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Perumal Suppiah

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## Experience of a Lifetime!

By: Vice President Rajkumar Perumal Suppiah



VP Rajkumar

The experience during the recent visit to SAVH ( Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped ) on the 2nd of August 2018, was something I highly appreciate and value in life, not only as a Rotarian but as an individual. It has registered a simple yet everlasting message in my mind - "**NEVER TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED IN LIFE**".

During the dine in the dark experience, despite trying to keep ourselves cool by talking to the fellow Rotarians sitting around, lots of thoughts surfaced in my mind and even my hearing got much sharper. I could hear from which direction the cool air from the air con was blowing. Imagine those visually handicapped staff who worked there, having to cope with their current eye conditions for all their lives. I must also applaud their determination and positive attitude which is something that has woken my inner self in serving others. This trip would not have been made possible without Community Service Committee (CSC) Director Dr Rupesh Agrawal and CSC Team. Thank you once again, Dr Rupesh. I strongly recommend all the rest of Rotarians to visit SAVH one day to experience dining in the dark.



Aftermath of dining in the dark



Briefing at SAVH



From left: Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani, CSC Dir Dr Rupesh Agrawal, Miss Czech Republic & VP Rajkumar



# Photo Album of Sister Club Installations & Visits

*President Mark Wang (right) & IPP Keith Harrison (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) attended Sister Club, RC Bandar Seri Begawan's installation dinner held on 11.8.18*



*Attending the Sister Club, RC of Cauayan's installation were IPP Keith & Rachel Harrison (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and PP Dr Yap Lip Kee & Rtn James Lee (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from right) on 4.8.18*

*IPP Keith (seated left) & Rtn James (standing right) also visited Sister Club, RC Rizal West on 5.8.18. Accompanying IPP Keith were wife, Rachel and son, Jonathan (right)*



**Rotary  
Disaster  
Relief**



**PEDULI  
GEMPA LOMBOK**

HUMANITY IN MOTION

**JOIN US IN  
GIVING LOVE  
& COMFORT**



**#PRAY  
FOR  
LOMBOK**



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At the weekly meeting on 15 August 2015, President Mark advised that the Club contributed US\$2,500 to help the people affected by the Lombok Earthquake. This amount was matched by a contribution from IshK Tolaram Foundation.

Members were requested to continue their support for this major effort led by ISC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen and PP Dr Yap Lip Kee, with donations to the Club's Disaster Relief Fund. President Mark added that pledges were accepted and that PP Lip Kee had pledged \$1,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund.

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# Coming Club Events...

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening Club Meeting



**The financial collapse of Sino-Forest Corporation in North America**  
**北美嘉汉林业的财政崩溃**  
A multi billion "Ponzi scheme"?  
上亿的庞氏骗局?  
Like Madoff, TRE was one of the rare frauds committed by an established institution  
就像Madoff一样, TRE是有史以来公司实施的最大骗局?  
Multi billion financial scandal in North America  
北美数十亿的经济诈骗丑闻

5 Sept 2018 7pm Tanglin Club  
2018年9月5日 七点钟 tanglin俱乐部  
A lecture by Peter KOH  
主讲人: 许顺光



**ROTARY CLUB SINGAPORE  
FELLOWSHIP EVENT 2018**

**VENUE:**  
Boater's Bar  
ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore  
#01-01, 11 Cove Drive, Sentosa Cove,  
Singapore 098497

**TIME:**  
6:30pm Onwards

**DATE:**  
12th of September 2018

**PRICE:**  
\$5+

**1 WINE (RED/WHITE) OR  
BEER PER PERSON**

Venue can host up to only 30 person.  
So first come first service Exciting  
sunset view amidst luxury yachts .  
Special allocation for Rotary Club

**Rotary**   **BE THE  
INSPIRATION** Organised by Membership Committee



# Help the Children 2018 – An Invitation

PLEASE JOIN US  
DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE  
COMMITTEE (DISC)  
PROJECT VISIT

*Friday 12th-Sunday  
14th October 2018*

Surabaya, Malang & Batu  
East Java, Indonesia

Visits to Schools and Distribution of School-  
going Supplies and Visit to Bhakti Luhur  
Orphanage  
Plus Great Fellowship!

*Limited to 1st 80 participants only*



DISTRICT 3420 Rotary DISTRICT 3310

## "HELP THE CHILDREN 2018"

RC MALANG CENTRAL RC SINGAPORE  
RC MARINA CITY RC BATU RC TAIPEI RC KUCHING CENTRAL

IN COLLABORATION WITH

IshK Tolaram FOUNDATION

30<sup>th</sup> PAN BORNEO MEET  
Kuching @ Sarawak  
2 - 4 November 2018

**30<sup>TH</sup> PAN BORNEO MEET 2018**  
2 – 4 NOVEMBER 2018





# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Wednesday Meeting – 15 August 2018

### OPENING REMARKS

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil opened the Meeting and invited President Mark Wang to take the Chair. President Mark warmly welcomed PDG Danny Low, last week's Guest Speaker back to the Club, as well as the Meeting Speaker, Ms Yap Pey Herng.

### WELCOME

The welcome of Guests of members and Visiting Rotarians was performed by Rtn Omkar Shrestha:

#### Guests

Speaker, Ms Yap Pey Herng  
Ms Mindy Ong  
Ms Eni Wee  
Dr Ganesh Ramalingam

#### Visiting Rotarians

PDG Danny Low – Mosman, Australia  
PP Andrew Brown – Rhyl, North Wales, UK  
PPs Bibhyti Mansingh, K M Ranjitkar, C P Rajbhandari, K C Manandhar, President Sunil Pradhan – Thamel, Nepal  
Felix Neller – Uster, Switzerland  
Khalid Siddiqui – Taipei (sister club)



*Rtn Omkar*

### TOAST

Toastmaster Rtn M M Patel invited President Sunil Pradhan from Rotary Club of Thamel who was leading his club's delegation to address the Club. President Sunil spoke of his club's school rebuilding projects after the Nepal earthquake, and reported that the projects were progressing well. He further highlighted other projects for the upgrading of schools, provision of school learning materials and drinking water to the community.



*From right: President Mark, Rtn Patel & President Sunil*



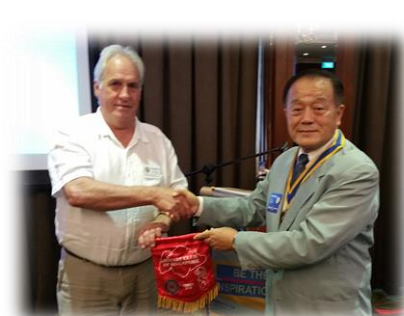
### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS FROM ROTARY CLUB OF THAMEL

For the assistance rendered to their projects in Nepal, the delegation presented gifts to the Club and the Nepal Consulate which were presented to President Mark and Rtn Patel respectively.



# Last Week

## PRESENTATION OF BANNERS



*From left: President Mark presented the Club banners to visiting Rtn Khalid Siddiqui, PDG Danny Low & PP Andrew Brown*

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (VSC) MEETING CUM VOCATIONAL VISIT

President Mark highlighted the coming VSC Meeting and Vocational Visit to Tiger Brewery as follows:

- Date: Thursday, 30 August 2018
- Pick-up Time: 5.00pm at Newton Circus Car Park (Travel by bus to the Tiger Brewery for tour and meeting followed by dinner).
- Cost: \$15.00 for VSC Members and spouses for transport and Brewery visit.  
\$60.00 for non VSC Members for dinner, transport and Brewery visit.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, 18 September – 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly at 6.30pm at Senior Police Officers' Mess.
- Wednesday, 19 September – District Governor Henry Tan's Official Visit to the Club at the weekly meeting.

## PRESENTATION ON YAYASAN PRIMA UNGGUL (YPU) FOUNDATION

President Mark called on Rtn Dr Irina Francken who introduced the YPU Foundation to members as an education foundation for children from low-income economy level from various provinces in Indonesia, without any regard to their race and religion. She added that the Foundation's objective was to develop under-privileged children into independent individuals. Rtn Irina advised the YPPU Foundation has several business units; however, she would be working with the Vocational Service Committee on two business units – Performing Arts and Entrepreneurship Training Program.



*Rtn Irina (2<sup>nd</sup> from right, top photo) with performers from Yayasan Prima Unggul*



# Last Week

**Speaker:** Ms Yap Pey Herng, Equity Analyst, Director  
LGT Bank (Singapore) Ltd

**Topic:** *“How to navigate the current environment”*



Rtn Horst

President Mark called upon Hon Treasurer to introduce the Speaker, Ms Yap Pey Herng who is one of the specialists in Equity Advisory Team at LGT Bank (Singapore) Ltd and is responsible for providing analysis and advice for equity investment. She has more than 12 years of experience in the industry, and prior to LGT, Ms Yap had worked for DBS Private Bank as Equity Investment and Structured Product Advisor. Before that she worked as the sell-side research analyst for S&P Capital IQ and Morgan Stanley. Ms Yap holds a Master in Business Administration from Nanyang Business School and a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering from University Technology of Malaysia. She is a CFA charter holder since 2010. Rtn Horst further advised that Ms Yap was an Interactor from the Interact Club of Segamat in Malaysia.



From left: President Mark, Ms Yap & Rtn Hans

Ms Yap gave an incisive and informative presentation with key points on the US economic environment. She also spoke on briefly of various aspects of the world economic performances. Ms Yap further highlighted certain sectors which were least directly exposed to recessionary risks. (A copy of Ms Yap's presentation may be requested from the Secretariat.)

On behalf of the Club, Rtn Dr Hans Schniewind warmly thanked Ms Yap for her very interesting talk.

## PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

President Mark reminded members to take their copy of the Who's Who Directory and thanked Rtn Uttam Kripalani for generously sponsoring the printing of the Directory once again this year.

He further announced that Wednesday, 10 October was designated World Polio Day and the Rotary Clubs in Singapore would be joining the Club at this weekly meeting to raise funds for Rotary's End Polio Programme.



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends Birthday greetings to the following celebrants:**

PDG Dr Philbert Chin  
Kaustubh Bokhankar  
Hon. Member Mohan Vaswani  
PP Perlita Tiro  
Dr Claus Dusemund  
Anindya Dutta  
PP Chiang Shih Fang

## This Meeting

**22 August 2018**

**Meeting Cancelled  
in view of public holiday  
– Hari Raya Haji**

## Next Meeting

**29 August 2018**

**Reception Desk duty:** Peter Koh,  
Kannan Krishnan

**Sunshine Box:** PP Jimmy Ooi & Louis Lim

**Speaker:** Dr ZhuLi Yap, Associate Consultant, Singapore National Eye Centre

**Topic:** The Fred Hollows Foundation – Cambodia

## Anniversary Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants:**

Tina Tang & Zhang Ming  
Hon. Member Mohan & Kawita Vaswani  
Moshood & Norhayu Olaniyan  
Roland & Jun Jossi  
Kapil & Thriпти Hinduja  
Steven & Katherine Nichols

## Vocational Service Meeting

**Vocational Service Committee Meeting cum Vocational Visit to Tiger Brewery will be held on:**

**Date:** Thursday, 30 August

**Time:** 5.00pm pick up at Newton Circus Car Park for travel to Tiger Brewery

**Venue:** 489 Jalan Ahmad Ibrahim, S639934

**Hosts:** Rtn Joseph Chia, PPs Peter Tan, Alan Tan Rtn Vivek Chhabra, Dr Irina Francken & Suresh Hathiramani

## Coming Rotary Events

### August

**Membership and New Club Development Month**

**22 August** – Weekly Meeting Cancelled

**25 August** – RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja's Installation

**31 August** – Rotaract Club of Singapore Installation at NUS

### September

**Basic Education and Literacy Month**

**1 September** - RC Rizal West's Installation

**18 September** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Assembly

**19 September** – DG Henry Tan's Official Visit

### October

**Economic and Community Development Month**

**12-14 October** – Help the Children Project in Malang and Batu, Indonesia

### November

**Rotary Foundation Month**

**2-4 November** – 30<sup>th</sup> Pan Borneo Meet 2018

## Youth Service Meeting

**Youth Service Committee Meeting will be held as follows:**

**Date:** Thursday, 23 August

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Moghul Mahal Restaurant, 2 Tessensohn Road, #03-01, S217646

**Hosts:** PE Deepak Nagrani, PP Dr Shahul Hameed, Rtn See Mee Lee







## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

**First:** *Have I spent some time in self-examination?*

**Second:** *Have I spent quality time with my family?*

**Third:** *Have I given my best to my work?*

**Fourth:** *Have I given some time to someone near and far?*

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018/2019

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