong), Ada (Francis), Clara (PP Charles)

Front Row: Connie (PE Tsubaki), Jessica (Thomas), Lancy (IPP Dennis), Jackie (PP Man), Rainy (Michael)





Fatherhood

CP Donald took the lead and wrote a tremendous account of his European trip to share with us in the last issue of TaiPost. The editorial board somehow decided that I was to follow his feat. I never figured out why I would have the privilege of following the

Donald's 'footstep' junior member of club (as I am only the 19th board, a



as a the a VP for PE for

the 20th board, and yet to be President a whole 21 years after the CP. What does this mean? A baby born when CP chartered the Rotary Club of Tai Po will be years old by the time I become the president of the club - scary thought, really.) At any rate, since I've been given the privilege, let me give it a shot to share my experience, thoughts and emotion anyway.

The Experience

Our family did not spend the summer in Europe, but in the States instead. A main part of the mission was to drop off our first born to college (university).

The act of dropping off kids to college is somewhat of an American ritual (I understand President Frankie is doing the same with his beloved daughter in the week of Sept. 20, let's wish them luck and the best.) The implication of this whole 'advantage' is that the child will now live away from his/her parents for the very first time. In the US, this means their own room (with a roommate you've never

met – the US rarely have single dorm rooms,) their own (new) microwave, their own (new) refrigerator etc, not exactly unlike setting up a new home, except that the parents are not part of this new 'home'.

So, the little person that you gave life to and shared (more like, intruded into) your life is establishing, for the first time, their own life (and identity) and moving out of your life - pretty cool experience, actually!

My Thoughts

In the meantime, in a US context, this also means that it may be the last time your lives ever cross path in a significant and meaningful way again. Let's face it, if things work out, the new member of the society will be successful and start a career of their own - over THERE, raise the family of their own - over THERE. If you are lucky, you'll get a phone call or an email on 'special' occasions (PP Ken shared one with me recently, it was nice and very very sweet, thanks Ken for sharing with me and lucky you, but I am very very happy for you).

Will they be back this way?

For me, it's more like, "Do you want them back this way?" I honestly don't want to see mine back. Why? My rationale is, if they are good and well and everything over there, why should Hong Kong and his/her old folks be on their radar screen?

You say, hey, wait a minute, there's more opportunity HERE.

I say, hey, if they are doing fine over there, opportunities here are, for all practical purposes, pretty irrelevant!

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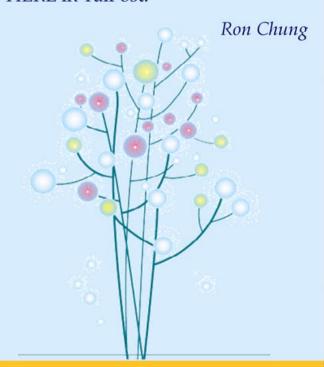
The only except... their opportunities over there that brings them here - PP Charles can tell you more on that. Come to think of it, in addition to PP Charles, we do have quite a number of successful cases and legends in RCTP - if we treat CP Donald, PP Man and PP Ping nicely, they may possibly share their successful migration from overseas to Hong Kong with us.

Emotion

So, this summer..., we sent away our first born.

Coincidentally, in the same period, PP Man married away his beloved daughter. He shared his true emotion with everyone over the dinner party, ...very nice. We all remember that, at least the sober ones. It was a Very special event. We have pictures to show.

As to me, I still have to work on the funding for college tuition, so I can only share with you my emotion HERE in TaiPost.





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Meeting at 7:00 pm every Monday at Royal Plaza Hotel, Mongkok, Kowloon.







Roger's Family Trip in Australia (27 July to 18 August)

Roger and his family had a 23-day trip in Australia from 27 July to 18 August. Although May and Roger went for a trip to Australia about 15 years ago, Roger's family still had many "first time"s in this trip. These were

The first time that Melody and Fred attended the Youth Summit organized by the Asia-Pacific Federation of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (APF). During the Youth Summit, not only did they get acquainted with many participants coming from various countries such as Australia, Dubai, Taiwan and Korea, etc., they also had the opportunities to meet with inventors and learn of their thinking methods. Melody's team designed a "Mug" which



could make coffee automatically when water was poured in and won the best product Design for her team. Hurray! Congratulations Melody!

The first time that May had a presentation in the 11th Asia-Pacific Conference on Giftedness organized by APF. The purpose of this conference was to provide a platform for policy makers, teachers and parents to share their



experience in gifted education. May's presentation topic was "Training of Children's Creativity Through

Parent-Teacher Collaboration". She met old friends and made acquaintance with many new friends there. Also, she was invited to attend and have presentation for the next conference to be held in Dubai in 2012. Oh! How successful her presentation was!

The first time that May and Roger with their children tried a backpacker hotel to experience the Australian living in Sydney. Melody and Fred experienced the Australian way of living so that they could cook and wash their clothes by themselves. Through the shopping in the supermarket, Melody and Fred realised that the price of everyday commodity in the Australia was usually twice or thrice that of Hong Kong. They also had to adapt to life without household maid like cooking with limited utensils and operating the washing machine. Oh! They both realised how good the life in Hong Kong has been!!

The first time that we saw many different kinds of wildlife animals and fishes in Australia. We saw many wildlife animals

in the Aquarium, Wildlife World and Ocean World in Sydney such as kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, cassowaries and wombats, etc. We also touched the shark eggs with bare hands in Aquarium



and Ocean World, explored the crocodiles in the Daintree River, appreciated the whales' playing in the Pacific

Ocean, identified the sex of crabs in the mangroves, observed the small penguins in Philip Island, watched sheep shearing in

Paradise Farm, looked for glow worms and fed possums in the national park at night. Moreover, we sat in the glass -made submarine to watch

a variety of beautiful corals, fishes and



other underwater species in the Great Barrier Reef. Oh! The wildlife animals and fishes were really very lovely!

The first time that we enjoyed many new wonderful activities in Australia. In the Australian National Maritime Museum, we specially visited the real military submarine to understand its structure and facilities inside. Besides, we rode on Army Ducks which could travel both on land and river to explore the tropical rainforest, appreciate Pamagirri Aboriginal dances and cultural displays and learn to play the boomerang from them in the World Heritage Rainforest. Not only did we take the world's steepest railway – Katoomba Scenic Railway in the Blue Mountains, we also traveled across the Daintree River by the vehicle ferry in which we still could stay in the tour bus without getting off. Furthermore, the sky in Gold Coast was so clear that we could have star observation such as Venus and Galaxy in the national park during midnight. We also visited the world's highest tower in a service apartment called Eureka in Melbourne. In addition, as May had cow milking in Paradise Farm while Roger, Melody and Fred experienced snorkeling although the water was a little bit cold in the Great Barrier Reef. Melody and Fred were so happy to play in the Movie

World. It was so lucky that Roger still could pan for some minute slices of REAL gold in the diggings of the

Sovereign Hill which was a famous gold mining site in the past. Oh! What new wonderful activities that we enjoyed!

The first time that we appreciated the sunrise in the Gold Coast. Gold Coast is well-known for the beach since the



sand was very smooth and its coastal line was the longest in the world. Our hotel was very close

to the famous tourist site - Surfers Paradise in the Gold Coast. On 13 August 2010 we got up early and walked towards the beautiful beach -Surfers Paradise to observe the gradual transformation of a gloomy sky to a pale yellow water painting and finally emerge the golden resplendent sun. Oh! How powerful and beautiful the sun was!

The first time that Roger & Mar the wine in the vineyards and wine cellars in the Hunters Valley and Melody & Fred had chilly chocolate tasting in the



shop. Dessert wine was May's favourite one as it was very sweet.



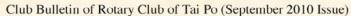
Roger tasted a variety of wines and got a little bit drunk. As children were forbidden to drink wine, they could only play and read books in the gardens.

However, they did not have any complaint as they visited a chocolate shop on the way back to hotel. They found it very interesting when tasting the chilly chocolates. Oh! The wine and chocolate tasting were so interesting!

Although there were many "first time" s in the Australian trip, we still prefer living in Hong Kong to Australia.

Roger So

1	27 Jul	Hong Kong
	28 -1 Aug	Sydney (Youth Summit / Conference)
	2-7	Sydney (School visit, Aquarium, Wildlife
		World, Australian National Maritime Museum,
		Centrepoint Tower, Powerhouse Museum,
		Opera House, Royal Botanic Gardens, China
		Town, Blue Mountain, Ocean World, Manly
		Beach
	8 -10	Cairns (Mangrove, World Heritage Rainforest,
		Kuranda, Great Barrier Reef – Green Island,
ı		Cape Tribulation, Daintree Rainforest)
	11	Brisbane (City Tour) and Gold Coast (Movie
١		World)
١	12 -13	Gold Coast (Paradise Farm, Surfers Paradise,
ı		Glow Worm Watching, Sunrise Watching,
		Whale Watching)
	14 -15	Melbourne (St Patrick's Cathedral, Parliament
		House, Crown Casino, Eureka Tower, China
		Town, Phillip Island, Sovereign Hill, Twelve
		Apostles)
	16 -17	Sydney (Hunters Valley, Fish Market, Bongee
		Beach)
	18	Hong Kong







RI Pres. Visit to Hong Kong and China

Rotary Club trying to change expats-only rule imposed on mainland The mainland's restrictive laws have put a damper on many things: Hollywood films,

Google, Bjork concerts, the closing scene of *Infernal Affairs* and even voluntary services.

Rotary International, which was started in 1905 by three Chicago businessmen and has since spawned 33,000 clubs with 1.2 million members worldwide, hasn't been allowed to operate to its fullest on the mainland because, as Rotary International president Ray Klinginsmith (pictured) says, international NGOs need the support of a government agency.



"We do have two clubs, in Shanghai and Beijing, but we have an agreement with the government to

keep them expat-only," he said. "We're not allowed to have locals in the club.

Now, the Rotarians are trying to change that. Klinginsmith, who is based in Missouri in the United States, flew out this week, stopping in Guangzhou before coming to Hong Kong on Tuesday. "This is a dual-purpose trip," he said. "We visited Guangzhou to meet local voluntary service groups, including government

employees, to discuss the possibility of the Rotary club operating in the usual way, with them."

The other reason, he said, was to thank Rotary's Hong Kong branch for its great service this year.

Hong Kong shares a Rotary district with Macau and – get this – Mongolia. "We distinguish our clubs by district, and we [Hong Kong-Macau-Mongolia] are district 3450," said Jason Chan Chak-wa, the district governor. Next month, district 3450 will be organising a sports carnival for teenagers to celebrate the upcoming Asian Games. Ben Sin

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Intercity Meeting



PP Peter Lam was duly recognized as Major Donor



at Ballroom of Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hotel on 17 Aug 2010















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Tai Po 11/9 Installation

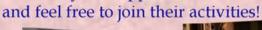
The 13th Installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of Taipo was held on 11 September 2010 at Fincher's Room, Kowloon Cricket's Club. Although it was raining all day long, there were about 60 guests gathered to witness the installation including New Generation Committee Chair PDG Peter Wong, DRC Wendy Mung, PRDC Vincent Ng, KL Cheng and Frederick Ng. Rotary Club of Taipo has shown great support by having 12 Rotarians participated in the event.. There are 4 new members joining the Board this year, they are Jodhy Mak (Vice President), James Cheng (Secretary), Iris Li (International Service Director) and Karen Tong (Professional Development Director). Together with the rest of the Board, they would serve their best to Rotaract Club of Taipo.

Goldi Mak (President), Stanley Siu (Immediate Past President), Jodhy Mak (Vice President), James Cheng (Secretary), Gloria Cheung (Treasurer), Meggy Cheng (Club Service Director), Alex Fan (Community Service Director), Sandra Leung (Community Service Director), Iris Li (International Service Director), Vanessa Cheng (International Service Director), Karen Tong (Professional Development Director)

The Board has planned a lot of thrilling activities this year. For instance, they

planned to organize a joint club event for the Halloween Party, while the community service theme this year is to focus on elderly service, and have contacted Yan Chai Hospital Au Yeung Sum Memorial Elderly Home Cum Day Care Unit (仁濟醫院歐陽 森紀念安老院暨日間護理中心) for visiting service. Here you go for the summary of the year plan.

To show your support to Rotaract Club of Taipo, please get in touch with them









Month	Plan
2010 Sep	Installation on 11.09.2010
Oct	Halloween Party
Nov	Elderly Visit
Dec	Christmas Party
2011 Jan	Dessert-making class
Feb	Elderly visit Cocktail / Sparking Wine Tasting
Mar	WRW: World Rotaract work
Apr	Professional development talk
May	Cocktail course
Jun	Elderly visit
Jul	International services Professional development talk
Aug	International services



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Regular Meetings Club Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (August 2010 Issue)



Mr. Goh Chin Aik(吳進益) Founder of "Goal Change Act" Training introduced to us the special healing power of hypnosis therapy



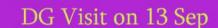
Hon. Sec Roger gave a vote of thanks



Pres. Frankie thanking Mr. Goh for his eye-opening speech



No prize for guessing what PP Jacky won from Kiyama San - a good bottle of sake: what else?!







POINTS SCORED for Membership Challenge

1. Attendance

- attends District meeting like Inter-City meeting(3 points)

- 1.2 attends our regular meeting (1 point)
 1.3 attends 1 make-up meeting (1 point)
 1.4 attends regular meeting of Rotary Club of Central (1 point)
- 2. Service projects/ activities (including community, vocational and service projects/activities)

- attends each service project/activity organised by our District (3 points) attends each service project/activity organised by our club (3 points) attends each service project/activity organised by the Rotaract Club of Tai Po
- attends each service project/activity organised by the Interact Club of Tsun Tsing Christian Academy (3 points)

3. Membership Growth

- brings in one guest* to our regular meeting (2 points)
 brings in one guest to join each service project activity organised by our club/the Rotaract
 Club of Tai Po/the Interact Club of TTCA (2 points)
 proposer whose potential member is successfully inducted as member of our club (30 points)
 the team which loses an existing member (deduct 20 points)
 invites a speaker to our regular meeting (3 points)
 introducing a potential member who is successfully inducted as member of Rotaract Club of
 Tai Po (5 points)

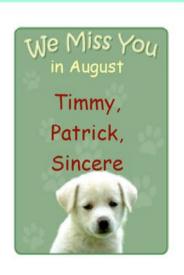
- 4. Rotary Foundation
 4.1 Major Donor (15 points)
 4.2 Paul Harris Fellow (10 points)
 4.3 Substaining member for Paul Harris Fellow (5 points)



August Winners (100% attendance):



Caren Chan, Anthony Hung, Peter Lam, Wilson Lam, Claire Mak, Masayuki Tsubaki, Kenneth Wong, Ada Wu, Frankie Wu, Jacky Sung



On Leave in Aug



Michael Lee

% of attendance of regular meetings (inclusive of make ups)

2nd August (61.9%)

9th August (69%)

17th August (51.7%)

23rd August (65.5%)

30th August (75.8%)



Upcoming Events

1) School Carnival to Welcome 16th Asian Games

25/09/2010 (Sat)	10:30am	Carnival opens with games / information booths
	12 noon	Official Opening
	1:15pm	Welcome Lunch with performance
	4:30pm	Lucky draw
	5:00pm	Carnival ends
	Dress code	T shirt with rotary logo or emblem + pants



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2) Autumn Sea - Land Outing 1st October 2010

1/10/2010 7:30am Coach coming from Kowloon Station - Kowloon Tong - Shatin (Fri)

8:15am Breakfast at Floating Restaurant - Shatin

-Fresh Boiling Congee with Rice Rolls served along with light Dim Sum

9:00am Coach to Sai Kung

9:40am Chinese Yacht to eastern coast and offshore islands

-Enjoy natural landscape, such as sea caves, stacks, arches and inlets

12:00 Lunch at Rocky Island (糧船灣洲) local seafood, especially the sea urchins.

1:30pm Return cruising along the islands at the southern side. Highlight at Tui Chung cave south of Tin Chung Chau.

3:30pm Get on coach at Sai Kung

4:15pm Science Park, Ma Liu Shui

4:45pm 猛鬼橋, Tai Po

5:30pm Hang Heung Bakery touring and shopping, Yuen Long

6:00pm Dining at Tai Wing Wah Restaurant, Yuen Long

Traditional farm dishes

8:30pm Return coach, Shatin - Kowloon Tong - Kowloon Station



Got something to

from you. Write in to

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right to edit articles for length and clarity.







Peter Lam (1st)

Claire Mak (17th)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kenneth Wong (4th) Natalie Kwok (17th)

Wilson Lam (6th)

Man Mo Leung (22nd)

Dennis Lo (8th)

