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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

“Kung Hei Fat ChoyLi Si Dou loy (利是逗來) !!!”

Probably by the time you read my message, you should have received a packet postage of red packets. Thanks to Social Welfare Team from Tai Po & North District Welfare Department, they distributed to RC Tai Po members all those lovely red packets with their crossover cartoon characters with dustykids – 北區小哲 & 大埔小樹. In the absence of physical interaction, it was a challenging task for me to re-distribute to each individual member. This reminded me of my experience last year of queuing up in the post office for the postage of surgical masks to overseas friends. No sooner said than done, I decided to make the re-distribution possible. Traditional postage has its merits – putting on special memorable stamps (this time it is Ox 2021) with the mailing date chop; handwriting on letter and designing the whole postage layout is a form of unique artwork; the surprise of the recipients when receiving the mail; and for this re-distribution, I really want to get connected with all our members in some physical form together with my best regards.



Although the whole process took quite a bit of time, it was a meaningful experience and I have learnt some secretarial skillset (of course from our executive club secretary Tiffany). Whereas for the red packets, some of you may like those lovely crossover cartoon characters. We are also working out our own RCTP crossover cartoon character and hopefully we could have our own brand Li Si design available the next Chinese New Year.

While keeping our custom of giving and receiving the red packets, it would be great for us to be conscious of being environmentally friendly. We can reuse the undamaged red packets or recycle those used red packets by collecting them to the special recycling bins. On the other hand, in a more proactive way, we should do more tree planting to make the ecosystem in balance. We are planning to have a club tree planting day soon once the situation allows. Do come and join us to support preserving our environment!

Wish you all a joyful prosperous Year of the Ox!

With loves,

sally



EDITOR SAYS

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bleakness and uncertainties we had shown resilience in different avenues of service, the quintessence of the Rotary spirit. This is what a Rotary club is for - we serve, create hopes and offer reliefs.

Cometh the Chinese New Year. As we formally bade goodbye to an incredibly harsh Year of the Rat, I propose to give a big hand to thank President Sally and indeed, ourselves: for in the midst of insistent



We have been boldly confronting the New Normal. Meetings are conducted on-line as the social distancing measures prevented us from gathering. Still, members both at club level and at District level never faltered in the pursuit of service.



We braved the challenges in every arena with compassion, caring for the Tai Po disadvantaged and the elderly, reaching out to those with special needs, supporting Tai Po school children... and all the while, continuing our friendship and collaboration with our international counterparts. In these trying times we are particularly grateful for the support of members of our own club, sister clubs, satellite club and friends. Further, President Sally is determined to fortify our resolve to go green and preserve the planet earth.



Let us continue the proud tradition of vibrancy of the club. As the world is resetting, we need to seize the opportunities with renewed togetherness. Let us answer Rotary's call to Open Opportunities and address global grand challenges with conviction.

With unwavering faith, we will work hard - as one manifested characteristic of the Ox - to chase up lost time and to advance the ideals of Rotary.

Best wishes for a bright Year of the Ox!



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Volunteering Rotarians at the heart of Covid clinics

Rotary news from Rotary Great Britain & Ireland Jan 2021

ROTARY INFORMATION



As the National Health Service's (NHS) mammoth Covid vaccination programme gets under way in UK, so Rotary clubs have responded in huge numbers to the call for volunteers.

The NHS is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine to people most at risk from coronavirus. It is being given to:

1. People aged 80 and over
2. Some people aged 70 and over
3. Some people who are clinically extremely vulnerable.
4. People who live or work in care homes
5. Health and social care workers.

Currently, more than four million people have been given the first dose of the vaccine.

In England, the vaccine is being offered in some hospitals and pharmacies, but also at hundreds of local vaccination centres run by GPs, and at larger vaccination centres. And these centres, not only in England, but across Great Britain and Ireland, are being assisted by a battalion of volunteers, including thousands of Rotarians.

In East Sussex, members of the *Heathfield and Waldron Rotary Club* have been helping at Newhaven port, covering the two sailings a day from France. And that humanitarian effort is ongoing, likely to last for many months, with the Rotary volunteers working closely with health officials to provide marshalling guidance as well as helping in post-vaccination areas.

PETER LAM



All sorts of facilities have been taken over to host the mass vaccinations. They include the Harrogate Great Yorkshire Showground in North Yorkshire where Rotary clubs were approached by the local NHS team to volunteer as marshals. They have been vaccinating up to 2,000 people daily.

Mike Dixon from Knaresborough Rotary was among a number of Rotarians who have been volunteering. He said: "The feedback I and others received from the over-80s visiting the centre for these early sessions, has been excellent. "All commented on the smooth-running, efficiency and excellent management of the operation, with grateful thanks to the large number of staff and volunteers who made the experience as caring and stress-free as possible for all concerned.

"The whole operation is being managed by Harrogate and Rural District GP practices, who have been tasked by the UK Government with the early roll-out of a COVID-19 vaccine to key population groups. "The operation is likely to continue for several months. I congratulate the management in Harrogate for a job very well done, at the commencement of this huge and vital task."

In Berkshire, Maidenhead Bridge Rotary has been helping patients as part of the biggest vaccination programme in the NHS's history. Their experience is typical of many volunteering Rotarians. Here, Lisa Hunter writes.

We arrive just before 8am for the morning shift, where we're all given our PPE and taken on a tour of the temporary clinic to understand the lay the land before being briefed on the various duties we will be covering. The first appointments are at 8.30am, but as you can imagine some people (especially the elderly) turn up very early. The patients come from most of the medical practices in Maidenhead and Cookham as they have joined forces to implement the vaccination programme.

One of us is standing just outside the entrance to ask people if they have an appointment, and the time, they are also asked if they have any symptoms of COVID-19. On entering the Town Hall, the patients are asked to sanitise their hands and they check in with the next volunteer. The patient is handed information on the vaccine, and then joins the queue.

Here, more volunteers are marshalling the queue, generally to chat to the patients to make them feel at ease and to help those with mobility problems. One of our key duties is to sanitise seats used in the waiting area as soon as they are vacated. The length of the queue varies, because of arrivals and also how smoothly the inoculations go, but you only hear very few complaints about the wait.



Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland recently formed a partnership with the British Red Cross and the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership (VCS EP) to assist with providing volunteers to assist in times of need such as the COVID-19 vaccination centres. The VCS EP only covers England, but it has approached all of its partners, which includes Rotary, to assist with providing volunteers to help with the vaccination programme.





FLASHBACK

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



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FELLOWSHIP OUTING



Visit to the Tai O Heritage Hotel Nov. 2019 where we had dinner there to wrap up our day trip

2019



Visit to Tai O village where we boarded small boat for pink-dolphin watching (but failed to find any) Nov. 2019

2017



Tour to 慈山寺 in Tai Po Jan. 2016 after our 長者盆菜宴 elderly service at NT Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po Sec. School

2016



Ping Shan 屏山 heritage tour Nov. 2017. We had a good 盆菜 lunch there and thanks to expert tour guidance by Wanda's uncle.



2010



Dinner at 元朗榮華酒家 Oct. 2010. Remember the lard hotpot rice (豬油撈飯)?

2007



Nov. 2009 outing to Ma Shi Chau (馬屎洲). Glad to have Rotaractors Goldi Mak, Stanley Siu & Gloria Cheung ... joining us.



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Rotary Open Opportunities for Youth of Difference Workplace Inclusion Workshop for Enterprises (Workshop 1 & 2)

29 January 2021

Viola Chow, Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po Companion



This dialogue appeared in our corporate training workshop as one of the materials which demonstrates a typical Autism Spectrum Disorder (**ASD**) youth facing difficulties in understanding orders placed by the employer (boss) at the workplace due to their limitations on Theory of Mind. Deficits in Theory of Mind—the ability to interpret others' beliefs, intentions, and emotions—undermine the ability of individuals with ASD to interact in socially normative ways.

Despite the increase on awareness towards Youth with Special Education Needs (SEN) in recent years, the work place inclusive environment and culture have still a long way to go. Youth with Special Education Needs have the ability and desire to work, but there are still several employment obstacles and misunderstandings among employers and the general public. As reported in a recent study by the Equal Opportunities Commission, 63 % of the employers in Hong Kong have expressed their reluctance in hiring someone with disability in the next five years with the belief that these SEN youth might need extra training and supervision.

你如何為共建共融職場出一分力？



Due to limited understanding and discrimination, the vast majority of the SEN youth are unemployed even after graduation from various vocational training institutes and for the lucky few who do have gainful employment, underemployment is common. Worse still, students with disabilities / SEN, such as mentally retarded, with autism or learning disabilities are easily perceived as "trouble-makers" or "impossible to communicate" or "not able to contribute" and so on.

Our club 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. In 2019, our club and Rotaract Club of Taipo organized the service project called Empowering SEN students to Excel • Connecting for an Inclusive Workplace【共融「友」你•知人善任】—帶動全城齊建共融職場。





I think this 'Rotary Opens Opportunities for Youth of Difference (YoDs)' service project is a 2.0 on promoting understanding of workplace inclusion amongst all stakeholders and also address barriers and empower our YoDs.

With the YoD's placement opportunities due to commence in February, our satellite club (Tai Po Companion) co-hosted a corporate training workshop on 29th January, 2021.

The first workshop is named "Reimagine the Future for Inclusive Workplace". We aimed at reframing the value of Inclusion and we have three caring employers (PP Peter, CP Jimmy and Kanas) sharing useful tips on hiring YoDs: the best practices to adopt; adapting effective inclusion communication; and accessible information and facilities to enhance genuine workplace inclusion in their companies.



We had around 50 corporate representatives, corporate HR managers, communication managers and registered social workers joining this Zoom training workshop.

The Workplace Inclusion Corporate Training Workshop started off with PP Winnie Ng of Rotary Club of Peninsula giving opening remarks to address the importance of an inclusive workplace.

Gary Yeung from our satellite club then guided all participants through the electronic version of the photo exhibition on 3 YoDs' job to showcase successful transition and accommodation towards inclusive workplace and their workplace strength in an inclusive workplace.

You scan the QR codes and see the photo exhibition, developed by our club and Rotaract Club of Tai Po:

'Unlock Untapped Potential •Unleash Unlimited Opportunities' Programme for SEN Youth' - Photo Exhibition.





PP Peter gave us a lot of insights on the skills and strategies, social inclusion in labour market and the ways to increase the employability of persons with disabilities particularly on autistic youth (people with Autism Spectrum Disorder ASD).

As a caring employer just like PP Peter, you may scan the QR code for the 20-page booklet of Disability Inclusion @ Workplace Infokit with all 9 types of SEN youth workplace strength and how to cope with their limitation and enhance their employability to achieve the Win-Win situation for both employers and the YoDs.



Apart from the caring employers' sharing session, PP Peter actively participated in the last internship role play session to assign tasks to YoDs and showed how to communicate with them effectively.



Not only does it support YoDs to gain insight on their career goals, it also enhances employers' awareness on discovering their strengths and accepting their limitations. By establishing connection with business sector and the social enterprises, the project provides an inclusion opportunity for SEN youths to gain experience of work life and empowering them to excel. It helps their life planning to experience, enrich and empower their careers advantage on the one hand and educate employers and general public on the other hand.



Knowledge about Person with Disabilities

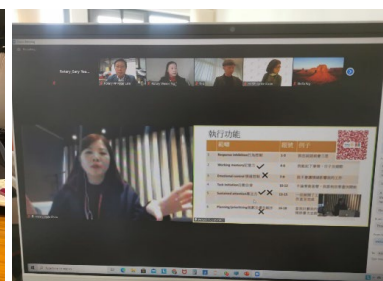
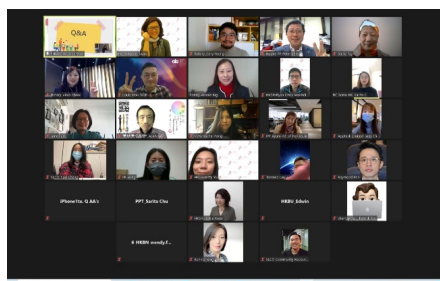


Awareness on Inclusive Workplace



According to the Pre-intervention survey from corporates, we are glad that this 'Rotary Opens Opportunities for Youth of Difference' service project really opens invaluable opportunities on their careers aspirations and explorations.

We look forward to seeing ordinary opportunities transforming into extraordinary internship experience for our YoDs.



My interview with TVB: Biotech Innovation GPS

William Yim

It has been 8 years’ hard work of research and development on one of my inventions, a microfluidic lab-on-chip based point of care testing system. Sounds very technical, right? That is because it is. It is a state-of-the-art product comprising of a lot of high-end technologies, from electronics, optical, precision mechanics, microfluidics to internet of things (IoT) and big data analysis.

Back in 2013 when the H7N9 influenza invaded Hong Kong, we often heard news of how “a dead bird somewhere was found infected with the H7N9 virus”. It usually took a week before they made such announcements because it took that long to diagnose diseases. They called it “fast detection” if it could be done in 3 to 4 days. In fact, fast disease detection had long been a technological obstacle and it happened to every disease outbreak in human history, especially new diseases. And when it happened to the new coronavirus discovered in December 2019, it wasn’t a very pretty situation.

In 2013, a year after my biotech company was established, we worked with a local university and tried to see if it was possible to diagnose H7N9 within a short time with our technology. It was a great success. We made a public demonstration to show that we can identify the H7N9 influenza virus from chicken blood in just 15 minutes. That was big news. With that achievement, we concluded that we shall focus our point of care testing technology on detecting time-critical and life-threatening diseases, where we believe the technology can save a lot of lives.

After years of work, we scheduled to conduct the clinical trial for our 15-minute respiratory disease diagnosis solution at a local hospital. Clinical trials were mandatory tests for clinical products before they could launch into the market. Then came the new coronavirus. All the activities we had for the clinical trial test were suspended. We gathered our courage and started to develop a rapid diagnosis solution for the new coronavirus. And we succeeded a few months ago.

健康科學系列

科學園初創研高效檢測技術 獲國際認證走向世界

全球疫情持續，為協助應對疫情挑戰，本地不少生物科技公司均參與開發各項病毒檢測技術。其中科導醫研所企業三創生物科技 (Sanwa Biotech) 研發了最新的快速檢測病毒方案，並正籌備包括病毒呈報及病毒在內「三合一」呼吸器病毒檢測平台。另一間科導醫研所企業三創生物科技 (Immunodiagnosics) 開發的新型快速病毒檢測產品已獲國際認證，並已在歐洲多國獲准應用。

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All of a sudden, we caught substantial attention from the media. We have been receiving requests from most major journals and TV channels for interviews e.g., Ming Pao, South China Morning Post, HK01, Sing Tao etc. It was a bit overwhelming, but I deemed it necessary for the success of the company. In the last few weeks, I have spent a lot of time preparing for these interviews. There was an important one, an interview by TVB for Innovation GPS (創科導航). It is a popular 30 minutes TY program which is aired every Wednesday reporting the newest and most innovative technologies. It is a great honor being selected as a candidate for this reputable TV program.

The TVB production crew came to our office early on the 15th of January. Our staff was well-prepared for their visit. The crew has made a very detail plan. They first spent the whole morning filming the laboratory, our research and development setup and the testing procedure of our product. In the afternoon they started filming me. In order to have a smooth filming procedure, they have prepared a few questions for me to prepare in advance. I have to admit that I can never perform well in front of a camera, therefore, I have the answer script in my tablet so that I can read it out during the filming. Unfortunately, the filming director did not like it. Anyway, let me recap some of the interview contents below:

1) TVB: Why did you establish Sanwa Biotech?

William: Firstly, we humans always have an increasing need of medical supplies and technology, so purely based on that, biotech has a lot of developmental potential. Additionally, I believe that prior knowledge and experience in advanced manufacturing combined with biotech will allow us to have great synergy. I grabbed the opportunity to enter the biotech industry while my business was still flourishing, hoping to reach a new height in my career.

It's like surfing: when you are riding on a wave, you try and spot the next one and hop on to it before your wave disappears. One has to learn how to grab the opportunity to keep riding to the next wave; or else one might sink and never reach the shore.

I established Sanwa Biotech in 2012, which is when I met our current CEO, Kelvin (he's a molecular biologist, so we're a great combination). After a few months in 2013, H7N9 broke out in Hong Kong. Back then, it took days to test which flu it was, and I felt that it was very inadequate. From then on, I decided that the direction of the company would be in time critical disease diagnosis technologies. We even made a proof-of-concept in a very short time and identified H1N1, H3N2 and H7N9 viruses in less than 20 minutes.



2) TVB: The reason for developing ALiA is...

William: The reason we developed ALiA in the beginning is to invent a portable, easy-to-use, accurate and fast solution for disease diagnosis. The invention of ALiA is revolutionary, because it brings the capability of a laboratory to frontline medical workers. It can be right next to medical workers and patients, perform a test and provide a result on the spot. It is a diagnosis solution that anyone can operate and benefit from. This is the type of answer that can truly solve problems and save lives, because it eliminates the constraints and problems that traditional laboratories face. And it can be used anywhere, like hospitals, clinics, airplanes, ships, rural areas, elderly homes and outbreak areas. ALiA will become a doctor's greatest tool, and with our wide variety of different chips, we can perform tests for all kinds of different diseases at the frontline, including respiratory, tropical, sexually transmitted and blood related diseases.

3) TVB: What is the difference between ALiA and traditional diagnosis methods? Where does the advantage lie?

William: Normal tests require a large amount of samples to be collected from the patient, then it has to be transported to a laboratory several hundred or thousand square feet large. One then needs well-trained lab technicians and several hours or days before a test result can be generated. Compare that to ALiA, a machine that is only the size of a rice cooker, using a test chip half the size of a business card and fifteen minutes to generate a result. There's no need to transport the sample, we can use personnel on-site to perform the test and the whole process is easy, transparent, fast and highly accurate. We are also certified.



During the filming, the interviewer did not ask the previously prepared questions and I got a bit stuck, but the director said it was okay. They also wanted to put in supplementary scenes of me working; talking to my colleagues; gazing at the chip; walking along the office corridor; watching the laboratory through the glass etc.

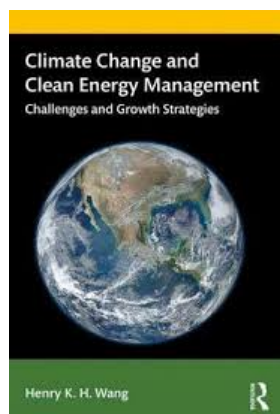
The last part was to film an introduction of this chapter in the style of a chat. Oh! That was very clumsy. It was just like an ad hoc. The script was not precisely prepared and we revised a few times while we were filming. The result was not the best in my opinion. With everyone's effort, filming finally ended at 6:00 pm. A day later, TVB called us and said most of the filming was good but they wanted to re-film the last chit chat part, so they came again a week later and spent a whole afternoon doing so. Taking the opportunity, they filmed more of our laboratory and re-did some parts of the interview with me. I think with the second filming, the result should be a lot better.

TVB (Channel 85) plans to broadcast this chapter on 17th February (年初六) at 9:30 pm. I hope you all enjoy it.

Climate Change & Rotary Preserve Planet Earth

Henry K H Wang

Henry Wang gave a speech to Rotary Club of HK Island East on 3 February 2021 with a presentation entitled "Climate Change, Hong Kong and Rotary PPE". The speech went well and there were lots of questions from the participants. Henry has based the speech and presentation on his 5 books published globally by Routledge especially his recent book on "Climate Change and Clean Energy Management". He also shared his work with the G20 and B20 International Taskforce including their new policy recommendations to the G20 Global Leaders' Summit. He also shared the speeches he was invited to give by Hong Kong governmental organisations on climate change and future clean energy options for Hong Kong.



Climate change is considered by many global experts to be one of the most serious problems facing the world. It has led to global warming and extreme weather incidents which have resulted in serious damages to many countries globally. These included extreme rainfalls, flooding, droughts, extreme heat, fires, freezing, climate refugees etc.

G20 and B20 are putting climate change high up on their policy agenda with new policy recommendations submissions to the G20 Global Leaders' Summit and B20 International CEOs Summit annually. The G20 B20 Saudi Arabia Presidency has established a B20 International Taskforce on Energy, Sustainability and Climate Change, i.e. the ESC Taskforce. They have invited Henry Wang to join this taskforce together with international CEOs and global experts.

The new G20 B20 Presidency in Italy has also invited Henry Wang to join their new International Taskforce to develop new policy recommendations to the G20 Global Leaders' Summit and B20 International CEO Summit to be hosted by Italy in end 2021 plus the COP 26 in Glasgow that Italy and UK are jointly hosting.

The G20 B20 Saudi Arabia Global Energy, Sustainability and Climate Taskforce (ESC Taskforce) was chaired by leading global Fortune 500 CEOs from different countries. These included the CEOs of Sinopec and Reliance plus other global Fortune 500 companies. The B20 Global ESC Taskforce also include leading international experts on energy, climate and sustainability, including the author.



The B20 ESC Taskforce has developed an intensive work plan in 2020. The Taskforce meetings have been held virtually during 2020 due to Covid. They successfully completed and delivered their Policy Paper, with key new policy recommendations, to the G20 Leaders for the G20 Global Leaders' Summit which was held virtually in November 2020.

The B20 ESC Taskforce focused on developing new policies recommendation on key energy and climate issues which included energy transition, circular economy, carbon neutrality, climate resilient infrastructures plus water and ocean conservation.

The B20 Taskforce and experts have studied potential future energy scenarios. They have found that energy transition from fossil fuel to clean energy and renewables can contribute significantly to global GHG emission reductions. They have found that the global electricity power generation sector is the leading carbon emitter globally. Other leading carbon emission sectors include industrial and transport. There are urgent needs for joint accelerated global energy transitions to move away from fossil fuels to clean energy sources including renewables. There are also urgent global action to accelerate electricity sector reforms and to develop new carbon neutrality action plans.



The B20 experts found that continued global warming and higher temperature rises will lead to increased frequency of extreme weather events globally. These will then lead to serious social and economic damages worldwide. The B20 experts forecasted that if global temperatures are allowed to rise by 4 degree C by 2100 then this would destroy some 40% of global GDP with wide spread damages globally. There are strong economic incentives for G20 countries to work together to control climate change plus to pursue the Paris Agreement climate targets and goals globally.



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The B20 experts have also found that joint global Climate Actions can also lead to significant new Green Growth opportunities and new employments globally. A good example is that new low carbon sector and green finance growths could lead to some USD 26 trillion of new economic boosts to the global GDP. In addition, millions of new green jobs will be created in the low carbon and green finance sectors in many countries globally.

B20 experts have found that a wide range of different carbon abatement technologies will need to be developed and employed globally to reduce carbon emissions. These carbon abatement technologies will include energy efficiency improvements, energy transition, renewables and clean energy, carbon capture and waste recycling etc. B20 experts have advised that stronger global co-operations and international collaborations are required to develop these new carbon abatement technologies. There will also be need for new policy supports to stimulate Carbon Abatement technologies innovations and developments by different countries globally. B20 International Taskforce and experts have developed 4 key areas of new policy recommendations for G20 Leaders and B20 International CEOs to consider.

The first recommendation is on the urgent need for global actions towards achieving Carbon Neutrality with following new key policy recommendations:

- Accelerate Energy Transition,
- Low Carbon Technology development and innovation
- Reduce global GHG Emissions and lower global warming

The third recommendation is on the urgent need for global action on improving Climate Resilient Infrastructures and Buildings with the following new key policy recommendations:

- Improve Climate Resilience Infrastructures and buildings,
- New Green Buildings codes and requirements
- New Green Financing and mortgage requirements

The second recommendation is on the urgent need for global action towards setting up good policy frameworks on achieving Carbon Neutrality, with the following key policy recommendations:

- Improved Carbon Pricing and CETS globally,
- Climate Risk Reporting improvements,
- New ESG reporting and green investment requirements
- Adopt Just Climate Transitions in various countries globally

The fourth recommendation is on water, oceans and blue economy with following new key policy recommendations:

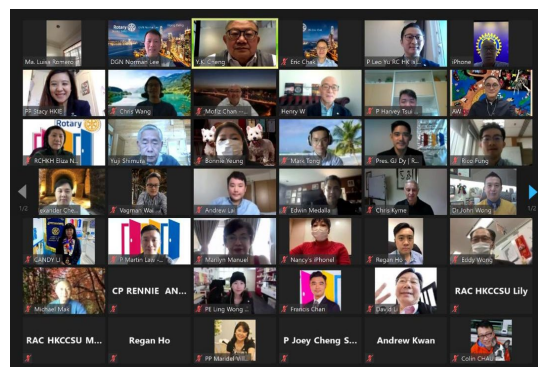
- Improve Water & Oceans management globally,
- Minimize Waste and pollutions globally,
- Promote Blue Ocean Economy Growth globally

The B20 International ESC Taskforce successfully completed their new policy paper and presented it to the G20 Global Leaders virtual meeting in November 2020 and B20 International CEO Summit in October 2020. The new policy recommendations were endorsed and supported by the G20 Global Leaders and B20 International CEOs. A good example is the PRC President Xi Jin Ping keynote speech to UN on the new commitment by China to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2060.



The Hong Kong Chief Executive has also announced that Hong Kong will reach carbon neutrality before 2050. There are a lot of work required to develop the new Hong Kong Climate Carbon Neutrality plans, especially in the decarbonisation of the electricity generation and energy transition from fossil fuels to clean energy. The detailed plans will require a lot of work to develop and implement. Henry Wang has been invited by various HK governmental organisations to speak on these recently.

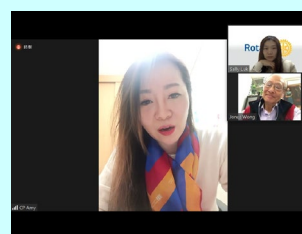
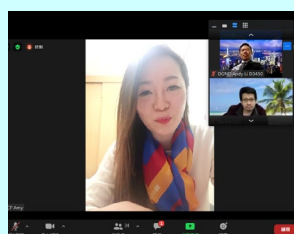
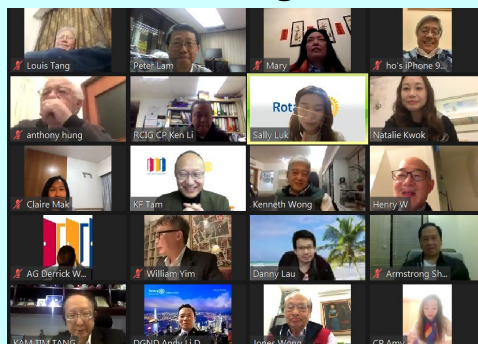
Rotary is in a good position to contribute to Climate and environmental improvements in Hong Kong and globally. Rotary International has identified environment to be new area of focus globally. Rotary D3450 has established the PPE Directors Committee to promote PPE and environmental activities. Rotary D3450 and Rotarians can play active parts in the consultation and formulation of the new Hong Kong Climate Carbon Neutrality plans. All the Rotary clubs in D3450 can all contribute to Climate Change and environmental improvements in Hong Kong via various Rotary PPE activities and initiatives, including Rotary Green Clubs, tree planting, sustainable seafood, carbon reduction plus the new campaign.



18 January 2021

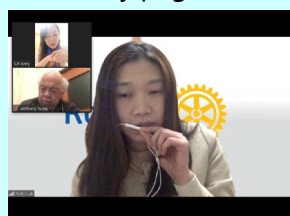
REGULAR MEETINGS

It appears that the Speaker or the 'all-encompassing' Topic 選美. 娛樂. 藝術. 金融. 音樂. 資產管理到慈善...精彩人生 attracts the attendance of a lot of Visiting Rotarians.



To assist **K F's introduction of speaker** CP Amy Yeung, a short video clip was played and inevitably the focus was on her winning out in a beauty pageant.

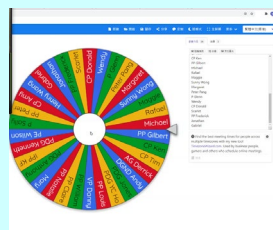
Speaker CP Amy Yeung speech covers **"Beauty pageant, entertainment, art, music, asset management, charity: a wonderful life"**. There was a bit of everything for everyone.



CP Amy fielded questions from President Sally, PE Wilson, CP Ken Li & our VP Danny Lau.

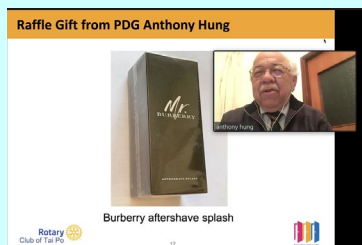


Rtn Henry Wang gave a Vote of thanks.



Winners of the extra gifts of Ma Wing Sing's Storm Riders Stamp sets from Speaker CP Amy were respectively won by Visiting Rotarian Michael Chang & our IPP KF Tam.

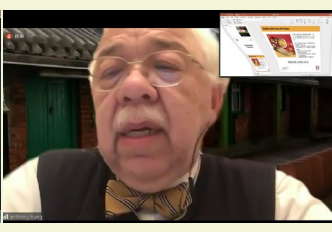
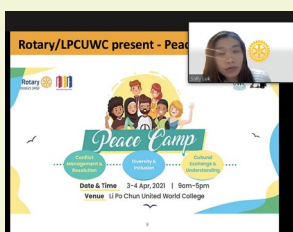
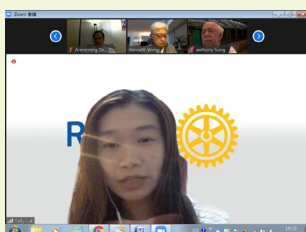
PP Armstrong won a bottle of BOSS aftershave given out by PDG Anthony.



Final toasting involves a long list of Rotary clubs.



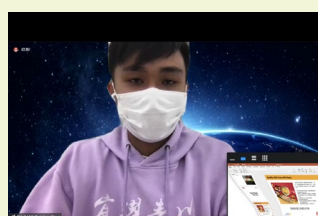
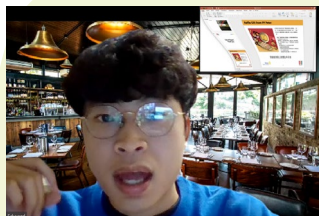
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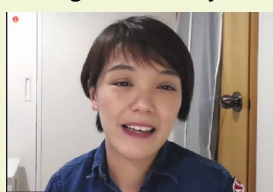
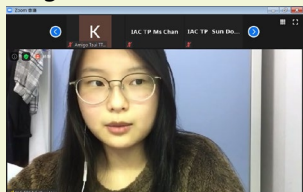
President Sally was overwhelmed by the supportive attendance in this 'Youth Night' meeting with a record 58 attendees.

Update from **RAC TP Pres. Henry Yau.**

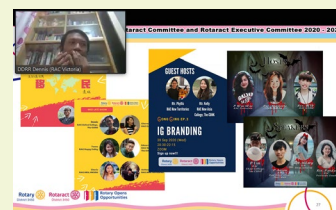
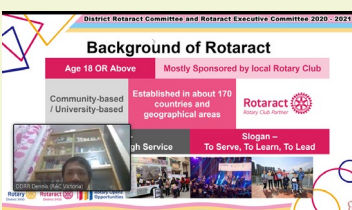
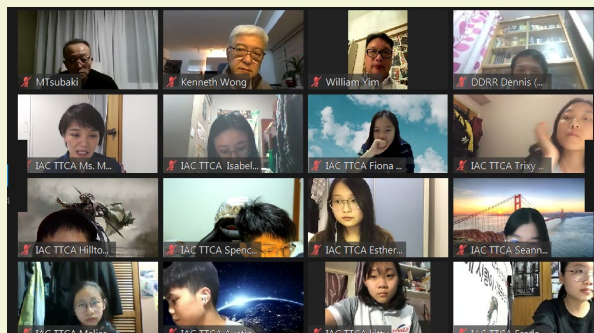
PDG Anthony Hung assisted **President Sun Dongwei** as he updated us about Interact Club of Taipo Schools.



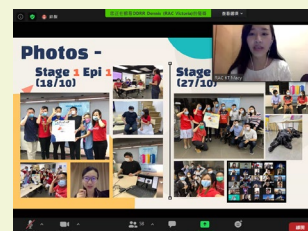
Updates from **RAC Wu Yee Sun College President Edward Choy** who also introduced the incoming 3 Ps: PE John Choi, Incoming IVP Thomas Chan and Incoming EVP Cherry Yu.



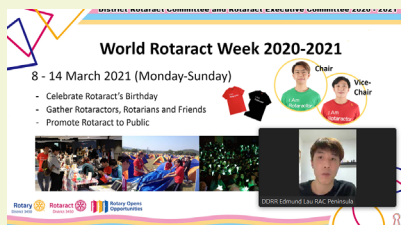
Updates from **IAC Tsung Tsin Christian Academy President Esther Hon** include introduction of her fellow board members with supplemental remarks from **teacher advisor Ms. Mabel Ng**.



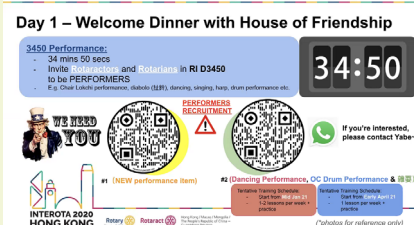
On the topic **"A Virtual Year of New Possibilities in Rotaract"**, the District Rotaract Team spoke on the various aspects of District Events. **DDRR Dennis HO** (RAC Victoria) introduced the hierarchy of District Rotaract, its focuses and goals. He also described the well-received Gong Ging programs whereby Rotaractors were invited to share experiences and views of matters close to their hearts. WYS P. Edward and Tai Po President Henry had shared their stories. Incoming WYS P John will be doing his shortly.



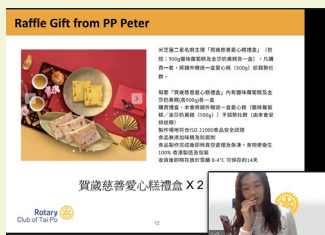
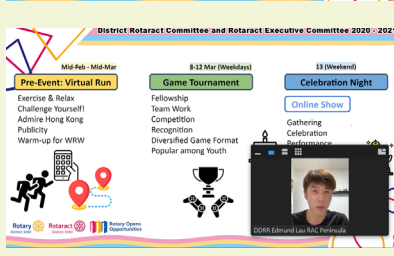
Rotaractor Macy LEE (RAC Kai Tak) spoke to us about the **District Service Project** for the visually impaired. She reviewed Stages 1 & 2 events and previewed various programs in store including marathon races and cooking classes.



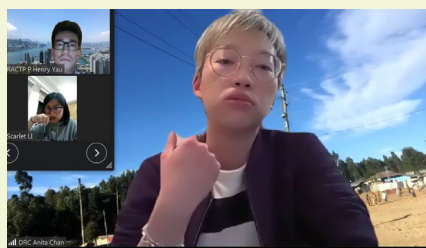
PP Yan LOUIE
promoted **INTEROTA**



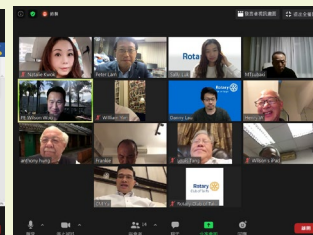
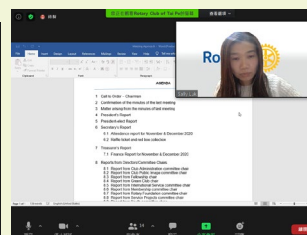
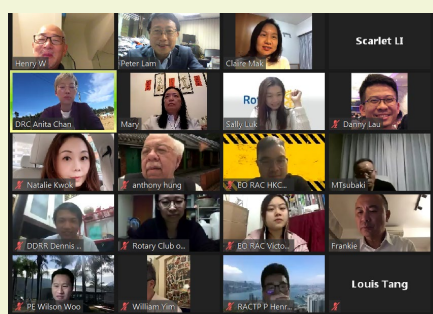
ADRR Cindy HUI (RAC New Territories) described various **fellowship** events; while **DDRR Edmund LAU** (RAC Peninsula) introduced to us **World Rotaract Week** and what had been planned for the celebration in March 2021.



PP Peter gave out 2 sets of charity **Chinese New Year Turnip pudding** for raffle draw. The 2 lucky winners who emerged from the 58 odd participants were **Rotaract PP Yan Louie** and our **Rtn. Henry Wang**.

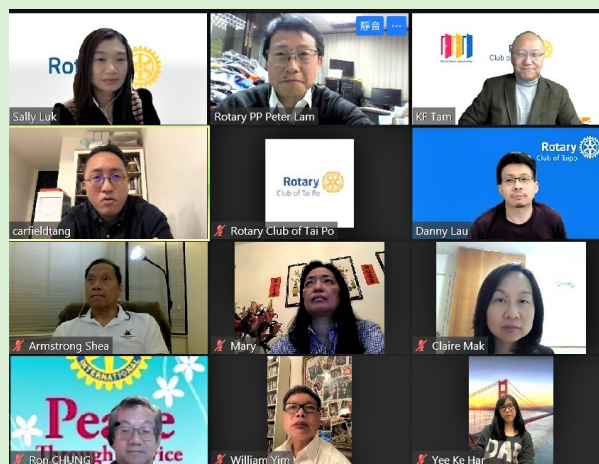


Towards close of meeting, we were glad to have DRC Anita joining us!

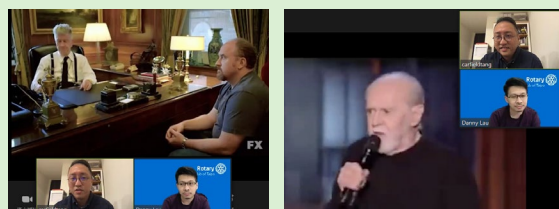


Board Meeting followed immediately with CM Yu & PP Wilson Lam joining in.

1 February 2021



Welcome back **PP Ron** and also **Rtnn. Trix**, our less regular attendees.



To assist making his point, Carfield played in aid some **video skits** about Stand Up Comedy.



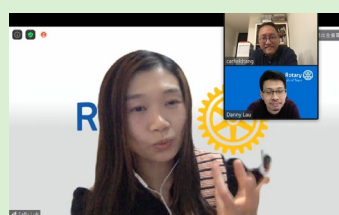
Vote of thanks by **PE Wilson Woo** praised Speaker Carfield for his lively and informative talk on an area unfamiliar to us.



Raffle gift was **2 bottles of wine** given out by Rotarian **Henry Wang** and was won by lucky **Rtnn. Mary**.

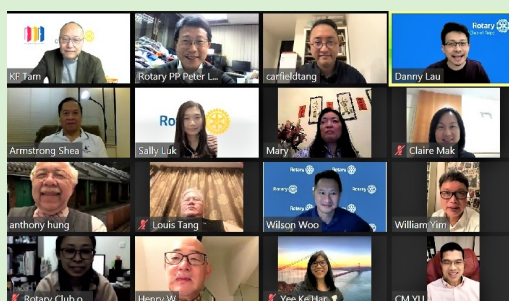


As usual, **IPP K F** introduced his good friend and fellow Toastmaster, Speaker **Carfield Tang**.



By sharing his own experience of how he got into the field of Stand Up Comedy; how he prepared for his shows and how to handle pressure etc. Speaker **Carfield Tang** analyzed the factors to a good Stand Up comedy and means to achieving success when he discussed "**Can a Nobody make it for Stand Up Comedy in Hong Kong?** (素人嘅香港做 Standup, 有無得諗?)

Since he had the air time, Carfield promoted his comedy club, **Stand Up Taskforce** 獨角秀 which seems to have attracted a lot of interest in **President Sally** who fired a number of questions. On the other hand, **VP Danny** shied away from trying stand-up comedy saying it requires a lot of guts and spontaneity which he humbly professed he lacks.



Before the meeting closed, we took a **group photo** which included late comer **Dr. CM Yu** as well.

8 February 2021



Big turnout with many district dignitaries including DG Eric Chak, PDG Belinda Yeung, DGN Norman Lee, DGND Andy Li, AG Frank Chan, CDS Ron Chan...

Important Dates – Club Event

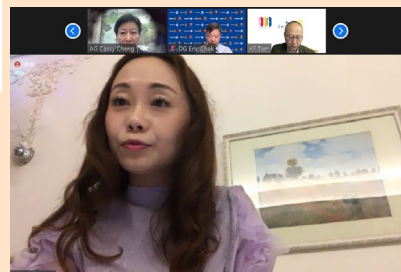
2021摘星計劃-伴隨有你
香港青少年服務處

跨越生命逆境嘉賓分享會 x 香薰乾花心意瓶工作坊

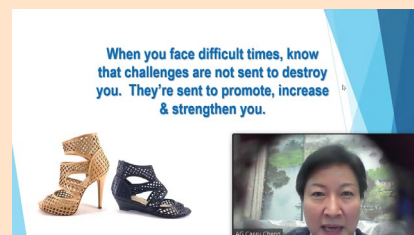
日期: 21/2(日) 或 27/2(六)
時間: 2-4pm 及 4:30-8:30pm
地點: 富亨外展中心 或 廣福源綜合服務中心

疫情關係, 活動會開放2個時段, 嘉賓可選擇任何一個時段, 4pm會進行大合照。

President Sally introduced one new item: the upcoming service events of the Star Reaching Project.



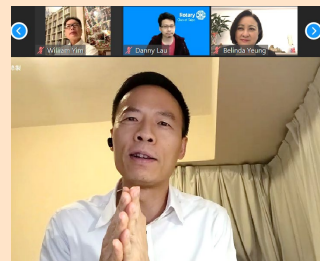
PP Natalie gave an introduction of speaker AG Cassy Cheng.



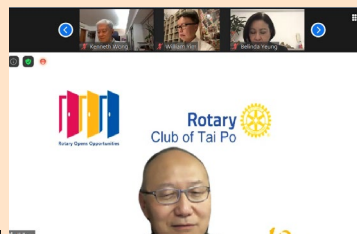
When speaking about “打工創業 轉捩點” AG Cassy Cheng shared with us her full career from entry level jobs to building her shoe business which was filled with tremendous struggle, challenges, success stories and interesting encounters with overseas business partners. We were very impressed with her risk-taking personality and dare to change many jobs in early days. She was proud of her willingness to jump out of her comfort zone to face challenges which met with both setbacks and success in different stages of her career.



Questions and comments from PDG Kenneth Wong and CDS Ron Chan.



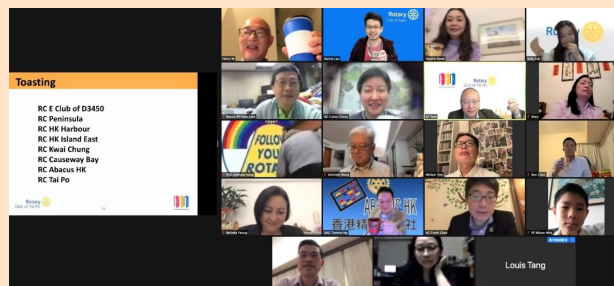
Welcome DG Eric and his daughter and thanks DG's promotion on the subject of Mentorship in our District which was inspired by the speaker's talk and President Sally's comment.



Vote of Thanks by IPP KF praised AG Cassy as an excellent mentor for our youths who can share her challenging yet successful story and “Lion Rock Spirit!”



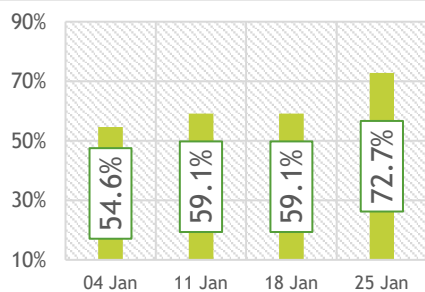
PP William Yim gave a Goodie Bag of dried seafood for raffle draw and congratulations AG Cassy who emerged the winner!



Towards the end of the meeting, there were quite a list of clubs we have to toast to.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2021



Average attendance: **61.36 %**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
22 FEB (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: DGND Andy Li Topic: The Role of Video Surveillance in the World	Zoom Meeting
1 MAR (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Louis Lam Topic: TBC	Zoom Meeting
8 MAR (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Ray Tam Topic: TBC	Zoom Meeting
22 MAR (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Sy Ming-yiu Stanley Topic: Covid-19 Vaccine	Zoom Meeting

FEBRUARY

3rd FRANKIE WU
26th WILLIAM YIM



Tai Post wishes all readers,



An auspicious and
healthy Year of the Ox!



January 2021

Perfect Attendance

Anthony Hung Armstrong Shea
Natalie Kwok Louis Tang
Peter Lam Henry Wang
Danny Lau Wilson Woo
Sally Luk William Yim
Claire Mak



SASHA CHU
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