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Closing Remarks from Immediate Past President Elsa Wong



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

What a year it has been, it has gone by very quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to express a few thoughts from my year as President for 2019-2020.

It has been an incredibly interesting, rewarding, and inspiring experience. There are so many wonderful people in this club with great vibes and energy, always eager in helping to create a better life for those in need. Despite the outbreak of Covid-19 which has caused our major event Rookie Stars Dance Contest to be postponed indefinitely, we continued to strive and accomplish as many of the charity works as possible locally and internationally throughout the

year. To name a few: the End Polio Day and Family Walk, Anti-Covid19 Toolkits Donations, Elderly services, Toy Donations and Mask Donations to 4 countries.

You should all be very pleased with what we as a club accomplished this year. We were awarded with the top two grand awards – President of the Year, and Rotary Club of the Year. In addition, we also received the Membership Growth Award. I would like to thank all the members, and I salute to all the board members of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point. It has definitely been a successful year and it could not have been without the entire club's efforts.

To Colin Chau and his incoming board, I will do my best to support you and the club in leading our club to a new height. Wishing you well in the year ahead and all the very best.

In closing, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I hope you all had as much fun as I did.

Thank you. Elsa Wong – President 2019-2020



District Award announcement for the Top two Grand Awards for Year 2019-20

In the end of Rotary year 2019/20, while we are celebrating our club's first year anniversary of club chartered, we are proud of double delights, during the District Award announcement for the Top two Grand Awards for Year 2019-20, with President Elsa WONG receiving President of the Year Award and RC of HK North Point being awarded the Rotary Club of the year award.







Big Congratulations to President Elsa WONG and to Rotary Club of HK North Point! Well Done everyone!

Membership Growth Award 2019 -2020

We are honoured to receive Significant Contribution to Membership Growth Award 2019 -20 for chartering the new Club on 1-7-2019 with year end net growth 37 members!

Rotary District 3450

Certificate of Award

This certificate is awarded to

Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point

on 28 September 2020
in grateful appreciation for your significant contribution to Membership Growth
during the Rotary Year of 2019-2020

PDG HW Fung Co-Chair District Membership Comm



IPDG Wilson Cheng

District Governor 2019-20
Wilson Cheng and
Membership Committee CoChairs PDG HW Fung and
PDG Kenneth Wong
presenting the Award to our
Past District Governor /
Charter President Eric Chin
and President 2019-20 Elsa
Wong.

The award fund was well used for "Infinity!學習無限制" project - Data Sim Card to support 390 students in various districts to learn at home and connect to school for education online. Online learning in the right time is critical to keep the positive learning attitude of students.



PDG Kenneth Wong Co-Chair District Membership Committee

GENEROUS DONATION OF TOYS DONATION BY MR. JOHNNY SANDHU TROUGH OUR ROLE MODEL, RTN. IRINA DECHANT

Through the introduction of RTN Irina DECHANT, we met with the kind-hearted donor from Multi Lines International Co., Ltd ("Multi-Line"), Mr. Johnny SANDHU. Mr. SANDHU is the Managing Director of Multi-Line, founded in 2007, whom has been involved in the toy industry since 1997. Born and raised in HK, Mr. SANDHU is skilled in multiple languages including English, Cantonese, Hindi, Punjabi & Mandarin. On the donation day, 16th May (Saturday), President Elsa presented our club's letter of appreciation. We admired his generosity. Johnny expressed his passion in helping children and bringing smiles to faces through toys. RC of HK North Point looks forward working with Mr. SANDHU to serve underprivileged families in our community!

Special Thanks go to RTN Irina DECHANT! Her network and passion in serving the community allowed our club to secure "in kind donations" for under-privileged children in HK. While Mr. SANDHU declined to estimate the value of his generosity, we conservatively estimate the 500+ toys has an estimated retail value of at least HK\$150,000.



This stuffed toy is at least 1 meter in height! With it being so cuddly and cute-inface, this puppy brought the kid-heart out of our PDG CP Dr. Eric CHIN!



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Our P Elsa & PDG CP Dr. Eric led by example through action with folding boxes to pack donated toys. Even though P Elsa hired 2 labourers to assist, it did not affect their passion in serving our community.

Not shown in this photo nor below photos, RTN. Irina DECHANT was too busy behind the scene in sorting the toys for packing.



This picture reminds us of some lyrics in "Castle On A Cloud" from Les Misérables.

"There is a room that's full of toys Nobody shouts or talks too loud..."

Our RTNs packed toys into the boxes. Finally, RTN Frankie exposed his helping hands!

Thank you, Mr. Johnny SANDHU!





Cold Beer, can't beat the feeling. Everyone had a great work out after packing and lifting 65 boxes.



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We partnered with Po Leung Kuk F.S.F.T.'s Children & Youth Development Centre in Tsuen Wan to have the toys distributed through their network to families & centres throughout HK.

The boxes were moved out of Frankie's office whom donated spaces for storage for our Club.

We estimate:

- Retail value of Toys @ HK\$150,000;
- At least, 7 RTNs, 7 Volunteers and 8 Social workers from PLK, totaling <u>22+</u> people were involved;
- At least <u>120hrs of man hours</u> were deployed;
- Approx. 300 happy children.

The above were realized through RTN Irina DECHANT's arrangement!







MAY 2020 MONTHLY PHYISCAL + ONLINE FELLOWSHIP

With COVID-19 situation improving and Government's relaxation on gathering requirements, few members thought it would be good to arrange a table for eight. Concurrently, 3 tables at different locations were attended by Rotarians to enjoy dinner as well as listened to Dr. Derek CHUNG's talk on "DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN BANKING INDUSTRY." Simultaneously, Zoom's platform was arranged for Rotarians whom wished to enjoy fellowship virtually. At one of the locations, we were honoured with the presences of our club's senior adviser, Mr. Y.K. CHENG, BBS, JP.



← Dr. Derek CHUNG getting ready to host his talk via Zoom's platform. A small gathering to hear from the expert. In between President Elsa WONG and PDG CP Dr. Eric CHIN is our club's senior adviser, PDG Y.K. CHENG, BBS, JP.



← At a different location, another fellowship was arranged to enjoy a nice dinner and drinks. This group of members compiled with government's requirement of 8 people per table as they waited for Dr. Derek CHUNG to deliver his talk.

At a different location, a group of friends also awaits for the talk on "DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIN IN BANKING INDUSTRY." Computers were brought and shared for this occasion.



Zoom's platform was also used for gathering too!



21st May: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN BANKING INDUSTRY Monthly Gathering's Speaker: RTN DR. DEREK CHUNG

In our May Monthly Meeting, Dr. Derek Chung gave us a talk on "Digital Transformation in Banking Industry". Digital and mobile technologies have revolutionized how financial institutions and consumers interact. Our Rotarians learnt how traditional banking has had to adapt to survive and live alongside digital sector, and how it has evolved from physically waiting in lines at the banks to conduct routine transactions to now just using your fingertips to do it on your mobile devices.



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN BANKING INDUSTRY

SPEAKER: DR. DEREK CHUNG

BBA (HONS), MBA, LLB (HONS), RSSC, DBA

Executive Vice President & Head of Personal Banking
Division in Chong Hing Bank Limited

Dr. Derek Chung, Charter Member of Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point, is a veteran banker who has solid experience in financial services industry, focusing on retail banking business, overseeing sales & distribution channel, customer segments, retail banking & wealth management products for over 30 years.

During his career journey, he spearheaded major retail strategic initiatives and product innovations in different financial institutions. His leadership and extensive experiences in sales & marketing has led various organizations in sustaining competitive advantages and achieving remarkable business results. In particular, he launched several first-intown products and programs which brought dramatic changes to the retail banking industry in Hong Kong

PP PETER PANG CONTINUES HARDWORK ON PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR FOR INCOMING PRESIDENTS FROM MONGOLIA

On 23rd May (Saturday), just when all of us was enjoying the start of weekend, PP Peter was busy at RIC in Causeway Bay. Similar to last month, PP Peter was at RIC from 8am to 6pm for the setup as well as presentation to teach incoming Presidents on essentials. Our clubs are so fortunate to have many heavyweight Rotarians in guiding us to serve our community!



← PP Peter Pang shared best practices on Information Technologies to Incoming Presidents from Mongolia.

2020-21 RI Theme → "Rotary Opens Opportunities"





← Handsome DGE Dr. Eric CHAK at PETS via Zoom's platform.



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Handsome PP Peter Pang with 2020-21 theme tie! →

District Training Assembly

On 13th June 2020, District Training Assembly was held at Regal Hotel Airport. This training is offered by District 3450 to equip incoming club officers to serve our members. Number of Rotarians from each club is limited to 8 due to covid-19.



TRAVELLED IN BMW TO PRESERVE PLANT EARTH ("PPE"

For our Rotarians, commuting with BMW means minimizing spoilage to environment; BMW stands for Bus, MTR & Walk. On 4th Jul 2020, Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point advanced with Agency for Volunteer Service ("AVS") to implant saplings to mother nature. A team of Rotarians woke up early, like weekdays, for our 1st Service Project on PPE. Blessed with a bit of rain in the previous night and a bit of cloud on the day, it was an ideal condition for gardening in our backyard. Our Rotarians showed great teamwork and our sweat hopefully nourished soils along the way. Also, all of us became delicacy for mosquitoes in the course of dedication.



9 Rotarians from HK North Point together with 3 Volunteers from AVS carried gardening tools and 24 saplings deep into Shing Mun Country Park. The service project started at 9am and finished at 12pm; collectively, completed 36 man-hours of service to start Rotary year 2020-21.



TRAVELLED IN BMW TO PRESERVE PLANT EARTH ("PPE")



After our blood being munched by mosquitoes, we were joined by more Rotarians for a yummy fellowship luncheon at 蓮香棧.

To wrap up the day, few of our Rotarians brought cakes to 保良局方樹福堂兒童及青少年發展中心 for children in the center as afternoon tea.





We look forward serving the community more in the time ahead.





17th July: Career Talk at IVE (Kwun Tong) moderated by PP Peter PANG with IPP Elsa WONG and RTN Olivia LAM as panelists

Vocational Talk "What's Next? 升學擇業你想點?" at IVE Kwun Tong facilitated by PP Peter Pang with speakers IPP Elsa Wong and Director Olivia Lam sharing choices for further studies and careers for young people. The webinar was live broadcasted on 17 July 2020 through IVE Facebook.









Infinity!學習無限制

Embracing technologies sabotaged basic educations for children living in poverty. RC HK North Point and RC HK South acted swiftly to open opportunities for underprivileged students through donating 370 SIM cards to address online learning for those with limited internet access. On 10th Sept 2020, The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council commenced distributing SIM cards to deprived pupil throughout HK. With back to schools anticipated from late Sept to early Oct, this temporary solution saves an annual \$1,800 for low income family from additional internet cost. While \$1,800 may not sound a lot, this amount is dinner money for ingredients to feed a family of 3 for 36 days. To put it into perspective, 100 families will benefit & save an aggregate of \$180,000p.a.





Today, we met and learnt the tragic story of one recipient. Plagued by chronic illness, the single mother's only hope was to give everything to her teenage child. Despite of motherly love, there was NOTHING she could do and she felt despair. While HKSAR government raised her social security benefits over the years, landlords of sub-divided flats raised rents in equivalent amount. With amenities prices going up as well, her purchasing power reduced over the years. This SIM card gave her hope in providing education for her child; which's the only thing in her life that keeps her living.

