



SALLY LUK

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

May is Youth Service month in Rotary and Youth will be one of our District focuses in 2021-2022.

Throughout the past 30 years, we have committed to various youth services. "Star Reaching" (摘星計劃) has been one of our club's signature youth projects in Tai Po community since 1995. Despite the COVID 19 pandemics, we together with our long-standing partners - Hong Kong Children & Youth Services (Tai Po District Outreaching Social Work Team) and Tai Po District Fight Crime Committee, successfully held a series of DIY workshops with guests' sharing (伴隨有你) for our youth at risk in Tai Po. The program was highly praised by the participants as they could build up their interests/talent as well as their self-confidence. So, in recognition of our dedication in Caring for the Community, I am proud to announce that Rotary Club of Tai Po has been awarded the Caring Organisation Logo for the year 2020/21 by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service.



On the other hand, unfortunately, no program or organization is invulnerable to crisis or abuse, especially in the context of Youth Service. It is our club's obligation to protect the youth participants from potential abuse and harassment. There is well-documented Rotary Youth Protection Guide from RI. You may also be aware of the initiative from our District in implementing "Rotary Youth Protection Policy for District 3450" from next Rotary year onwards for all youth services and programs.

The scope of "Youth" is much beyond providing service alone. Cultivation of Youth Leaders is of paramount importance as they are our future. Our club has supported the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Gold Level for the year 2020-21. Our Companion Satellite Club Chair Gabriel attended his first District Training Assembly (DTA) last Saturday and he joined the breakout session focusing on Youth. What's new in our district is the proposal of "Junioract"- pilot launching of Junioract Clubs in different of primary schools. This idea is very attractive, and my immediate association was how to link all those things together to make it a continuum: Junioract -> Interact -> Rotaract -> Rotarian. Nonetheless, we could do more to inspire our next generation and allow them to know more about Rotary.



Finally, the upcoming triennial worldwide Rotaract event - Interota 2020 (postponed from last year due to pandemics) would now go hybrid from 5-9 June 2021 with free registration. Let's show our support to our Rotaractors by signing up at the webpage <https://www.interota2020.org>.

With loves,

Sally



# EDITOR SAYS

CLAIRE MAK



Once the Dine-in Social Distancing rules were relaxed, it was like prisons released inmates on parole. A lot of people rushed to restaurants and eateries creating long queues especially on festive days. Our club resumes regular physical meeting but in strict accordance with the other measures in place.

In a way, this reflects sadly on how people in Hong Kong live. Contrasted with people abroad who have time to shop for food after work and cook dinner for the family to enjoy leisurely on the patio or in a relaxed manner; for a normal Hong Kong person who works more than 10 hours a day, s/he would have been worn out when the day is done. There is no longer any energy or mood to go buy food to cook a good meal; and even less opportunity to really enjoy home-cooked dinner in cramped Hong Kong flats.



This is of course a generalisation; but Hong Kong is uniquely constrained by space and time and, during pandemic times, this manifests most starkly on the food and beverage industry. Under the threat of COVID-19 and the ensuing measures to cope with it, the F&B business had collapsed like dominos. Yet, when eateries closed down by the number, at the same time, there appears a regeneration when new ones, smaller in size, sprouted here and there. Further, the food take-away business seems especially promising and it elevated quite a lot in terms of quality and well, price. There are more and more delivery scooters around which means there must be some brisk business. The pandemic actually opens some new opportunities.



When the stringent dine-in restrictions were still in place, in particular, at the time when there was the total ban of no food served in eateries after 6 pm, the food delivery App gathered quite a sizable business. Even a slow learner like me took to ordering food via the food delivery App. The food delivery convenience also offered the feel-good appeal that you are getting the nice cuisine from hotels or brand-name eateries during lock-down times. If you are not entirely sober, you might even overlook the fact that food so delivered actually involved a serious trade-off on presentation and taste. On the flip side of the coin, great chefs in hotels or other eateries also have to live with the fact that by the time the food reached the diners, the dishes they so heartily prepared were heavily compromised in terms of look, smell and taste.



Rotary Opens Opportunities... so does the crisis circumstances. It cannot be denied that in this case of food delivery, opportunities come with a special price. It depends on how you weigh your options.



## ROTARY INFORMATION



PETER LAM

To celebrate its 100th year (2016-17), The Rotary Foundation has recognized 20 global grants that exemplify what a project should be: a sustainable endeavor that aligns with one of Rotary's areas of focus and that is designed in cooperation with the community to address a real need. These noteworthy projects demonstrate how a Rotary club can leverage the resources of the Foundation to do good in the world. Let's take a look at some of them.

### **Supporting Rotary Family Health Days in Uganda**

Area of focus: Saving mothers and children

Host sponsor: Rotary Club of Kiwatule, Uganda, International sponsor: District 5500 (Arizona, USA)

Total budget: \$97,750

Background: A health care summit in Uganda, funded by a district grant, uncovered a need for improved prenatal diagnostic capabilities in rural communities and for better nutrition for expectant mothers.

Scope: A combination global grant provided humanitarian supplies for Uganda's Rotary Family Health Days and a vocational training team for health care workers at the health camps.

Impact: The team trained 23 nurses, midwives, and other health care practitioners to use ultrasound-scanning devices to diagnose abnormalities in pregnancies and other life-threatening conditions.

Fun fact: Ten Rotary clubs in Uganda each adopted a rural health care center.

### **Bringing basic sanitation to a remote village in Colombia**

Area of focus: Providing clean water

Host sponsor: Rotary Club of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, International sponsor: RC of Los Angeles, CA, USA

Total budget: \$38,507

Background: Sanitation facilities in the village of Leticia were nonexistent; residents had to relieve themselves outdoors. Environmental contamination and lack of hygiene contributed to illness among people in the village.

Scope: The Rotary Community Corps in Leticia proposed a project to provide bathrooms – each including toilet, shower, sink, and septic tank – to 25 of the village's 75 homes. University students and Rotarians trained residents in hygiene, food handling, and waste management.

Fun fact: A nearby village has asked the Rotarians to organize an RCC there.

Top tip: Work with an RCC; talk with clubs that have done a similar project; form strategic alliances with universities, local companies, and government officials; and actively involve local Rotary members.

### **Bridging the health care gap in Mongolia with smartphones**

Area of focus: Fighting disease

Host sponsor: Rotary Club of Khuree, Mongolia, International sponsor: Rotary Club of Cheonan-Dosol, Korea

Total budget: \$50,000

Background: More than 300 villages in Mongolia are so remote that access to advanced health services is limited.

Scope: Doctors in 55 villages received smartphones and training in tele-dermatology system thru a user-friendly app.

Fun fact: The app was developed in Mongolia.

### **Fighting malaria with mosquito nets in Venezuela**

Area of focus: Fighting disease

Host sponsor: Rotary Club of Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela. International sponsor: RC of Key Biscayne, Florida, USA

Total budget: \$77,500

Background: Venezuela is facing a malaria epidemic, with the eastern city of Sifontes at the epicenter. Rotarians already had relationships with area residents thanks to a previous Matching Grant project.

Scope: The project distributed 6,000 insecticide-treated bed nets to indigenous communities around Sifontes and provided instructions on how to use them. Local young people, including Rotaractors and indigenous representatives, received training on how to perform house-to-house follow-up visits.

Impact: New malaria cases have been reduced by 60 to 80 percent. Sponsors hope to build on this success in Venezuela and are working on a similar project in Peru.

Fun fact: The project provides custom-made bed nets designed to work with the traditional hammocks used by people in the indigenous communities.



# FLASHBACK

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



## District Training Assembly



2015-16 PE William Yim and his team at District Training Assembly April 2016 in Shatin Jockey Club.



2019-20 PE Sally and her team with PE Joey Cheng and members from baby club RC SoHo at 2020 District Training Assembly (DTA) at Regal Airport hotel. This is probably the first time DTA was held so late in June (same month as District Conference) due to postponement caused by Covid-19.



2013-14 PE Francis Au and his team with 2012-13 DG Kenneth Wong at District Assembly (DA) May 2013 Shatin Jockey Club. This is the last year with old event name DA as in the following year, it was changed to District Training Assembly by RI to better reflect the nature of the event.



2013-14 PE Natalie and her team and 2014-15 DG Belinda Yeung at District Training Assembly in Airport Regal Hotel May 2014. Welcome new face CM Yu joining us!



April 2009 District Assembly at Shatin Jockey Club under then President Armstrong and PE Dennis Lo.



2011-12 PE Tsubaki leading his team including former member the late Kiyama san to attend District Assembly May 2011 at Shatin Jockey Club

## Fishing Adventure in South Sea Oil Fields

Louis Tang

I have heard about fishing in South Sea Oil Fields (“SSOF”) for a long time in the past but only managed to personally experience it during 12 to 14 April 2021 by joining a fishing group. SSOF fishing is very different from fishing in Hong Kong harbour where you can easily shorten your trip and go back home when you are sea sick. SSOF was a fixed trip of 3 days 2 nights and thus once started you had to stay until the end of the journey. I have never had this experience in my life and thus I brought with me the nausea relief tablets to prevent sea sickness.



*This is the best nausea relief tablet.*



*The boat which took us to SSOF.*

We went on board at Lee Yue Mun early in the morning. When I met my friends who were well experienced in fishing I was astonished to find that they brought with them a lot of fishing gear: fishing rod, hooks, strings of different strengths, bail basket, weights etc. when I had none. However it should be fine because I was to be given a set of standard gear by the boat owner. Not desirable but adequate.

It took us 6-7 hours to reach our fishing destination. To play safe, I took one tablet of nausea relief before we started our journey. The sea was much rougher after we left Hong Kong border but I did not feel sea sick. Perhaps the nausea relief was functioning. We finally arrived South Sea in the late afternoon and saw oil wells in front of us. They looked like monsters. The captain was very experienced and anchored at the location he thought was rich in fish. My friends told me that I should not expect too much harvest during day time because not too many fishes did hunting before mid-night. In other words we should be prepared to burn the mid-night oil until dawn. So I slept a few hours immediately after dinner.

Everyone started working at about 23:00 and I heard lots of laughter from guys who fished big fishes. Being a beginner I did not get as many as they did in the beginning. God blessed, I started to get few big ones (shown in the photo) followed by many small ones. To keep them fresh we chilled the fishes in the refrigerator after we killed them. The result of the first night was not too bad and I began to sleep in the morning after breakfast. As mentioned earlier, we did not work too hard on the second day time and we were chatting and drinking beer. I learned a lot of fishing skills from the experts. Most of them were retirees like me and were very relaxed to enjoy life.

We worked again the second mid-night. We were not as lucky as the first night because there were not as many fishes and we were expelled a few times by the oil field police. We moved from one oil well location to another a few times and did not get good harvest. I stopped working early due to poor harvest and because we had to return Hong Kong the following morning.



*Fishing was a test of my patience.*



*My first big fish, 紅油.*



*Followed by a 雞魚.*



*Followed by a big eel.*



*How tasty was the sashimi 紅油.*



The above was the combined harvest of our group, plenty of varieties, 雞魚, 紅油 鱒紅 石綁 劍魚, 石班, you name it. My friend did quite well and got more than 200 pounds. Mine was very little just some 20 pounds.

We arrived Hong Kong early afternoon of the third day. It was so enjoyable that I told my friends that I will join them in July 2021.

## Global Grant 2012683 - Covid-19 Pandemic Humanitarian Project Donation of DPI (PPE) to organizations operating in the City of Modena, Italy

Kenneth Wong

Rotary humanitarian service knows no borders. This is especially relevant for Rotarians amidst the onslaught of a Coronavirus pandemic which also knows no borders. Rotary humanitarian service knows no borders. This is especially relevant for Rotarians amidst the onslaught of a Coronavirus pandemic which also knows no borders.

For almost two years, the world has been crippling and ravaging by the once in a century calamity, the Covid-19 pandemic which is seriously impacting on the health and livelihood of people from all nations on earth, so we are all in this fight together.

Rotary International - a service organization with a huge network of 1.2 million strong caring Rotarians around the world is well positioned to participate in this global fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is clear that the wearing of good quality protective masks and enforcing stringent social distancing practices are effective means to protect human from contracting Covid-19 infections and the further spreading of the diseases.

Ever since the onset of the pandemic when the supply of protective masks was scarce, Rotarians of D3450 have been quick to react and have donated over 600,000 masks to many "Not for profit organizations" in Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia that were in desperate need of masks.

The idea of GG 2012683 to donate 230,000 (level 2 and level 3) masks for hospitals and homes for the elderly in the City of Modena, Italy emerged with a phone call from one of our long serving Rotarian who came from the City of Modena, Italy, enquiring if there were any spare masks still left that our district could donate to the City of Modena where Covid-19 pandemic was rampant.

This phone call led to a series of zoom meetings with the club President and members of Rotary Club of Modena from D2072 which laid the foundation for implementing GG 2012683.



*The first of many zoom meetings which laid the foundation for GG2012683.*

The host club of this global grant is RC Modena with RC Metropolitan Hong Kong being the international partnering Rotary Club. PDG HW Fung and PP Ambrose Wong served as contacts. I was privileged to serve as international contact of D3450 coordinating the execution of GG 2012683.

This global grant is funded by D3450, D2072 together with 8 Rotary Clubs from our district namely RC Metropolitan HK, RC Tai Po, RC of Tsuen Wan, RC of Kowloon East, RC of E club Tamar, RC of Wanchai, RC of Hong Kong South, RC of New Territories, Rotary Club of Modena D2072 and Rotary Club of Hope Island from D9640, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

**Rotary club of Tai Po in particular has contributed US\$6,000 by way of Paul Harris Fellow donation, including one PHF from President Sally, two PHFs out of our weekly Raffle prize sale proceeds in recognition of the outstanding services rendered to RCTP by IPP KF and VP Danny. The remaining three PHFs was donated by yours truly.**

DDF Contributions from the two districts and all the above-mentioned Rotary Clubs together with matching fund from the Rotary Foundation, a whopping US\$71,000 was raised for the purchase of masks from a reputable medical mask supplier from Beijing, China as well as the cost of airfreight from Beijing to Modena, Italy.



After much effort, the shipment of 230,000 protective masks arrived the City of Modena, Italy in end February 2021 and was delivered to the City Mayor's office for onward distributions to hospitals and homes for the elderly in Modena.

In a ceremony upon receipt of this shipment of masks, Mr. Gian Carlo Muzzarelli, Mayor of the City of Modena gave speech and press interview conveying deep gratitude on the generosity of Rotarians from D3450, D2072, D9640 and our combined efforts to fight Covid 19 pandemic.

We are truly grateful to Rotary districts, Rotary Clubs and Rotarians involved, all of them have donated generously towards this global grant. Together, they have personified the spirit of Rotary in serving communities near and far.

The following project flyer illustrates names of all the contributing Rotary Districts, Rotary Clubs from D3450 and D2072 and in particular Rotary Club of Hope Island in D9640, Gold Coast, Australia. This GG makes it a truly international effort in the fight against Covid-19.



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Rotary Club Modena  
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Dear friends,

We are delighted to accept the generous donation of PPE from the Rotary Clubs in Hong Kong.

In this moment of great emergency it is particularly precious to be able to count on the activation of help and support networks.

In my personal capacity in the municipal administration of Modena and all the citizens of Modena, I therefore want to thank the Rotary Clubs in Hong Kong and the Rotary Club Modena for this extraordinary intervention in favor of our community.

We are naturally available to offer all the necessary support for the customs clearance of the goods upon arrival in Bologna, in particular it would be useful to have all the details of the shipment in order to be able to monitor and control the final destination through the Civil Protection.

Gian Carlo Muzzarelli Sindaco di Modena



PP Giamarco of RC Modena with all 230,000 protective masks arrived Milan Airport end February 2021.



Mayor of the City of Modena Gian Carlo Muzzarelli addressing the media.



Rotarians from RC Modena at the masks handover ceremony.

## Wine and Paint Night Hosted by Rotaract Club of Tai Po

30 April 2021  
Henry Yau, President RACTP

Yes you heard it! Beside working overtime during the week, we young people also like to indulge ourselves in a decent glass of wine and a paint brush on a Friday night!



The oversubscribed two-hour event was organised on the 30th of April (Fri) at the art studio Studio 83 in Central. Aside from extending our invitation to our members, many friends of Rotaractors, former members of the Club, and sons and daughters of Rotarians from RCTP also attended a truly relaxing evening. In order to enable us to bring out the artistic talent hidden within us, the instructor-led event came with a choice of bubbles, red or white wine, served with a selection of delicious European cheese and Italian ham.



As participants warmed up at the start of this ridiculously bourgeois event, Henry began by welcoming everyone, including our special guests Wilson Woo, DRR Alan Yip and ADRR Lok Chi. He kept his speech short and promised that he would deliver the message on the event poster: "join us for an exceptionally chill night". Afterwards, participants were able to choose from a range of print-outs of drawings or googled their desired art piece as inspirations, and paint with the provided acrylic paint and canvas.



Remember when your classmates assured you that they haven't revised but were still able to receive excellent test results – this was exactly what happened! Despite most participants said they were either "the worst painter of the family" or "haven't painted in 8 years", they somehow produced incredible paintings suitable for display at national galleries or prestigious auction houses. Some have chosen to paint tropical creatures such as parrots; others painted modern art inspired by Picasso-like drawings, as well as adopted more abstract early-20th century expressionist technique on their artwork. Moreover, some have even opted to paint contemporary creations of animated characters and pieces. In fact, one can only look at the photos attached to see the various wonderful productions of the night.



The event was a great success and it was truly remarkable for so many to meet and be able to rekindle the spirit of the Club. Special thanks to Wilson Woo (also voted as best painter of the night by fellow participants) for sponsoring some of our exquisite European cheese and Proseccos, and Studio 83 for hosting us for the special night. I also want to express my appreciation for the event's working group: Rebecca Ng (Club's marketing director), Katherine So (community service director), and Julia Chan (professional development director) for their effort in putting this event together.



## Why a 600-tonne Steel Ball on top Taipei 101?

Ryan Yu, son of Rotarian C M Yu



### Tuned Mass Damper at Taipei 101

Suspended by cables on the 90<sup>th</sup> floor of Taiwan's tallest building, it makes the massive steel ball one of the largest pendulums in the world. People from around the world travel to this tower to visit one of the most iconic tourist attractions in the country. But why would the designers spend \$4 million USD to make a pendulum at the top of Taipei 101?

In reality, there is a practical reason behind this. In fact, without this engineering decision, Taipei 101 could not have even existed. This short article gives a brief

introduction to one of the many amazing designs which allow structures to be ever growing so that more people can appreciate the beauty of the buildings that are around us.

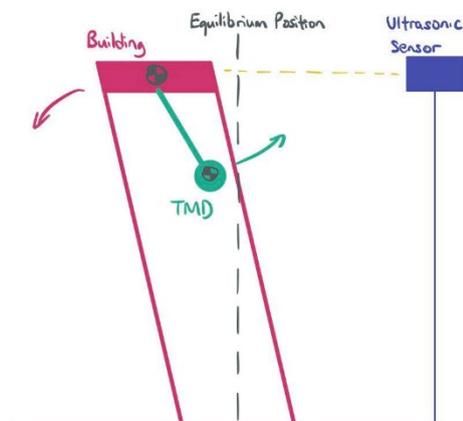
Buildings are not stationary structures. When subject to a force such as strong winds, they are designed for small amounts of movements. But imagine you are a resident in the penthouse of a skyscraper. The movements are amplified at the top of the building. And even though the skyscraper is designed for this, you may be slightly disturbed by the creaking of the steel beam above your head, if not already nauseous from the rhythmic swaying while trying to enjoy your dinner.

But as proud engineers, nothing stops us from building higher and higher, even if we are in Taipei and situated only 200 meters from a major tectonic fault line. This is where our bright minds came up with an idea of implementing a very heavy object which moves in the opposite direction to counteract the movement of the building, hence the birth of Tuned Mass Dampers (TMDs). Something as simple as a heavy metal block resting on springs and hydraulic dampers is an example of a TMD. They are usually not good looking and are traditionally installed within buildings so that it would be hidden from our sight.

As an aspiring engineer, I have great interest in conducting my own experiments to test such theories and learn more about it. As a result, for a personal investigation in my high school days, I have made my own model to simulate this phenomenon. My model (*Figure 1*) consisted of a structure made of metal structure steel as the "building", and a pendulum suspended onto it as the TMD. The pendulum is resisted, i.e. there is friction on the pivot of the pendulum such that it creates resistance to the moving pendulum (*Figure 2*). This is important as it is the main way to take away energy from the moving building in the form of heat.



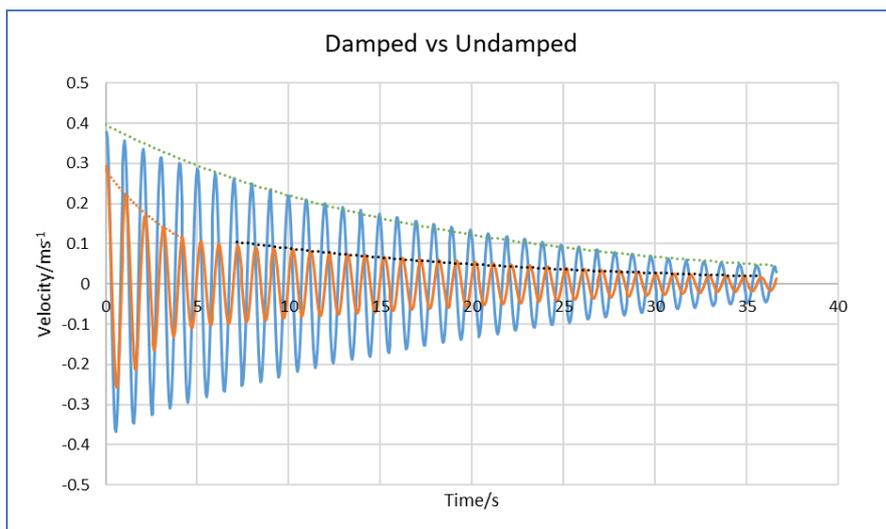
*Figure 1 – My model of the building and pendulum tuned mass damper*



*Figure 2 – Illustration of model in action. The ultrasonic sensor measures the velocity of the top of the building and inputs the data to create the graph in Figure 3.*

I explored the correlation between the reduction in movement of the building (i.e. the damping ratio of the building) with and without a TMD. What I wanted to prove was the significance a resisted pendulum can make in the reduction of movement over time, as shown in figure 3.

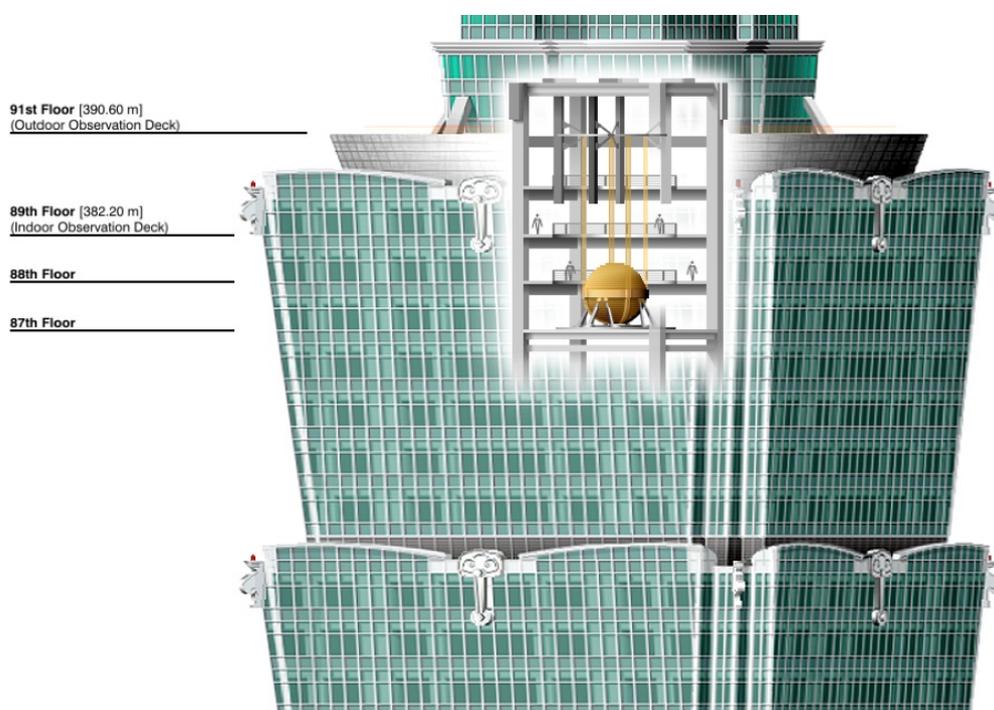
Figure 3 – The graph shows the velocity of the top of the tower over time. Positive velocity can be taken as the tower moving towards to the right. The periodic movement shows that the building swaying from left to right.



The blue line represents the movement of the building without TMD. As you can see, the building naturally dissipates energy from internal friction of the structure. On the other hand, the orange line represents the movement with the pendulum swinging. The pendulum’s momentum counteracts the movement of the building by moving in the opposite direction. Comparing both graphs, the maximum speed of the building at 4 seconds with TMD is roughly 50% less than the one without.

As you may have guessed, the 660-tonne metal sphere at the top of Taipei 101 is exactly one of these. It is in fact the heaviest TMD in the world. Installed with steel cables and hydraulic dampers, the pendulum can move 1.5 meters in any direction, reducing the swaying of the tower by up to 40%. Moreover, it is the first of its kind to combine both the practicality as well as an aesthetically pleasing design to exhibit for the world to appreciate.

The engineers for this design revolutionised the way we can turn something which is traditionally hidden away to become a special landmark for everyone to appreciate. It is no wonder that tourists from around the world come to admire the beauty of this engineering feat.



Taipei 101. Taiwan’s most iconic building

# Rotary Opens Opportunities for YoD Closing Event

17 April 2021

James Cheng and Viola Chow, Rotary Satellite Club of Tai-po-Companion



Despite the increase in awareness towards Special Education Needs (SEN) children in recent years, there is still a lack of inclusion of SEN youths across all fields. Many obstacles and misunderstandings remain with employers and the general public that limit opportunities for SEN youths. As reported in

a recent study by the Equal Opportunities Commission, 63% of employers in Hong Kong have expressed reluctance in hiring someone with disabilities in the coming five years with the belief that extra training, supervision and/or environmental or institutional modifications may be needed to accommodate these youths.

Rotary District 3450 has identified this problem early on and has been implementing different service projects to arouse the awareness of employers and the general public on workplace inclusion, so that every SEN youth can live and participate in an accepting and inclusive environment. Following the successful conclusion of the event "Unlock Untapped Potential Unleash Unlimited Opportunities for SEN Youth – Forum and Photo Exhibition" in May 2019, passionate Rotarians and Rotaractors teamed up to bring forth a campaign to rekindle public awareness towards SEN youths.

Featuring 6 months of skills training, job simulation workshops, job matching and internship experiences, this year's event "**Rotary Opens Opportunities for Youth of Differences**" provided corporations and SEN youths (hereafter referred to as Youth of Differences "YoD's") with the perfect tools and platform to collaborate and understand each other under the guidance of experienced Rotarians and professionals.

Against the backdrop of the COVID19 pandemic characterised by social distancing and online events, the closing ceremony of the event was fittingly held while abiding by the restrictions of 30 persons-limit in the indoor location of The Center in Central on 17 April 2021. The ceremony was divided into 2 sessions – the 1<sup>st</sup> session for all Rotarians and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for Corporate and YoDs.



The 1<sup>st</sup> session was graced by the presence of District Governor Dr Eric Chak, Professor Kenneth Sin from the Education University of Hong Kong, and over 10 presidents and representatives from various Rotary clubs in our District. Video footage showing the highlights of the 6-month event and a heartfelt sharing from one of the beneficiaries was closely followed up by presentations of certificates of appreciation to the honourable guests. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session followed a similar format and was rounded up with certificate presentation to 17 corporations.

A concurrent photo exhibition covering the positive experiences of YoDs thriving in disability-confident workplaces meticulously initiated by Rotarians Viola Chow and Gary Yeung of the Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po-Companion was also well received by all participants.



Participants of the closing ceremony brought home (and to their respective clubs) with them mask holders designed by a girl with Spinal Muscular Atrophy as souvenirs. The rainbow and clouds featured on the design signifies the hope and positive outlook of what the future holds for our growing number of SEN youths, and how the Rotary family strives to be the rainbows in the clouds of YoDs and their families.



**19 April 2021**

**REGULAR MEETINGS**



Pres. Sally had a busy time catching up distributing various souvenirs to members which had been stalled by our club not having physical meetings for some time.



Welcome back PP Dennis to our physical meeting. It is good to have our sergeant-at-arms back in real action once again: maintaining good order and promoting raffle draw sales.



Welcome a full table of our 2<sup>nd</sup> generation to the meeting: Bernice, Flora, Alaric and Ryan.



IPP KF gave an introduction of Speaker Mrs. Peggy Chan who is a seasoned Marriage and Family therapist.



PP Dennis gave Mrs. Chan a Vote of Thanks on behalf of members.



On the topic “與青少年子女同行成長路” Mrs. Peggy Chan gave a presentation from various points of view including trusting relationship, equality of treatment, managing expectation etc. The key take-away point is a need to show empathy and respect.



Bebe was the lucky winner of a nice boxset of dried sea food chosen by Rotarian CM Yu for raffle draw.

## 26 April 2021



Members observed the social distancing rules and gathered in groups of no more than 4 at the pre-meeting mingling.



Long time no see Louis. Welcome back!



Speaker of the evening is our own VP Danny Lau. His topic on "Moral Dilemma" and subtitled "The confession of a philosophy teacher" attracted our full attention. This was especially so when he peppered his speech with various morally challenged scenarios for us to make decisions: given a choice would you steer a train to run into 5 persons on the left or 1 person on the right? Would you sacrifice one big fellow to save 5 others? The million dollar question: Who would you rescue in a drowning situation: your mum or your wife? We were still left pondering when he ended on the high note about the qualities he looks for when choosing his future son-in-law – he who shies away from confronting the question or he who wriggles his way around question or he who thinks through and faces the question. Interesting!



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to CM! Happy birthday to you.



The 5 books entitled "The Courage to be Disliked" given out by PP Frankie for raffle draw benefitted lucky winners Anthony, Peter, William, Trix and Louis.

Danny's philosophical talk inevitably generated a lot of questions and so Louis, KF, Sally and Kenneth fired right away.

## 10 May 2021



The much anticipated talk by PP Peter has attracted overwhelming interest. Some members and spouses who seemed to have been hibernating turned up and offered good red box, making it a particularly cheerful occasion. Of course PP Peter also generously paid red box.

We have 2 guests with us. Mr. Stanly Sy (invited by PP William) is seen claiming from PP Natalie his raffle draw prize which he won at the zoom meeting when he was speaker. PP Vikky invited Mr. Jules Jiu and this is his third visit to us.



Speaker PP Peter Lam put in a lot of effort and took us on a tour round the history and interesting anecdotes about **3 Unique but Imported Japanese Food & Beverage Culture**. To demonstrate his first hand understanding of **Ramen, Curry and Coffee**, he showed us photos of the selected restaurants which he had visited in Japan and described the noteworthiness of each of them or quirky aspects which we have to watch out. He also brought his valuable collection of books and tapes. Towards the end, in order to address our yearning caused by inability to travel to Japan, Peter handpicked a few local Japanese Ramen, Curry eateries and Coffee shops to recommend as suitable comparable.



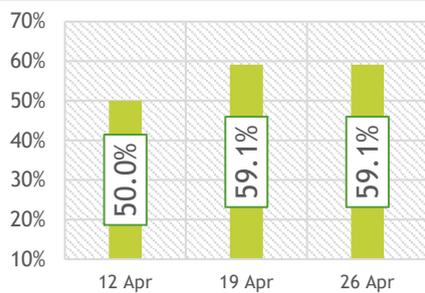
To coincide the Speech on Japanese culture, PP Vikky offered a full array of Japanese food produce for raffle draw and lucky PP Dennis took home the basketful of food items.

PP Peter also offered Japanese curry and food stuff for an extra raffle draw. PP Charles emerged the winner.

RAC Taipo Pres. Henry updated us on the latest at his club and also thanked PP Peter for his support to RAC Taipo.

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**APRIL 2021**



Average attendance: **56.06 %**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
17 MAY (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: A name card size COVID 19 laboratory Speaker: PP William Yim	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui
23 MAY (SUN)	10:00	11 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Bowling Tournament for all cum 10 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Blind Bowling Tournament	South China Athletic Association, 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay
24 MAY (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: E-learning Project in China Speaker: Dr Chow Man Kong	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui
31 MAY (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: Aviation Speaker: Ms. Tracy Yeung	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui
5 JUN (SAT)		Interota 2020 Hong Kong	On-line
19 JUN (SAT)		61 <sup>st</sup> District Conference	Regal Airport Hotel, 9 Cheong Tat Road, Hong Kong

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