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## President's Message

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Is August a good month to get away? I think so! So many fellow members and families have taken their vacations and enjoyed a relaxing holiday during this hot, hot summer month of August.

## Club Officers

International Service Deputy Chair Rotarian Dr Sally, a soft and gentle person on the outside, is full of passion and responsibility on the inside. Despite her inflexible work schedule that makes it hard for her to attend the meetings on time, she tries her very best to come and to serve.



Sally flew to Manila on 28 August to congratulate our International Service Partner - Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo, on their 23rd Installation Ceremony. She had taken on the very important role of being an ambassador to build a close and strong relationship between our two clubs. Thank you Sally.

Membership Committee Chair & Sergeant-At-Arms PP Dennis is a "do more and talk less" gentleman. I have the same feeling as many of you may have, that "有翺哥, 冇囉嗦"! I feel safe when he's around! And what's more, PP Dennis is a humorous speaker, he can seriously make you laugh.



## Joint Meeting with RC Shatin

Still remember the spicy joint meeting last year? It was so much fun, such a lot to drink and peppered with a lot of friendship. We repeated by holding a joint meeting this year, with familiar faces, an excellent speaker, and of course, more wine. We also had many visitors and doubled raffle draw prizes. We look forward to our next one soon.



## Theme Night - Full Moon Tai Po

Our first Theme Night of this Rotary Year, "Full Moon Tai Po", was filled with sports, riddles and prizes. It was a very relaxing & enjoyable evening. Thanks to Team 3 members for their excellent team work and creative ideas which made it a special meeting for all participants. Thanks also go to Team Leader Jason for the fantastic leadership. Well done Team 3, we appreciate your team spirit.



A big thank you to Mr. Ken Lee, for his kindness in giving 2 Chinese paintings and a Chinese calligraphy for lucky draw. He also did several paintings on-the-spot, including beautiful flower & bamboo paintings.



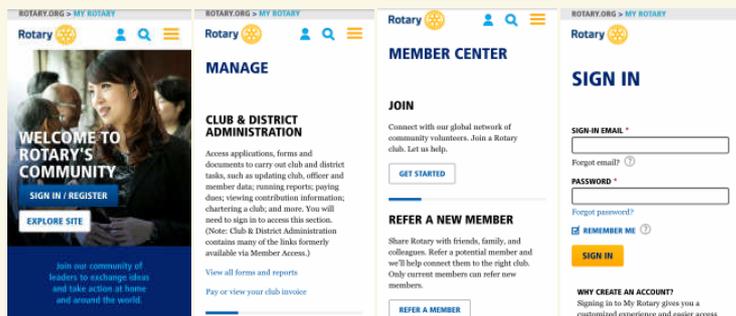
## My Rotary

To have update information, all of us are encouraged to register with the Rotary International website: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/home> For assistance, Web Master Jason will be happy to help out.



## 25th Annual Ball

Preparation for our big party has started. PE William is looking for your support to make the Silver Anniversary a remarkable one. Sure, yes we will do our best, and of course we can!





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RCTP has seen a steady increase in membership in recent years and we are attracting more and more diversified talents. Capable President Vikky structures our club in a way which best exploits the different talents in our members to enhance the club's and its members' interests.



Often "interest" and "talent" got mixed up and are taken as the same when they are in fact different subject matters. For instance, a lot of people like singing but not that many possess the talent in singing. If you doubt this assertion, just go to any karaoke and you will agree. Well, even within the RCTP family where there is no shortage of keen singers, but their singing talents take a wide spread of the spectrum.

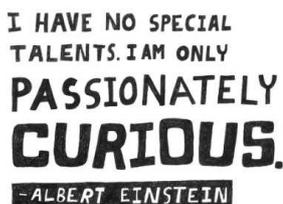
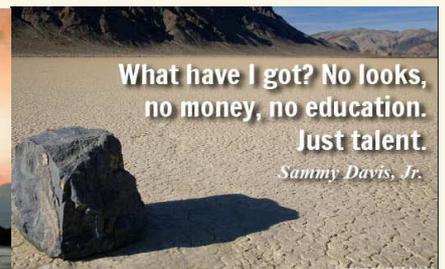
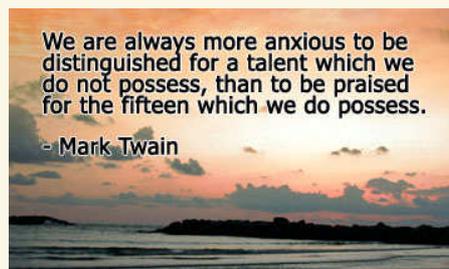
There is certainly no guarantee that when one turns an interest into a vocation, one will (easily) succeed, no matter how convincing it may sound. It is commendable to persevere in doing what one has keen interest; but to go headstrong without realizing that one actually lacks talent in that field can be tragic.



Also, it does not matter if you do not succeed; but it does matter if you do not let go despite failure. Still using the "singing" example: you go to karaoke with a group of friends and you insist on singing and singing and singing despite not having a good voice. It can be a pain to those who went with you and may result in everyone dispersing. Worse, the less civil may jeer at you or make snide remarks. To persist in fulfilling an impossible dream can be potentially hazardous. It may also cloud one's judgment so that one overlooks one's real talent in a particular aspect. The unfortunate result is that the other / real talent can go unexplored and wasted!



What if one's talent is not where one's interest is? He might not like doing a particular thing because it does not interest him; but with his talent, he is doing it well. Because of the good result, he will continue doing it and doing it well. Hopefully, there comes a time when he can afford the time and money, made possible by doing what did not really interest him, to pursue what he is really interested in.



Do not confuse "interest" with "talent". They must be identified clearly. It'd certainly be a huge plus if your talent is where your interest is. In any event, if you are able to exploit your talent, whether you like it or not, you will achieve better results than insisting on doing something which you do not possess the necessary talent to do well.

So, President Vikky, CP Donald, DRC Francis, PP Jacky ... .. do please keep singing ... while I shall keep my mouth shut and enjoy listening. Tai Po has got thou talents!



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This article was first published in our Aug 2005 issue of Tai Post and then in January 2012; but now that we have quite a few new members, especially ladies and our "ladies force" keeps strengthening with two lady Presidents in a row and two new lady members last year, I think it is worth reprinting here with some modifications.

### Inclusion of Ladies in Rotary

Lady members is a big driving force of membership growth in Rotary nowadays and our club is certainly no exception. With bright, charming and service-minded ladies like Vikky, Sally, Dorothy joining our club in recent years, our club now boasts 9 lady members out of 34 (26.5%) which is indeed a significant achievement considering that we only have one when we first started in 1991. We are also excited that Vikky now joins Natalie and Claire (2005-06) to become our club's 3rd lady President and IPP Natalie also brought great honour to our club by being recognized as "Best Club President of the Year (2014-15)"! Of course, we must not forget that our lady spouses have been playing a very active role in supporting various activities of our club so perhaps we can say that our club cannot survive "without the ladies".



But the more senior Rotarians can tell you that in fact Rotary used to be a predominately "man's club" which still happens in many clubs in our District. In fact until 1989 the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. The turning point came in 1978 when the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, invited three women to become members. The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prohibits discrimination of any form in the business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the California court, maintaining that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

In 1989, The Council on Legislation formally changed the RI Constitution with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. Since that time, women have become members and leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world. Our District has also since produced 3 lady District Governors, namely PDG Gloria Cheng from RC Queensway (2002-03), PDG Ada Cheng from RC Wanchai (2009-10) and IPDG Belinda Yeung from RC HK Harbour (2014-15).



Let's give another big cheer & applause to our lady members and spouses: Yeah ladies, we love you all and please help strengthen Rotary with your ladies' power!



Clubs in our District 3450 that are still "men only club":

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| City Northwest HK | HK Bayview   | HK Financial Centre |
| HK Island West    | HK North     | HK Northwest        |
| Kowloon           | Kowloon West | Kowloon East        |
| Kwai Chung        | The Peak     | Tsuen Wan           |



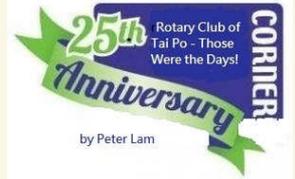
"All ladies" club in District 3450 currently:

- Bayview Sunshine HK

※ RC HK Northeast and New Territories used to be "all men' clubs and Queensway "all ladies" club but they have now included members of both gender.



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As we are approaching our 25th Anniversary next year, let's look back at some old photos and learn about our history. We kicked off our 1st Theme Night of this Rotary year this month so let's review some of our past Fellowship or Theme nights and see what they were like.



*Our club very first fellowship night at Aberdeen Marina Club Aug. 1991*

*Fellowship party at Hong Lok Yuen Country Club Sep. 1993 (check out our first lady member Jenny Chan!)*



*Celebrating members' September birthday at BBQ night in Lee Po Chun School in Pak Shek. Sep.1997*

*Japanese Night at Tonikaku restaurant in Tsimshatsui East 2006*



*Shanghai Night at a restaurant in Central 2006*

*Theme night at Aviation Club in Kai Tak 2007*



*"You Can Cook" Cooking contest Theme Night at Town Gas Cooking Centre, March 2007.*

*Art show Theme Night at an art gallery restaurant in Causeway Bay, May 2010.*

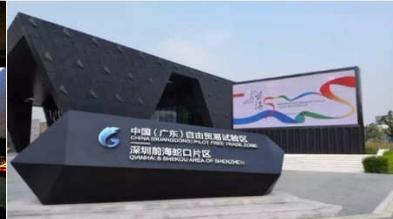
## District Vocational Visit - Qianhai, Shenzhen, PRC on 14th August 2015

William Yim

On 14 Aug 2015, President Vikky and I joined the vocation tour to Qianhai Special Economic Region, together with 45 Rotarians from other clubs. We gathered and departed from Kowloon Tong at 08:30 sharply. The coach crossed the Shenzhen Bay border, and arrived at the Qinghai Exhibition Hall in just 30 minutes.



Dr. Witman Hung, JP, the Principal Liaison Officer for Hong Kong, the Shenzhen Qianhai Authority and the President of Internet Professional Association (iProA), gave us a warm welcome. He made a comprehensive introduction about the development of Qianhai. We followed Witman and had a look at every exhibition stand in the hall. The exhibits were well-prepared, comprehensive and impressive. We explored the exhibition hall which was full of introductory videos and site models. The most interesting spot was a 180 degree grand theater, which shows an awesome video about Qianhai with every memorable moment on display.



Before we left Qianhai District, we visited one of Qianhai's landmarks, the Stone of Qianhai, where Mr. Xi Jinping, the President of the People's Republic of China, held the Qianhai District Opening Ceremony in 2012. It was a photo shooting scene that should not be missed.



Soon the Rotarians were hungry. We headed to a restaurant called "Lao Shaoxing" (老紹興), which serves delicious Shaoxing food. The restaurant manager was generous and served us with a special Shaoxing wine, which was called "Gu Diao" (古雕). It was pasteurized, aged, and filtered professionally. The wine was so extraordinary, we just couldn't stop refilling. Many sommelier-grade Rotarians bought "Gu Diao" to satisfy their desire of wine tasting afterwards.

After finishing the lunch, we visited the first wholly Hong Kong-invested enterprise incorporated in mainland China, C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital. The founder, Dr. Dennis Lam, gave us a detailed presentation about the objectives and achievements of eye hospital, and service projects in progress. It was impressive indeed. Dr. Lam invited us to support the "Project Vision Charitable Foundation", a sustainable poverty alleviation of vision recovery project in China, which aims to set up 100 stations, train 1,000 doctors and completion of one million cases of cataract surgeries for poverty alleviation by 2020.



Then we went back to Hong Kong afterwards and the meaningful visit ended at 18:30. I was so excited, and look forward to participating the next vocational service committee activity of District 3450.



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# Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference 2015

Anthony Hung

## History

The first Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference ("APRRC") was organized in 2004 by PDG Alexander Mak to create a platform for Rotaractors from all countries and territories in the Asia Pacific Region to meet, connect and learn from one another. Over 600 Rotaractors and Rotarians from Brazil, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia attended the conference then.

## 12th APRRC 2015 Yogyakarta, Indonesia

I actually registered to attend this function right after the 2014 APRRC in Hong Kong as I was invited by the Standing Committee as their advisor. Around July 2015, I received an invitation from the current Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran to represent him as his personal representative to attend APRRC 2015 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

I was very glad to return to Yogyakarta as 16 years ago, I attended the District Conferences of my classmate, PDG Mustain Sadjali, the Organizing Committee Chair, at the same hotel where APRRC 2015 was held.

### 7 August 2015 (Day 1)

PDRR Edwina Chung, who helped me to book my ticket, and I left Hong Kong around 9 am and we arrived Yogyakarta around 6 pm local time after flying and waiting for 9 hours. We were picked up by my aide DGE Sadana and his wife together with the Chairman of the Standing Committee, Rotaractor Keng, and Host Committee Chair, Rotaractor Lukkie. We then went to have an authentic Indonesian meal which consisted of mainly fish, my favorite. The dinner was attended by my aide DGE Sadana, a few PDGs and the whole Standing Committee.



### 8 August 2015 (Day 2)

This is the day when all the delegates arrived. On arrival, we need to scan a QR Code in order to receive all the information materials they gave us from time to time. District 3450 got over 40 delegates from Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia. I attended the Standing Committee meeting as their advisor and we finalized numerous items regarding the Leaders' Meeting.

My room was located on the Ground Floor and outside my room was the swimming pool. You just have to go out to the patio and jump into the pool for a swim. This was the only exercise I did every morning.



In the evening, I attended the welcome dinner. The photograph, taken with PDRR Edwina and DGE Eric, shows we sat in a 4-wheeled bicycle which looked like a car.

### 9 August 2015 (Day 3)



This was the day the 12th APRRC opened. The Opening Ceremony was very original and spectacular with a lot of performances, Javanese dance and music. Originally, I was given 5 minutes to speak as RIPPR. Putting on my other hat as their advisor, I told them you need to give the representative at least 15 minutes which I eventually spoke for 20 minutes. The Guest of Honor was the Deputy Minister of Tourism of Indonesia. They had very good breakout sessions but unfortunately, the program overran for nearly 2 hours because instead of having the country report during lunch, they had it after lunch. The breakout sessions only lasted for half an hour which was rather disappointing as this was one of the highlights of APRRC.

I attended the Leaders' Meeting of APRRC 2015. At the meeting, Thailand was chosen as the venue for APRRC 2017. Congratulations to them! Furthermore, a resolution was passed to form an Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Committee to liaise with all districts within the Asia Pacific Region regarding service opportunities and the needs of any Rotaract district on major disaster relief. This was one of the visions of PDG Alexander when he organized the first APRRC.

That evening, I attended the cultural night and the selection of Mr. & Miss APRRC 2015. The purpose of the cultural night was to let each country or territory share their culture with all the participants so that everyone can learn from it.





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District 3450 presented a fashion show with our Rotaractors wearing Qing Dynasty costumes in addition to performing a dance. All the costumes worn by Mr. & Miss APRRC 2015 were designed by a famous local fashion designer. It was truly a beauty contest. Congratulations to Rotaractor Upton from Rotaract Club of Macau who was crowned Mr. APRRC 2015 whilst Miss APRRC came from Thailand.



**10 August 2015 (Day 4)**

We left the hotel for a tree planting activity very early in the morning. This tree planting site was in the former area of eruption of the volcano near Yogyakarta. In 2010, there was a big eruption of Mount Merapi. The eruptions destroyed a vast area up to a few hundred square miles around the volcano. All the conference participants attended this tree planting exercise.



In the afternoon, we went to explore Borobudur Temple, a UNESCO world heritage-listed site. It is a 9th century Mahayana Buddhist Temple.



In the evening, we had our gala buffet dinner at the Prambanan Temple. All the Rotaractors were dressed smartly, men in coats & bow ties and ladies in beautiful gowns.



After the buffet, we attended the Ramayana Ballet Performance at the Prambanan Temple. This was a traditional Javanese ballet. This was followed by the Lampion Wishes on stage which hundreds of lanterns were released to the sky. It was a wonderful experience and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Closing and Post-conference Tour (Day 4)**

The closing ceremonies started an hour late because people have to check out their rooms before coming to the hall. In my closing remarks, I told them 4 words and phrases struck my mind – “rubber time”, “standing up”, “surprise” and “selfie”. “Rubber time” – most sessions did not start on time as scheduled and overran; “standing up” – all Rotaractors had their meals standing up; “surprise” – the program stated in the conference book was different from the actual program; “selfie” – very popular as even I took over 100 selfies during the entire trip.



In the afternoon, I travelled together with members of the Standing Committee to tour the Merapi Volcano. It was an eye opening experience as can be seen from the below photograph.

**11 August 2015 (Day 5)**

My return flight was an evening flight. I spent the whole day with DGE Sadana including having a meeting with Indonesia’s Youth Exchange team. I also attended a “slow food” meeting (slow via fast) and tasted a lot of slow food. Beside that, as a tourist, I also went shopping!!



I left Yogyakarta around 7 pm (8 pm HK time) and after changing plane in Jakarta arrived Hong Kong around 5.30 am the next day. Lastly, I would like to thank members of the Standing Committee of APRRC 2015 especially Chairman Keng from Thailand, my APRRC’s Angels Sylvia from Malaysia, Chantel from Singapore, Midori from Japan and of course our very own PDRR Edwina. They were my ostensible aides especially Sylvia who was with me all the time. I am already looking forward to attending the APRRC 2016 in Kyoto, Japan.



For this time, I did “Blow my mind and discover Indonesia”!



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# The Solace of Oblivion – A Tale of Two Cities Revisited

David Loie

Sept 3, 2015 - when I walked into the room where RC Taipei held their meeting, pictures of some fifteen years ago came flashing back.



I remembered in the year 2000, when I was president of RC Tai Po, we linked up with RC Taipei and began our sister club relations. It was through the assistance of PP Braces of Taipei, my close friend and classmate, who helped to make it happen together with then the president of RC Taipei, Hilton.

It was still vivid to me of the moments we signed the sister agreement. It was the first ever agreement signing in Hong Kong being televised simultaneously between the two clubs meeting in two districts. We held the signing ceremony in the then



Hyatt Regency in TST. I signed the agreement under the backdrop of "TAIPO TAIPEI A TALE OF TWO CITIES." We toasted with Taipei through the screen. I still remembered PDG Uncle Arthur was so excited that day, and said "wow, what an event!"

When I was greeted by an elder member of RC Taipei, he told me he was there when we signed the sister agreement. I was thrilled then. History is kind to us. A lot of people come and go; but the friendship and enthusiasm still remained and, all the more flourished through the efforts between the two clubs and their presidents. I left for Shanghai in 2001 and then spent the next 15 years there.



One footnote or rumour on the Rotary meeting - President of Republic of China Ma Ying-jeou sent his apology saying that he could not attend the Rotary meeting as he was very busy in his hot kitchen. Well, needless to say, CY Leung is also having his fair share jumping on his hot tin roof.

I had a tranquil week in Taipei visiting friends like PP Braces and relatives in Taichung. People in Taiwan gives me the impression that they are more relaxed than us. People in Hong Kong looks tenser in their eyes. I don't know if we are living in a more pressurized city.



A final note, I would like to send my warmest regards to RC Taipei on their 67th anniversary next month, wishing their members good health and good luck. God bless.

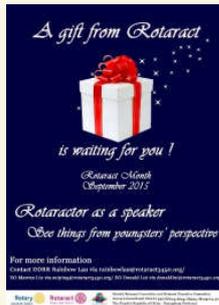


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# Youth Night 7 September 2015

Claire Mak

At the instigation of Youth Chair PP Peter and in line with DRC Francis' new initiative of launching Rotaract Month in September whereby all Rotary Clubs are encouraged to invite Rotaractors to be speakers, RCTP held its Youth Night on 7 September at one of our regular meetings to the benefit of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors of the Tai Po family.



Tai Po Rotaract President Tony announced their upcoming Installation.

## Participants

The meeting sizzled with youthfulness among the whole RCTP family, young and old.

### Rotarians -



Annie won the raffle gift of an Armani perfume given out by Sincere.



PDG Anthony trying to pass off as a Rotaractor Sincere.



WYS Rotaractors Clarence and Tak Shing gave a presentation about their IS Trip "Mongoliour".



Tai Po Schools Interactors reported about their Club Service of Making Egg Waffle.



Rotaractors from RAC Tai Po and RAC Wu Yee Sun College and District Rotaract Committee came in numbers to support fellow Rotaract speaker.



## The Talk

DRC Francis gave an introduction of the Rotaract Month and the Speaker Alexander Lam of RAC Channel Islands. Then it was Alexander who gave the informative speech about a topic close to his heart and one which he shall be furthering his studies: "Aquaponics". The talk, which focused much on the mechanics of local 'home style' water-cum-vegetation, generated a lot of interest in and of course questions from the audience.

Interactors from Interact Club of Tai Po Schools led by Principal Edwin Poon and teacher-in-charge Ms. Viola



Chow; and also those from Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy led by Wong sir.



## Reports

Rotarian Sally reported on her trip to joining RC Makati San Lorenzo's Installation and showed the souvenir they gave our club.



The evening was a great platform for interaction amongst the younger members of the Rotary family. It is hoped that all the clubs and members could learn something from and gain better insights about one another.



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Jason Lo

**Full Moon – Tai Po 月滿·大埔** was presented by Team 3 at L’Hotel – Island South on 14th September 10, 2015 (Monday) celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival. This was our 1st theme night under the leadership of P Vikky and brought a good start to the coming RCTP fellowship nights in RY 2015-16. We had a terrific team inclusive of Pearl, Sincere, Kenneth, Roger, Peter, Patrick, Francis and Jason (me).



### Venue Decoration

We had exclusively occupied the whole banquet room together with the swimming pool. With the efforts by Sincere and Peter, it was full of mid-autumn festival ambience with the hanging of traditional lanterns in the venue. For your information, all the beautiful lanterns were taken away by the guests after the gathering. Furthermore, the pool was decorated with illuminated colourful cubes and floating lights that created a serene atmosphere.



### Entertainment

We had invited Mr. Ken Lee 李振輝 to perform Chinese style painting. We were quite impressed by his proficient technique. Mr. Ken Lee is a Chinese style painting teacher and just finished a painting exhibition in Shenzhen. Mr. Lee presented on-site performance and painted altogether 6 paintings as souvenir which were given to our baby clubs RC Central & RC SoHo HK, our guest club RC Kowloon Tong, CP Donald, PDGs Anthony & Kenneth. Furthermore, Mr. Ken Lee presented us with 3 master pieces, inclusive of calligraphy 字畫, collaborate-style painting 工筆畫 and ink painting 水墨畫, as the grand prizes for lucky draw. How lucky were Rotaryannes May, Wanda and Creamy. They were the lucky draw winners again.





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Wherever there is Francis, there is a lot of fun, entertainment and laughter. I find you guys

enjoying the conventional little games, Lantern riddles and Shuttlecock kicking very much. Surprisingly, our P Vikky is very skillful in shuttlecock kicking.



**The Food**

Served with appetizers, BBQ food, desserts and some mid-autumn festive food, I am sure all of you found something you favour. Thanks PDG Kenneth for deciding on the menu items. Of course, we could not forget the vitamin water of RCTP – wines. They are must-have items in our fellowship gathering. Thanks IPP Natalie for the wine arrangement.



**Birthdays Celebration**

Full Moon – Tai Po ended with a birthday celebration for the September boys & girls. There are a total of 12 September buddies in RCTP. They are PP Peter, PDG Kenneth, PP Wilson, PP Dennis (absent), PP Claire, IPP Natalie, Rtn Patrick, P Vikky, PP Man. Rotaractor Gabriel, Rotaryannes Creamy & Torrente.



Thanks for your support! Hope you have all enjoyed the 1st Theme Night, Full Moon – Tai Po. Many thanks to the team 3 members! You are awesome!



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# Rotaract 2014-15 Award Presentation cum 2015-16 District Installation

16 August 2015, Charles K. Kao Auditorium, Hong Kong Science Park  
Claire Mak

The Sunday on 16 August started *early* in Science Park for a number of us from RCTP Youth Committee (Peter, Jason, Ron, Claire, Anthony, Ming hay and Laura), RAC Tai Po (Scarlet, Tony and Gabriel), IAC Tai Po Schools (Viola, Ella, Paula and Alan), and also IAC TTCA Wong Sir. It was that early lunch, courtesy of PP Peter, which brought together the youth members and covered a number of scheduled events as well as some preliminary plans. Please take note of the following dates: 20 September 2015 for RAC Tai Po's Installation, November 2015 for the City Hunt organized jointly by the two Interact Clubs, 6 March 2016 for the Rotaract Music Festival, April 2016 for Service to the Elderly ... Such a lot to look forward to!



At a nearby venue, District Rotaract Committee Chair Francis, President Vikky and our RAC Wu Yee Sun College's President Kevin and Director June had lunch with our District leaders and also College masters, including WYS's Professor Rance Lee. That was an occasion for the Colleges to get to know about Rotaractors and what they do.

Everyone then proceeded to the Charles K. Kao Auditorium where the Rotaract 2014-15 Award Presentation took place. It might be a tedious 2.5 hours to complete the presentation of all awards but Rotaractors, advisors and clubs were duly recognized for all the efforts and good projects undertaken last year. It is worth mentioning that both Rotaract Club of Tai Po and Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College got the Presidential Citation. RAC Tai Po's Stanley Siu also received the 10-year service recognition and the Club President Recognition for Outstanding Contribution.



Then it's the highlight of the day when our own PP Francis got installed as the District Rotaract Committee Chair (DRC). 2014-15 District Rotaract Representative Jessica recounted the difficult days she had gone through and emotionally thanked her board members before she handed over the DRR sash to incumbent DRR Lim Lim in a dignified yet moving moment. Then it was the changeover of the 2 DRC boards. Our PP Claire is Deputy DRC once again. The event concluded, like all District Events, with the taking of group photos.



It is worth highlighting that Professor Rance Lee and Interact teachers Viola and Wong Sir showed their staunch support and stayed till the very end of the ceremony! Tai Po youth teams are closely bonded, and with the support and connections from different Rotary levels, we are certainly looking at a bright and fulfilling year!



## Interact Club of Tai Po Schools - Club Service

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### Vice President – Cheryl Fan Pui Kwan

Do you remember what local snacks you liked when you were young? Fish balls? Chinese puddings? These local snacks are familiar to all Hong Kong people. As interactors of the Interact Club of Tai Po Schools, we have a valuable chance to learn how to make one of these local snacks which is egg waffle.

The egg waffle class was co-organized by the committee members of the Interact Club of Tai Po Schools and taught by the committee members of Rotaract Club of the Wu Yee Sun College. This class was held in the activity room in Ling Liang Church M H Lau Secondary School on the 8th August. 20 interactors participated in this interesting event.



Board members who organized this class are just secondary students and this was not easy for us to do all the preparation work by ourselves, including preparing the setting of the class, buying the materials and inviting the tutors, etc. Therefore, this gave our committee members an opportunity to learn to organize activities and it strengthens our organizational and problem-solving skills. Not only do we have this benefit, but we also have a closer relationship with the members of the Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College.

Thank you committee members of Rotaract Club of The Student Union of Wu Yee Sun College for your teaching. We found this a really wonderful Interact and Rotaract cooperation.



### Community Service Officer – Alan Ip

It was an unforgettable experience to have this special collaboration with the big brothers from the Rotaract Club of WYS College of the CUHK. They taught us how to make egg puffs which is a famous Hong Kong local food. That was the first time that I made egg puffs and I was so excited because I love eating egg puffs very much.

On that day, we went to buy the ingredients first and then we went to Ling Liang Church MH Lau Secondary School to set up all the things we needed for making egg puffs. Although egg puffs is a common Hong Kong snack, none of us had any experience of making egg puffs before. Also we searched for the recipe on the internet and followed the steps to make the mixture with egg and milk. After a few minutes, our first egg puffs were done. It smelled very good and the taste was not bad. I gave 5 marks out of 10 to myself because this was our very first time to make egg puff on our own. Thanks so much for P Kevin and his member from the Rotaract Club of WYS College.

Unluckily, we found that we did not have enough ingredients to make enough egg puffs, so we went to the supermarket nearby immediately. I learnt to be flexible to figure out solutions to sudden problems. So we really feel a sense of achievement to hold an activity by ourselves.

I want to thank the Rotary Club of Tai Po for the generous sponsorship and support for holding this event. Also, we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to P Kevin and his teammates from the Rotaract Club of WYS from CUHK because they taught us patiently and they gave us an unforgettable experience. We really learnt a lot through organizing this event. Not only do we learn how to make egg puffs, we also learn the importance of teamwork for problem-solving. I look forward to learning new things in our lovely Interact Club of Tai Po Schools.



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## 17 August 2015



Multi-tasking Jason was very busy: he promoted the September Theme Night, introduced the speaker and did the raffle draw.



Quantity Surveyor Mr. T.T. Cheung shared with us his vast experience in being "Expert Witness".



VP Roger delivered a vote of thanks which he said he had spent quite some time preparing.



Rtn. K F won a bottle of Chanel No. 5 perfume specially selected by Rtn. Jason.



Visiting Rotarians from Rotary Club of HK Northwest coming to meet DRC Francis.

## 24 August 2015



Welcome back Sincere and it's nice to have with us lovely "bride-to-be" daughter Kelly (right).



President-elect Gabriel invited members to RAC Tai Po's Installation on 20 September.



Rtn. Dr. Sally reported on her trip to joining the Installation Night of RC Makati San Lorenzo.



Ming-hay gave a glimpse of Holland where he grew up, his workplace showing what he does and the galleries etc. on what he is passionate about when he shared with us "My Belated Introduction."



On the infrequent occasion of PP Charles being with us, he gave a thorough vote of thanks and told us how he actually got Ming hay into RCTP.



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It is about time PP Charles put back on a tie after winning a Brooks Brothers tie given out by Rtn. Patrick.



That's everyone!

### 31 August 2015



Rotarians from RC Shatin turned out in numbers



Speaker the Hon. Lam Woon Kwong identified the "Difficulties with Administration".



Ada bought two bottles of sake from Japan specifically for the raffle draw and the lucky winners Secretary Caren and AG Frankie were all smiles as they collected their prizes.



Sergeant-At-Arms Dennis reported on the encouraging attendance figures to the delight of both President Vikky (Tai Po) and President Song (Shatin).



The heavy weight speaker attracted Rotaractors and Visiting Rotarians to the meeting.



AG Frankie delivered a Vote of Thanks full of humour.

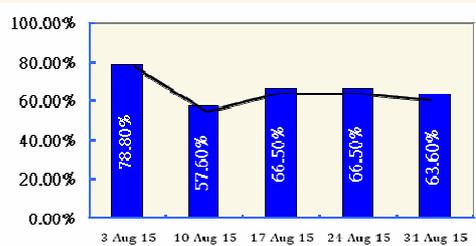


Welcome members of RC Shatin to our home-ground.



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Average attendance: 66.6%

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FRANCIS AU,  
CAREN CHAN,  
RONALD CHUNG,  
ANTHONY HUNG,  
NATALIE KWOK,  
PETER LAM,  
DENNIS LO,  
JASON LO,  
CLAIRE MAK,  
VIKKY TAM,  
FRANKIE WU,  
WILLIAM YIM



# Up

coming events

Day	Time	Event	Venue
2 OCT (FRI)	7:00 p.m.	Charter Night of Rotary Club of Taipei Diamond Dress Code: Formal black and White with a colourful accessory	Taipei Garden Hotel
3 OCT (SAT)	6:00 p.m.	67th Charter and Charity Gala Night of Rotary Club of Taipei Dress Code: Business Suit	Mega Ballroom, 8/F of W Hotel Taipei
12 OCT (MON)	7:00 p.m.	2nd Club Assembly	The Royal Garden, TSTE
17 OCT (SAT)	1:30p.m.	Opening ceremony for Elderly Service Year 2015-2016	Cheung Ching Estate, Tsing Yi, New Territories

# W

e missed you **In August**

David Chan  
Sasha Chu  
Derek Koon  
Jacky Sung  
Patrick Yung



## 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 Vikky Tam
  - 22nd Man Mo Leung

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n Leave  
Timmy Kwong

## ROTARY CLUB OF TAIPEI Celebrates 67<sup>th</sup> Charter & Charity Gala Night!



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October 3, 2015 (Sat)  
6:00pm to 10.00pm

### W Hotel Taipei

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