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Thank you for your trust and confidence in me, and for selecting me to serve as the President of RY 2015-16.

I have so much I wish to tell you - the plans, the thoughts and the up and down moments. Therefore, it is good to have this page for me to share with you, my dear fellow Rotarians, friends and everyone each month.

Officers 2015-16

I believe many of you will agree with me that I am very lucky to have such a wonderful team when you see the officers list. All of the officers are passionate and willing to contribute towards making our club one of the best. With this strong team, I am sure we will have another meaningful and enjoyable year.

Year Plan 2015-16



We have a very strong base, built by all fellow members from the last 24 years – different Service Projects helping young people and the elderly. We will continue the projects, continue to bring hope for them. Be a Gift to the World.

Besides service, fellowship is important! We will also continue to create a happy, pleasurable & warm atmosphere to meetings and among ourselves. Let's enjoy every moment doing service, helping others, as well as having fun.

24th Annual Ball

Thank you fellow Rotarians & friends for your generosity and great participation. Together, we have made the party successful.

A "Thank You" is not good enough to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. Let's have a celebration dinner and toast the result.

Dear dear friends, you are important to me, as I need your advice to be a good President, to be a good leader to lead the club forward.





Editor says. **E**ditor says. **CLIFFE MAN**

Comes every July and Rotary turns a new page. Let's see what's happening at different Rotary levels and how each one starts off.



International

The 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran chooses *Be a Gift to the World* as his theme for 2015-16. He urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."



RI President Ravi said he put a lot of thought into selecting goals for his year and that, if achieved, they would be measurable by all of us and make Rotary demonstrably stronger, more effective at delivering service, and more widely known and respected by the general public. So he said this year's Presidential Citation is somewhat different from previous ones.

From the Citation materials, I discern that the stark difference compared with previous years is in the method of reporting and gauging whether a goal is achieved - by doing them on-line - instead of any big change in the actual goals to be achieved. The actual goals are set pretty humbly to say the least. As PP Man observed, some criteria are quite incredible. For instance:

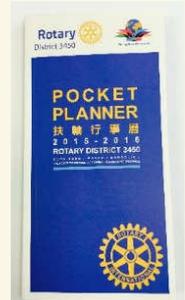
FOUNDATION GIVING	MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION
Support our Foundation by contributing at least \$20 .	Achieve a net gain in membership. Small clubs (up to 49 members) must achieve a net gain of at least one member.
Attain a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita.	Improve the member retention rate by at least 1 percent from last year.

District 3450



The District Installation on 4 July marks the change-over of District and Club leadership and was graced by HKSAR Chief Executive C. Y. Leung. Presence of the CE aims no doubt to enhance Rotary's exposure to a new level of publicity; but other than a self-insertion ad in the newspaper on the day, little was reported of the event or Rotary in the press. The program on offer that night borders on the 'routine'. Whilst lively and of course charged by RCTP being awarded the Rotary Club of the Year and Natalie, president of the year; not much can be said in terms of creativity of the program or enhancement of the overall theme.

Other than that, our District seems to be starting pretty conservatively. Look at this year's pocket planner: an almost direct replica of last year's with negligible *design* added, if any. Of course, there are these new Visual Identity materials laid down as RI guidelines but they are tools to aid, not straight-jackets to inhibit design and character. There appears limited originality on offer.



I hope the District will display more positive energy as the year proceeds. The encouraging matter is that we are having PP Frankie Wu as our Area 6 Assistant Governor. That, at least, is a refreshing new breeze blowing in the right direction.

Rotary Club of Tai Po

Our Club held our Installation on 6 July, the first meeting in the new Rotary year. IPP Natalie had the support from friendly IPPs who came along to the meeting. Similarly, P Vikky had her supporting fellow presidents. The highlight of the evening is no doubt the interesting recount by CP Donald about establishing RCTP and its development; and the jokes he cracked - despite the absence of PP Man and PP Ping.



At our club assembly on the next meeting, President Vikky announced her club plans and club structure. It can be readily seen that quite a lot of thoughts have been put in the planning process: continuing with worthwhile fellowship events and adding new elements like overseas trips; mixing and matching personnel in new membership teams; enhancing various services and speakers program. It is only a matter of time when all these ideas are put to action that we shall be reaping the fruits grown from the seeds sown by capable Vikky. That's certainly a refreshing start for RCTP.

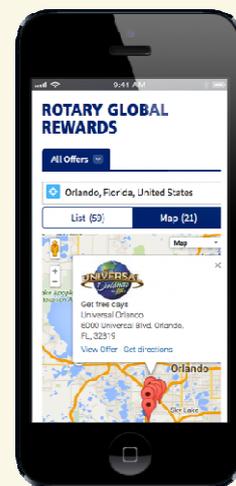


Tai Post

You are still stuck with yours truly as the Editor of Tai Post but we have actually changed the Editorial Board. PP Peter and I are still there and we have recruited Jason and Ming-hay on board. Have you noticed the change in design layout and graphics? As far as contents are concerned, since this is our 25th year, PP Peter will be bringing you a little *Gift* in every issue: memorable photos taken of club events / members in the past 25 years. Relive the happy moments!

Let's together go all out for it and be *Be a Gift to the World!*

Member benefits program unveiled as convention draws to a close



RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits program at the 9 June closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention, saying that many more hands are needed to continue Rotary's work around the world.

The program, *Rotary Global Rewards*, aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction. It will debut on 1 July. (* find out more info from www.rotary.org *)

"This innovative new program will allow Rotary members to connect with hundreds of businesses and service providers from around the world -- and that number is growing," said Ravindran. "These establishments will offer Rotarians discounts and concessions on the everyday business that you do. And, in many cases, not only will you benefit, but our Foundation will as well, by receiving a contribution with each transaction."

The program will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Discounts on more products and services from companies worldwide are expected to be added throughout the year. "It will be another way to benefit from being a Rotarian and being part of the Rotary network," said Ravindran, whose presidential theme for 2015-16 is *Be a Gift to the World*. "I urge all of you to become a part of that scheme."

Huang bids farewell

RI President Gary C.K. Huang joined Ravindran on stage to exchange club banners, a convention tradition that unofficially marks the changing of the guard.

The four-day convention in São Paulo attracted more than 14,500 attendees from more than 150 countries. Huang told convention goers that it was an honor to serve them as Rotary president.



"But what I value most [as president] are the conversations with Rotarians that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary," he said. "Some of their stories make me laugh. Others, which may sound simple and ordinary, deeply move me." Huang talked about the projects he visited all over the world during his term, and how much they inspired him.

"Each time I witnessed projects, I always wondered: How many lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary?" We know great things don't happen by themselves. We have to constantly challenge ourselves and others, and push the boundaries. Sometimes, all it takes is to ask someone to join Rotary.

"Rotary has shaped and changed my life," he added. "I want to use my story to urge Rotarians to continue to welcome promising young people in your communities and to take care of those who need a little push from us. Someday, those we have helped might become a future president of Rotary International, or a successful businessperson, a mayor, or the president of a country. Within Rotary, anything is possible."

My first RI Convention ~ *A brief recollection*

Sincere Yip

The annual RI convention always takes place during the wrong time of my work schedule that I have never been able to attend. This year, despite my very busy schedule of needing to prepare for my company's new headquarters grand opening on June 21 and intensive rehearsals for performance for the HKSAR July 1 hand over anniversary ceremony, I have decided to delegate my jobs and put things aside for a week to attend the RI Convention for the first time because the Convention takes place in the city of my second home, Sao Paulo, Brazil.



I was surprised to find out that this Convention is the smallest ever in terms of participants, but seeing over 10,000 participating Rotarians gathering for the plenary session on the first day, it's definitely a huge one to me. Though the venue is a bit disappointing with insufficient facilities and rather crude decorations comparing to other conventions I've been to, the gigantic hall that housed all attendees with one plenary session definitely impressed me. Needless to say, the opening ceremony was kicked off by a performance of traditional Brazilian Samba dances and singing. The ceremony of Flag marching representing over 200 Rotary countries and districts followed; then usual formalities like welcome speeches from RI President Mr. Huang and the Mayor of Sao Paulo, the pinning of outstanding Rotarian and an award ceremony etc. marked the opening of the Convention.



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We, all Rotarians from Hong Kong, directed by our DG Belinda, gathered in front of the Convention's signage for photo shooting to promote team spirits whenever possible. We even cheered loudly among all attendees when China flag was shown on the Big Screen and Hong Kong was mentioned during the Flag Marching ceremony. We saw representatives from other countries wandering in between the booths; the most eye-catching teams were Taiwan clubs, waving their handheld flags wherever they go. Perhaps our district should have the same (or a banner) made for the next RI convention so that everyone will know we're representative Rotarians from Hong Kong of District 3450.





Talking about exhibition, I found that there aren't too many booths presenting service projects; rather, I saw many booths selling Rotary related merchandise and products of Brazil. One interesting service in the Convention is to volunteer in the distribution of rice packages. Unfortunately I didn't stay long enough to make myself participate in helping the distribution and to understand more of this giving.



Besides the Convention, Eddie and I were honored to host our group of District 3450 Rotarians and their families to our vacation home in Atibaia, a suburb of Sao Paulo, during their short 3 days stay. We spent a leisure morning and enjoyed a typical Brazilian BBQ lunch there with lots of laughter and good fellowship. I hope that they all have a good time in Brazil and for the rest of their journey to other parts of South America.



Welcome & Farewell Events for Overseas Rotarian guests

Peter Lam

Our club was most delighted and honoured to have a big delegation of overseas Rotarians from our sister Club RC Taipei, friendly clubs RC Taipei Diamond and RC Makati San Lorenzo attending our 24th Annual Ball. But the great fun and fellowship started earlier and continued afterwards with various activities well organized by PP Tsubaki, PP Pearl, PP Francis, then P Natalie & PE Vikky and well participated by many members. Let's see how all the events unfolded and relive the happiness!

19 June **Golf Tournament** at Fanling with Rotarians from Taipei and mother club RC Peninsula



19 June **Welcome Dinner** at Star Seafood Restaurant (明星海鮮酒家) in Yaumatei



Congratulations to our Golf Tournament winner (best score) David Chan! Special thanks to our friends from Taipei for giving us three bottles of whisky and to Vikky for donating the gifts for our overseas guests, good fellowship, good party!

20 June **Lunch** at Golden Bull Vietnamese Restaurant In TST and High Tea at KCC



21 June **Farewell Lunch** at The Banqueting House (御苑皇宴) in TST East



21 June **Hot Pot Dinner** hosted by Vikky & 22 June **Lunch** hosted by Natalie for RCMSL



Ball Chairlady Vikky Tam sums it all up: ~~~

"I would like to express my greatest appreciation for your hard work, support, contributions, and advice. And, especially I thank you for your generosity which made the 24th Annual Ball a success.

We were at one, everybody was selfless with just one goal - to make the evening an enjoyable one.

We were porters - more than 180 cartons of prizes were carried to the ballroom.

We were sales women / men, number one sales team - we sold 2,992 raffle tickets, and all the silent auction items were sold. In addition, we sold many of the charity sale and bazaar items.

We were entertainers - we sang, danced and drank, making the atmosphere hot and our guests felt hot too!

We were silent heroes - many of us supported and sponsored the Ball behind the scenes.

All of us together made the Ball a happy occasion, making RCTP a super warm second home.

Once again Thank You Very Much for everything, and for the Love & Care you showed to me."



The Goodies Offered on the Train



Greetings at The Platform



When the Whistle Blows



Mother Club's and Baby Club's Installation

Rotary Club of Peninsula, 26 June 2015, Marco Polo Hong Kong Hotel



Rotary Club of SoHo HK, 8 July 2015, Royal Garden Hotel



New Member

Derek KOON Tak Yan 官德仁

Date of Birth : 19th August
 Spouse : Venus Chui
 Daughter : Ning Ning
 Classification : Wealth Management
 Inducted : 4 July 2015



PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION/SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
 Financial Risk Manager (FRM)
 Postgraduate Diploma in Credit Management
 Associate of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (AHKIB) Member
 in Global Association Risk Professionals

EDUCATION

2011-2013 Chinese University of Hong Kong
 2007-2009 The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers
 2000-2003 Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 1993-2000 Shatin Tsung Tsin Secondary School

Master in Finance
Postgraduate Diploma in Credit Management
BEng (Hons) Civil & Structural Engineering
Form 1-7

WORK EXPERIENCE

02/2014-present	UBS AG	<i>Associate Director</i>
05/2011-01/2014	HSBC	<i>Relationship Manager</i>
05/2008-04/2011	Bank of East Asia Ltd.	<i>Marketing Manager</i>
01/2006-04/2008	Bank of East Asia Ltd.	<i>Financial Service Consultant</i>
07/2003-04/2005	Ove Arup & Partners HK Ltd.	<i>Graduate Structural Engineer</i>

HOBBIES

Football, Tennis, Table Tennis, Hiking





2015-16 District Installation

4 July 2015 HK Convention and Exhibition Centre
Claire Mak



While the pre-ceremony fun at the foyer of HKCEE was quite overwhelming in the sense that there were queues for group photos at the main backdrop, queues for a cute one at Area 'Instagram backdrop'; or indeed anywhere convenient; queues for a glass of the complimentary Absolut Vodka at its special counter; queues for purchasing Rotary items ...the security at HKCEE appeared to be visibly increased on 4 July - on the occasion of Rotary District Installation. Security personnel were on guard at the ground level while dutiful Sergeants at Arms, our PP Peter and Secretary-Elect Jason included, were deployed to keep good order within the Hall.



Everyone was seated when the procession of outgoing and incoming Presidents marched in, followed by the arrival of the Guest of Honour, the Hon. Chief Executive C. Y. Leung. The DI Chairman PP Andy duly welcomed everyone and thanked his O/C, and CE CY Leung praised Rotary not only on its services but the initiatives on developing and improving the youths in HK. Outgoing Governor Belinda spent considerable amount of time recounting the fruitful year just past and I'm sure what resonated in our ears are the two words which underpin her works - "Doable, Doable!" After incoming Governor Peter had delivered his speech, the changeover ceremony was carried out and Natalie handed over RCTP's president sash to Vikky.





The Awards presentation was conducted in a rather convoluted manner as everyone was still cheering and drinking and taking photos upon the changeover. None of us was paying much attention until Natalie got presented with Outstanding President award (along with a bunch of other presidents) and then President of the Year Award. The whole RCTP turned ecstatic when we were announced "Rotary Club of the Year".



The other more worthwhile item of the evening was when Derek Koon was inducted as a Rotarian, along with a host of other new members. We have added to our number at the beginning of the Rotary year. Nice start! While the entertainment of singing and dancing continued till late, most of us dispersed to do what we liked to do most, greeting and taking photos after photos. Everyone had had their way of cheering for the start of the "Be a Gift to the World" year!





Claire Mak

Be a gift to the world

RCTP's changeover on 6 July was well-attended. We had to have 5 tables to fit in everyone who came for the club's installation; and those included IP DGBY and incumbent DG Peter; Natalie's peers who came to congratulate her on elevating RCTP to be Rotary Club of the Year and she herself, president of the year; Vikky's classmates who came to wish her well upon taking the helm; and District officers who came with praises and generally to join the fun. We at RCTP were of course ecstatic with all the achievements and the bright future.

The evening was brought to the pinnacle with CP Donald's ad hoc recount of the history of establishing the club and cracking a few 'clean' jokes. If the red box collected is any pointer, the fact that our collection exceeded \$8,000 that evening (despite a restrained and blushing Sergeant KF) seems to present a truly good GIFT with which to start the year!



Lawso and Natalie thanked Creamy and Frankie for their support in the past year.



William received the Avenues of Service Award.



DG Peter congratulated President Vikky upon her induction as RCTP president as IP DGBY and IPP Natalie looked on.



CP Donald always has good stories to tell and a few jokes to crack - clean ones this time.



Vikky's peers came to congratulate her.



IPDG Belinda congratulated Natalie on her achievements and thanked RCTP for the zealous support to the District and helped develop her interest and guts in singing.



President Vikky addressed everyone before closing her first meeting.



DG Peter presented a certificate for Vikky to be a club president under his reign.



The 2015-16 RCTP Board and Committee Chairs/Deputy Chairs.

As we approach our 25th Anniversary next year, let's look back at some old photos and learn about our history. June & July are months for annual dinners and change-over parties. Let's check out what it was like . . .



Anthony Hung delivering his speech as he took over as our 2nd President at the Change-Over Dinner in Hong Kong Hotel on June 1992 with his club officers behind which include KM Chan, Kenneth Wong, Charles Chan, Matthew Yum and Peter Lam.



Do you know our club used to be an English speaking club and we did have a British, John Gretton as our 94-95 President?



"VIVA Tai Po" sportive Annual Dinner at Shatin Jockey Club June 2005 (Ball Chair Claire Mak)



We had a most unique change-over event - poolside BBQ party- at PP Man's home on July 2010 when Frankie Wu took over as President from Dennis Lo... Wow so wet !



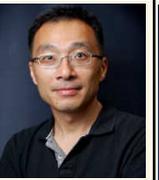
"Funny, Sexy, Hawaii" Annual Ball June 2012 at Intercontinental Hotel (Ball Chair: Francis Au)

Rotary Club of Tai Po - Board Members 2015-2016

	Post	Name			Post	Name	
1	President	Vikky Tam		12	Club Administration Chair	Roger So	
2	President Elect	William Yim			Club Administration Deputy Chair	KF Tam	
3	Vice President	Roger So		13	Membership Committee Chair	Dennis Lo	
4	Secretary	Caren Chan			Membership Committee Deputy Chair	Dorothy Chan	
5	Secretary Elect	Jason Lo		14	Service Committee Chair	William Yim	
6	Treasurer	Louis Tang			Service Committee Deputy Chair	Patrick Fong	
7	Hon. Auditor	Mo Leung Man		15	International Service Chair	Pearl Dang	
8	Directors	Natalie Kwok (IPP)			International Service Deputy Chair	Sally Luk	
		Francis Au		16	Public Image Committee Chair	Claire Mak	
		Pearl Dang			Public Image Committee Deputy Chair	Minghay Yu	
		Ada Wu		17	Youth Committee Chair	Peter Lam	
		Patrick Fong			Youth Committee Deputy Chair	Jason Lo	
		Claire Mak		18	Youth Advisor - RAC Tai Po	Ronald Chung	
9	Club Foundation Chair	Louis Tang			Youth Advisor - RAC Wu Yee Sun College	Claire Mak	
10	Web Master	Jason Lo			Youth Advisor - IAC Tsung Tsin Christian Academy	Jacky Sung	
11	Sergeant-At-Arms	Dennis Lo			Youth Advisor - IAC Tai Po Schools	Anthony Hung	

Rotary Club of Tai Po - Teams for 2015- 16

Team 1

Team Leader	Team Members							
Dorothy	Natalie	Ada	Man	C M	Dennis	Sasha	Armstrong	Derek
								

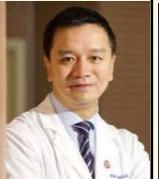
Team 2

Team Leader	Team Members							
Sally	Vicky	Anthony	Wilson	KF	Timmy	Ron	Jimmy	Louis
								

Team 3

Team Leader	Team Members						
Jason	Sincere	Pearl	Kenneth	Roger	Peter	Patrick Fong	Francis
							

Team 4

Team Leader	Team Members							
Ming-hay	Caren	Claire	Frankie	Patrick Yung	Jacky	Tsubaki	William	David
								

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meetings

15.06.2015 Joint meeting with RC Kowloon Tong



Cheers everyone at the Joint Meeting!



Speaker Mr. Vincent Cheung gave an in depth analysis on “How does an appraiser perceive the Home Market?” by making references to factors affecting the Hong Kong and the Asian property market.



Tai Po Rotarians formed the majority at the joint meeting.

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P. Natalie gave a presentation of herself at this last meeting under her reign.



Jason receiving his first Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



PP Man and Jackie were the first to receive thanks and souvenir from Natalie.



President Natalie thanked Alan and Pearl for their support in the past year, in particular, the good works at the “Build Our Loving Village” Project and linking RC Makati San Lorenzo with our club.



PP Claire got her 5-star PHF recognition.



Last but not least, PP Peter was thanked by Natalie for his ceaseless contributions.



As PP Ping retires from the club, it was also announced that he shall be our Honorary member.



Taipo Rotaractors Yuky, Scarlet and Tony gave a presentation of their International Service Trip to the Philippines.



RCTP celebrated the last meeting in our usual style, cheers!!

13 July Club Assembly



Roger receiving the raffle gift of an exotic tea set given out by KF.



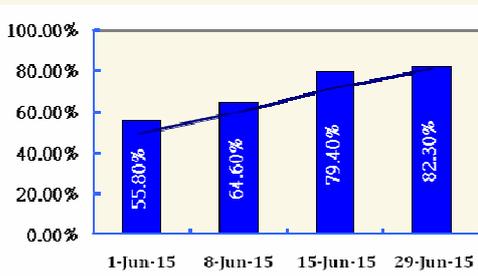
July birthday members Dorothy, Ada and Armstrong were congratulated as they cut birthday cake and received their birthday gifts.



IPP Natalie presented a gift to incumbent President Vikky.



JUNE 2015



Average attendance: 75.7%

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- FRANCIS AU,
- CAREN CHAN,
- DOROTHY CHAN,
- ANTHONY HUNG,
- NATALIE KWOK,
- PETER LAM,
- WILLIAM LAM,
- PING LEUNG,
- DENNIS LO,
- JASON LO,
- CLAIRE MAK,
- K F TAM,
- VIKKY TAM,
- MASAYUKI TSUBAKI,
- WILLIAM YIM



Up coming events

Day	Time	Event	Venue
22 JUL (WED)	7:30 p.m.	Baby Club RC Central Club Installation	6/F, The General Chamber of Commerce, 24-25 Connaught Road, Central
27 JUL (MON)	7:30 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. Chip Tsao Topic: 英倫·非一般	Function Room, The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E.
3 AUG (MON)	7:30 p.m.	AG Frankie Wu's Visit	Function Room, The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E.
8 AUG (SAT)	2:00 p.m.	District Membership Development and Retention Seminar	World Trade Centre Club, 38/F, WTC, Gloucester Road, Wan Chai
9 AUG (SUN)	8:00 p.m.	The Rotary Hong Kong Chordophonia 2015 Concert	Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall
10 AUG (MON)	7:30 p.m.	Speaker: PP Dr. Y C Ho Topic: Prostate (前列腺)	Function Room, The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E.
16 AUG (SUN)	1:00 p.m.	District Rotaract Installation cum District Award Presentation Ceremony	Charles K. Kao Auditorium, Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, New Territories



We missed you
In June

Sasha Chu
Jacky Sung
Sincere Yip
C M Yu
Patrick Yung

July Happy Birthday

16th Ada
28th Armstrong
29th Dorothy

Honorary
Ping Leung

On Leave
Timmy Kwong

Suspended
Eric Chiang

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