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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our AGM was held on 6 Dec 2019. We reviewed what we have fulfilled in the first-half of Rotary Year 2019-20 under the leadership of P Gabriel Wong. We also confirmed Rtn Grace Yu as President-Elect, who will be leading the club in 2020-21. Many congrats to PE Grace!

Under the theme of "Together We Connect" this year, P Gabriel invited each member to share their joys and difficulties over the past few months. This warm sharing time connected us more closely in this Rotary family and enhanced the bonding in the team. It reassured us to follow Rotary spirit of Service Above Self, no matter what challenges we are going to face.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Readers,

It feels surreal that I am writing this as I'm wrapping up the sixth month as President of the Club; in other words, I am halfway through the Rotary Year!

Not to say that these past six months have been a walk in the park. Quite the contrary. Hong Kong has experienced much turmoil over this time, and it would be disingenuous to say that this has not had an impact on the Club's conditions. With the very full Rotary calendar, activities inevitably had to be rescheduled and/or cancelled as a result of the protests all around town.

That said, we do try to be as innovative as we can so that life goes on and (Rotary) business can continue as usual. Choosing relatively peaceful days and areas for rescheduling our board meetings, and in one case, meeting our social enterprise service partner by teleconference so we would not need to delay our monthly consultation further. We believe that perseverance is needed to keep up our Service Above Self, especially in the face of unpredictable social conditions.

Thus, I see it as a triumph and great achievement for our team to have completed the planned activities for the last quarter, including our two service projects partnering with the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital. The next six months will be ever more eventful and likely just as challenging, but I feel optimistic as we have already come so far. I also have great faith in our President-Elect Grace Yu, who will soon start her President-Elect Training in the coming quarter. Meanwhile, enjoy reading!

Yours in Rotary,

Gabriel Wong
President 2019-20
Rotary Club of Innovation Hong Kong
Rotary International District 3450

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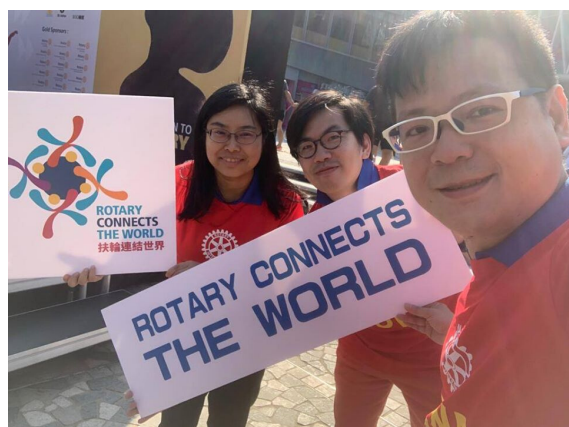
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DISTRICT EVENTS

End Polio Walk & Family Fun Walk 2019



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years, and helping to reduce polio cases by more than 99.9%.

To celebrate World Polio Day on 24 October and raise funds to support the continuing efforts by Rotary International to End Polio in the last three countries in the world, P Gabriel led our club members in the “End Polio Walk & Family Fun Day 2019”, held by Rotary International District 3450 on 19 October 2019 to raise public awareness to keep supporting on this campaign. Our club was a proud Silver Sponsor for the event, and, together with other Rotarians, we painted the town red with our eye-catching tees as we took a 3.5km scenic walk around the peak along Lugard Road. Ending a disease is a massive effort, we are proud of contributing to this as Rotarians!

DISTRICT EVENTS

Rotary People of Action Photo Competition

"A Picture is worth a thousand words!" Photos of Rotarians in action are a great way to spark awareness and conversation about Rotary. To prove it, we submitted our first club People of Action photo as a support to the District 3450 2019-2020 PoA photo competition. This photo was taken at the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital, at their annual Charity Fair (see page 5).



RYLA 2020

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a Rotary International youth programme which provides a unique opportunity for leadership skill development and connection.

Under the leadership of CP Alvin, who serves as RYLA Chair this year, our club is a proud gold sponsor, and part of an enthusiastic and dedicated organizing committee of this meaningful youth service. Eligible youth are being recruited right now to join the 4-day training camp including a full day workshop organized by the Hong Kong Design Centre. Successful applicants will be announced by mid January 2020.



Rotary District 3450 rotary youth leadership awards

30 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY 2020

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2020

An intensive leadership training program organized by Rotary District 3450 since the mid-1980s, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is dedicated to foster young participants' leadership skills and to build connections among peer groups.

Award of best RYLarian
Participation in the LEAD North America Conference (all expenses covered) at Washington, D.C. in July 2020

Eligibility

- Age between 16-29 (by 30 January 2020)
- Citizen of Hong Kong, Macao, Mongolia or People's Republic of China
- Have good command of English
- Commit to serve the community
- Active in extracurricular activities or non work-related

Deposit: HKD\$500
Application form: <https://forms.gle/NGRabs3pHZG7NbA97>
Application deadline: 30 December 2019 23:59 (UTC +8)

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sandy Bay Charity Fair at DKCH

As people of action, we are always eager to promote love and caring in the community and bring about transformational change. For the third year running, we continue to dedicate ourselves to the Charity Fair hosted by our long-time service partner, the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital, on 2 November 2019. We took action to transform boxes of goods into funding for valuable hospital equipment, and in doing so, connected the community to support the needy.

TOGETHER, we TRANSFORM! TOGETHER, we take action!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital Christmas Party

The last service project for year 2019, as always, was concluded with the annual Christmas party at The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay on 25 December 2019.

Our club members have volunteered at this annual event for over a decade, and the club has been a co-organizer every year since chartering in 2017. The Christmas Party brings joy to the patients and their families, allowing them to celebrate in spite of their physical conditions which pose restrictions on their mobility.

This year, in addition to having P Gabriel Wong and Rtn Julia Tse as the party MCs, we were delighted to bring a team of autistic youth, from our service partner Heep Hong Society STAR Resource Centre, to perform and display the Kendama skills acquired during our club's service project from the previous year. Another group of performers we recruited was the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power Chinese Orchestra, whose players include disabled and wheelchair-bound individuals, some of whom previously received treatment at this very hospital. After the party, our club members, together with their families, friends and the kendama team, distributed presents and happiness around the wards: we hope to make every patient in the hospital feel loved and special during this festive season.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Social Enterprise Partner Project

We continued to connect monthly with our service partner Hoholife, a local social enterprise offering lifestyle products to serve the elderly, under the District Service Project Social Enterprise Doctor (SEDHK) that started in Rotary Year 2018-19. We have explored together with them new marketing and branding strategies, in light of the challenges faced by the retail sector across Hong Kong. We also visited their booth at the Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit 2019, where they showcased innovative elderly products such as walking sticks with alarms that can alert others in the event of a fall.



Online Mental Health Course Project

The Joint Club Project, together with RC of Mid-Level, Star Avenue, Peninsula and Shatin, and in partnership with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Christian Family Service Centre, has made good progress over the last quarter. The production of the videos, the course materials to be used to promote mental health awareness of youth as well as education stakeholders, are being completed, and the course will initiate a soft launch in select secondary schools after Chinese New Year.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

District 10th Rookie Stars Street Dance Contest

Our club is proud to be one of 10 co-organizer clubs of this year's Rotary D3450 Rookie Stars Street Dance Contest, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary. A meaningful programme providing street dance training to special education and underprivileged students, while also attracting international participants from 10 countries around the world, Rookie Stars continues to scale new heights. Our club is sponsoring a school street dance team from TWGHs Tsui Tsin Tong School, and our members have been invited to visit them during their training. It was rewarding to witness how the youngsters were so motivated to train, even though they were new to street dance. In speaking to the students as well as the principal and teacher at the school, we learned of the challenges faced, the confidence built, and the enthusiasm and positive feedback shown by the students, the parents and the school. They have shown great progress after 2 months of training, and we look forward to seeing them shine at the contest to be held on 23 February 2020.

10th
Rotary D3450 ROOKIE STARS
第十屆扶輪新星街舞比賽
Street Dance Contest

總獎金
Total Cash Prize: HK\$49,000

主辦機構 Hosted by:
Rotary District 3450
Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point

協辦機構 Co-organized by:
Rotary Club of Shau Kei Wan
Rotary Club of Channel Islands
Rotary Club of Discovery Bay
Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East
Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West

贊助機構 Sponsors:
NEC Hong Kong Limited
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GUEST SPEAKERS ON REGULAR MEETING

Dr William Yu



We were delighted to invite Dr. William Yu, the Founder and CEO of World Green Organization, to provide us an insightful talk on his innovative viewpoint of conservation.

He noted environment protection should not be limited to traditional concepts of “less consumption”, “waste reduction” and “recycling”. Contemporary conservation must be integrated with the economy and people’s livelihoods, which focuses on carbon emissions, carbon footprints and energy poverty. From the viewpoint of Dr. Yu, wiser allocation of society’s resources is the easier way to reduce wastes under the utilization of big data. His talk not only connected us to the environment, but also reassured us, as a green club, how innovation can be leveraged for the greater good of humanity.



GUEST SPEAKERS ON REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Paul Chan



It was an amazing storytelling night presented by our guest of honor Mr. Paul Chan, the Co-founder and CEO of Walk in Hong Kong, in our regular meeting on 26 November 2019.

Mr. Chan shared with us his innovative journey and passion in promoting Hong Kong culture through unorthodox themed local tours rooted in local people's life and local heritage. The new and authentic tourist experiences not only attracted tourists' likes, but also made social impact to advocate heritage conservation in Hong Kong.



GUEST SPEAKERS ON REGULAR MEETING

Mr Alfred Sit



It was our honour to have Mr. Alfred Sit, JP, Director of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, to be our guest speaker in our regular meeting on 17 December 2019.

We were grateful for the humorous sharing by Mr. Sit on his dream of using innovation to create a better world for the community. Innovation can represent social need; it comes from daily life. From elevator safety to smart public toilet concept to chilling plants, Mr. Sit showed us how technology knowledge combining with innovation ideas could benefit our lives. He inspired us that a true leader should have the courage to innovate and the ability to motivate the team to do so as well.



FELLOWSHIP EVENT

OKTOBERFEST 2019



Even the unforeseeable social incidents and circumstances could not stop our gathering, Fellowship must go on! We were delighted to have DGN Keith Chow joining our annual Oktoberfest fellowship night, with nice German food and beverage as well as great company and conversation, at King Ludwig Beerhall in Causeway Bay on 17 October 2019.

MANDALA PARTY

We were so excited to invite PP Shirley Lam to guide our members and friends to experience mindfulness through mandala drawing in our fellowship gathering on 1 December 2019.



Every participant created their own unique mandala patterns, and at the same time enjoyed the moment connecting to their inner selves by following own pacing and focusing on personal space during the drawing.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019



A fun Christmas party full of games, food and drinks was held to connect our members and their family and friends on 21 December as the final fellowship event of calendar year 2019.

We were delighted to have our 4th Innovation Baby Alyssa, child of member Aki Wong, join our party this year. Everyone enjoyed the gathering time with laughter and rooftop BBQ, and went home with a special present too.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Events

28 Jan 2020: Chinese New Year Lunch
1 Mar 2020: Laser Tag Experience Day
29 Mar 2020: Super Park Fun Day

Service Events

28 Mar 2020: Easter Egg Hunt with Autistic Kids

Regular Meetings

10 Jan 2020: 3rd Anniversary Party
21 Jan 2020: How are the latest Artificial Intelligence innovations shaping the world? - Mr. Martin Liu
25 Feb 2020: International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians - PDG Eric Chin
24 Mar 2020: Zone Institute - PDG Eugene Fong

District Events

18 Jan 2020: District Vocational Day
30 Jan - 2 Rotary Youth Leadership
Feb 2020: Awards (RYLA) camp
11 Feb 2020: Inter-City Meeting
16 Feb 2020: Rotary Ultramarathon
23 Feb 2020: Rookie Stars Street Dance Contest and Education
7 Mar 2020: President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) 1

Celebration of our third Anniversary!

We are going to celebrate our Club's 3rd Anniversary on the evening of 10 January 2020! We would like to share our joys and gratitude with those whom we have connected with during this wonderful journey.



Regular Club Meetings

- Every 4th Tuesday 7:00pm
LINGNAN CLUB
12-13/F, On Lok Yuen Building, 25 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong
- Every 2nd Fri (or a day in the 2nd week) in various places



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