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# In Focus

## Report on the Club's Trip to West Bengal

By: PP Dr Shahul Hameed

### RC Singapore Trip to West Bengal, India July 2019

PP Tapan Rao and Spouse Prabha led RC Singapore's delegation of 6 to Kolkata, West Bengal, India 10-15 July 2019. The objectives of the visit were:

1. Attend Sister Club RC Belur's Installation on Sunday, 11am-3pm, 14 July 2019
2. Visit to Rotary Eye Hospitals of Partner Club RC Purulia in Purulia, West Bengal, India, 11-13 July 2019
3. Attend Joint Club Meetings of Partner Clubs RC Hooghly, RC Midnapore and RC Domlak Mushadabad.



Our Club's delegation also included Hon Member Mohan Vaswani and Spouse Kawita as well as PP Dr Shahul Hameed and Spouse Michelle. On arrival in Kolkata late on 10 July, the group spent the night in Kolkata before heading to Ranchi by air and travelled 3 hours by road to reach Purulia. We were warmly welcomed by Club President Amitav as well as Members of RC Purulia





## Report on the Club's Trip to West Bengal...contd

Our delegation visited RC Purulia's Rotary Eye Hospital (established 1982) in Purulia as well as the adjoining Multi Specialty Hospital (established 2017). We also visited another Rotary Eye Hospital in Lalpur, Purulia. The Multi Specialty Hospital provides specialty treatment for O & G, Dialysis, Pediatric, Emergency Services, General Surgery and Medicine as well as Specialty Eye Care among others. RC Singapore has had 4 Global Grants Project with RC Purulia since 2013 and RC Purulia is also a Partner for our Global Grant Projects in Singapore. At Lalpur Rotary Eye Hospital, established 2009, RC Singapore suggested converting the adjoining unused space into a garden for the benefit of the patients. RC Purulia also agreed to consider introducing a specialty dental clinic to complement its services.





## Report on the Club's Trip to West Bengal...contd





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In the evening, our delegation attended RC Purulia's weekly Rotary Meeting. The meeting was well attended by its Members as well as Rotaractors and Inner Wheel Members.

The 3 Rotary Eye Hospitals in Purulia are managed by Rotarians from the Club. 3 separate Board of Trustees are in place to manage the staff and the Hospitals. The key takeaway from the Club's Weekly Meeting is that the Report of the number of patients treated and procedures done at the 3 different facilities are faithfully recorded in the Club's weekly Meeting Minutes. We were all very impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the Purulian Rotarians. At the Meeting, RC Purulia conferred Honorary Membership to HM Mohan Vaswani, PP Tapan Rao and PP Dr Shahul Hameed for their contributions to the Club.





## Report on the Club's Trip to West Bengal...contd

We travelled back to Kolkata and attended Sister Club RC Belur's Welcome Dinner as well as their Installation the next day. The event was graced by Rotary VIPs including PRID Shekhar Mehta as well as dignitaries from Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Nigeria. RC Belur has been a Sister Club since 2015 and we have worked closely with the Club for Global Grant Projects in India and in Singapore. The Projects in India include, Water and Sanitation and Pediatric Cardiac Surgeries for Children in India, Nigeria and Afghanistan. Our delegation also had a separate, private meeting with PRID Shekhar Mehta. At the Meeting PRID Shekhar thanked RC Singapore for all the work done with Rotary Clubs in East India. Our delegation agreed in-principle to continue assisting East India with WASH and Literacy Projects as championed by PRID Shekhar.



## Report on the Club's Trip to West Bengal...contd



On the last day before we headed home to Singapore, we attended a joint meeting of 3 Clubs specially organised in our honour. The 3 Clubs, namely RC Hooghly, RC Midnapore and RC Domkal Murshidabad, kindly conferred Honorary Membership to their Clubs to HM Mohan Vaswani, PP Tapan Rao and PP Dr Shahul Hameed. Our Club has a very good working relationship with the above Clubs with several Eye Project GGs as well as e-Learning and School Literacy Projects discussed and planned for the future.

RC Singapore also received an invitation for the 100 years celebration of Rotary in India by RC Calcutta who received their Rotary Charter on 1 January 1919. There will also be a Rotary Centennial Celebrations Conference in Kolkata scheduled for 13-16 February 2020. We will be organising a delegation to attend this conference in February as well as organising a side trip to Hooghly/Bhubaneswar/Cuttack/Purulia for members of RC Singapore delegation.





# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 24 July 2019

### OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was opened by Acting Sergeant-at-Arms PP Keith Harrison who invited President Deepak Nagrani to commence the Meeting.

### WELCOME

Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien welcomed guests of members and visiting Rotarians as follows:

#### Guests:

Speaker, Professor Tang Hang Wu

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca Nagrani, Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Mrs Lisa Ganesh

Interactors – Benjamin Tan (ACS(I)), Glenda Ooi (CJC), Tee Ting Xin (A-S JC), Chua Kai Ming (HCI), Glenn Liew (VJC), Joy Liew (BGEIC), Kaelynn Yap (RI)

Rotaractors – Chua Shin Er & Alyssa Ng (RAC Bukit Gombak), Ho Yeunh Tuc & Fatima Suddiqu (RAC SG City) Ms Jessie Ang, Ms Elizabeth Sandra Seah, Ms Venus Teo-Lim, Ms Loh Kia Hui, Ms Doris Yap, Mr Raj, Mr Edgar Foo, Mr Robert Foo, Mr Sasi Kumar

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Cong Zhi Cheng – Jurong Town

PP Mark Ohlow – Bauhaus Weimas, Germany



*Rtn Dr Hoh Sek Tien welcoming guests & visiting Rtms*

### TOAST & EXCHANGE OF BANNER



Toastmaster, Rtn Dr Claus Dusemund (left photo) called on members to join him in raising a toast to Rotary Club of Bauhaus Weimas coupled with the toast to Rotary International.

Next, President Deepak exchanged banners with PP Mark Ohlow from RC Bauhaus Weimas (right photo).



*Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam*

### CLASSIFICATION TALK

Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam was called upon by President Deepak to give a brief classification talk. Rtn Ganesh advised that he was sent to Israel for a year for trauma surgery experience, such as gunshot wounds. He also spoke of how he and his wife, Lisa who was present at the meeting, are involved in various charities. Rtn Ganesh added that he was grateful to Rtms Rajkumar and Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani for having introduced him to the Club and that it was a great honour to be a member.





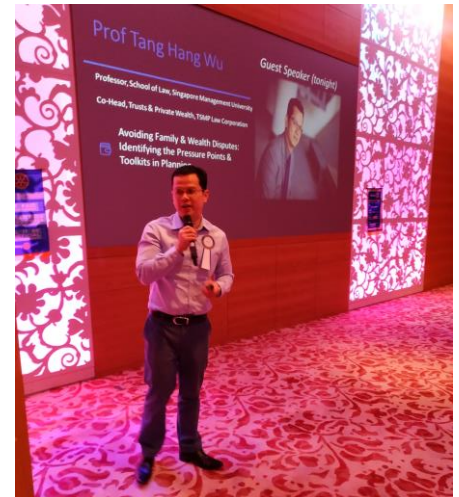
**Speaker:** Professor (Prof) Tang Hang Wu,  
School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU)

**Topic:** *“Avoiding Family & Wealth Disputes: Identifying the Pressure Points & Toolkits in Planning”*



*PP Dr Yap Lip Kee*

Prof Tang was introduced by PP Dr Yap Lip Kee who advised that prior to joining SMU in 2013, Prof Tang taught at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore for 12 years where he was a tenured faculty member. He is a consultant at TSMP Law Corporation where he co-heads the Trusts & Wealth practice. Prof Tang has advised members of the legal profession in Singapore and Malaysia as well as various Singapore government departments. He is



*Speaker, Prof Tang Hang Wu*

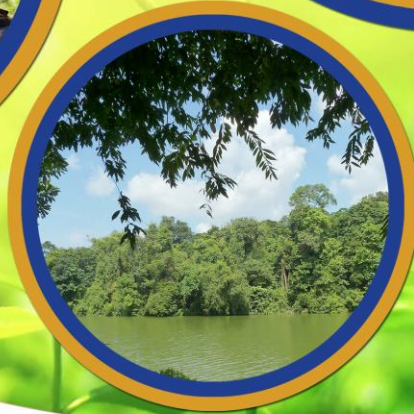
instructed as Counsel by other practising lawyers to argue difficult cases before the Singapore Court of Appeal and to advise on complex legal issues which arise in domestic and international litigation. He is also an expert witness in International litigation and arbitration and has recently advised the U.S. Department of Justice on Singapore trust law.



*From left: President Deepak, Rtn Ronald & Prof Tang*

At the start of his talk, Prof Tang gave examples of some examples of major family disputes which straddled both local and overseas courts. He identified the various factors which causes dysfunction within the dynamics of wealthy families. He highlighted the various family dynamics in Asian families. He added that recognising these elements were important from the wealth advisor's perspective as the risk of litigation could be lessened by careful planning. Prof Tang ended his talk with some advice on how to prevent disputes in succession and wealth planning as well as managing such family conflicts.

President Deepak called on Youth Service Director Ronald Wong who warmly thanked Prof Tang for his great talk and helpful pointers.



THE FIRST **WEALTH IS**  
**HEALTH**, TAKE A WALK WITH US.....

### ROTARY FELLOWSHIP WALK FOLLOWED PRATA BREAKFAST

#### ~Details~

17 August 2019  
8am to 11am  
Assemble at Lower Pierce  
Car park adjacent to Casuarina  
Curry 136-138 Casuarina  
Road Singapore 579526  
Level of walk : Moderate ( 3Km )

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Member \$ 10  
Non Member \$ 15

#### ~Price includes~

Rotary fellowship T shirt  
1 bottle mineral water  
2 prata & 1 hot beverage





## LEARN THE ART OF USING HUMOUR

The Tanglin Club is holding an event “Meet the Author Evening with Rewa Mirpuri” – to be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at Raffles Room at 6.30 pm. Please keep this date free for this event!**



Remember to invite your spouse and friends for a lively and entertaining evening by the Author of 3 Humour Books, Rewa Mirpuri!

Tanglin Club Members pay \$10.00 / Guests \$12.00

**A glass of wine and refreshments included.**

For non – members of Tanglin Club, please provide the names to our Rotary Club email address: [rtinfo@rotary.org.sg](mailto:rtinfo@rotary.org.sg) for early registration. If you are driving please provide Car number for permission to park at the Sports Centre of Tanglin Club facing main Club entrance. Payment can be made at the Raffles Room.

Registration and Enquiries:

[LIBRARY@TANGLIN.CLUB.ORG.SG](mailto:LIBRARY@TANGLIN.CLUB.ORG.SG) / Tel: 6622 0495

Or

Rewa Mirpuri @ [rewamirpuri@gmail.com](mailto:rewamirpuri@gmail.com) / Tel: 6241 9157

The programme is in support of “Gift of Life” project initiated by The Adventist Hospital in Penang and the proceeds from sale of Humour Books will be donated through Rotary Club of Singapore to save the lives of children from poor families, through much needed cardiac surgeries.

Please support our Member, Rewa, as he promotes a worthy cause, whilst having a night full of laughter and fun!



2 July 2019

Dear Friends

## Help the Children 2019 - An Invitation



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

*6-8 September 2019*  
*Friday - Sunday*

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*



1. Rotary Club of Singapore will be launching its 11th year edition of the Help the Children Project 2019 from 6-8 September 2019 (Friday to Sunday) in the cities of Malang and Batu, East Java, Indonesia. Rotarians and Family Members are most welcomed.

2. This year's project aim to provide basic school-going necessities such as uniforms, shoes, stationery, bags and school fees for the whole academic year, for 1,302 elementary school children from 60 schools. We will also be visiting the Bhakti Luhur Orphanage in Malang, which houses over 350 children and young adults with various physical and mental disabilities. Bhakti Luhur is also the site of 2 of RC Singapore's Global Grants.

3. Flight details are as follows:

**6 September 2018 (Friday): SIN - SUB (Surabaya) SQ 930**

**Depart: 0750hrs Arrival: 0905hrs**

**8 September 2018(Sunday): SUB - SIN MI 225**

**Depart: 1840hrs Arrival: 2155hrs**



# Help the Children 2019 – An Invitation ...*contd.*

**Kindly book your own flights and inform us of your participation via [drshahul14@gmail.com](mailto:drshahul14@gmail.com)**

4. Hotel accommodation, transfers, transport and food during the trip will be arranged on your behalf. Kindly provide your full name, room preference (single/double/family) and flight details (if different from above).

5. Tentative Program:

**6 Sept (Friday)**

Arrive Juanda Airport Surabaya  
Transfer to City of Batu  
Schools and Project Visits  
Welcome by Mayor of Batu

**7 Sept (Saturday)**

Transfer to Malang  
Visit and Tour of Bhakti Luhur Orphanage  
Schools and Project Visits  
Welcome Dinner at Hon Member Mohan's Villa

**8 Sept (Sunday)**

Project Visits  
Tour of Batu and Selecta  
Transfer to Juanda Airport  
Flight to Singapore

6. We look forward to your participation. Based on previous years' experience, we expect between 50-70 participants from outside Indonesia. This will exclude another 50-60 Rotarians and Family Members from our Partner and Sister Rotary Clubs in Surabaya, Malang and Batu. Thank you.

Project Leaders

Dr Shahul Hameed, District International Service Committee Chair  
Varun Gulati (co-Leader), International Service Committee  
Mamta Shahani, International Service Committee Chair (2019/2020)  
Hon Member Mohan Vaswani

***\*kindly note this year's project will be jointly organised with the District International Service Committee (DISC)\****



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

**RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants this week:**

Hon Member PP Raymon Huang  
Director James Lee  
Ronil Sujan  
PP Dr Winston Oh  
IPP Mark Wang  
Vijai Parwani  
Michelle Pearce

## This Meeting

**31 July 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** Dr Chan Siew Luen

**Sunshine Box:** Pia Bruce & Brigitte Holtschneider

**Speaker:** Mr Vinit Sarangadhar

**Topic:** "How to invest in a world of old age principles and new age technology"

## Next Meeting

**7 August 2019**

**Reception Desk duty:** T K Chew, Joseph Chia

**Sunshine Box:** Anne Maria Gutierrez, Sunil Kalra

**Speaker:** PP Elsie Chua

**Topic:** "Upskill Yourself and Upgrade the Community"

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

Aarti Wadhwa & Mr Niels Nielson

## Committee Meetings

**All Service Committee Meetings at Grand Hyatt Singapore From 7.00pm to 8.00pm**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 7 August

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 14 August

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 21 August

**YOUTH SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 28 August



## GIFT OF LIFE

**Children with cardiac problems to get help from Rotary's District 3300 & 3310**

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tel: 6241 9157 or  
email: [rewamirpuri@gmail.com](mailto:rewamirpuri@gmail.com)

## Coming Rotary Events

### August

**Membership and New Club Development Month**

**3 August** – Sister Club, R C Cauayan's Installation

**23 August** – Sister Club, R C Kuala Lumpur DiRaja's Installation

### September

**Basic Education and Literacy Month**

**6 – 8 Sept** – Help the Children Project in Malang and Batu, Indonesia

### October

**Economic and Community Development Month**

### November

**Rotary Foundation Month**





# The Guide to Daily Living

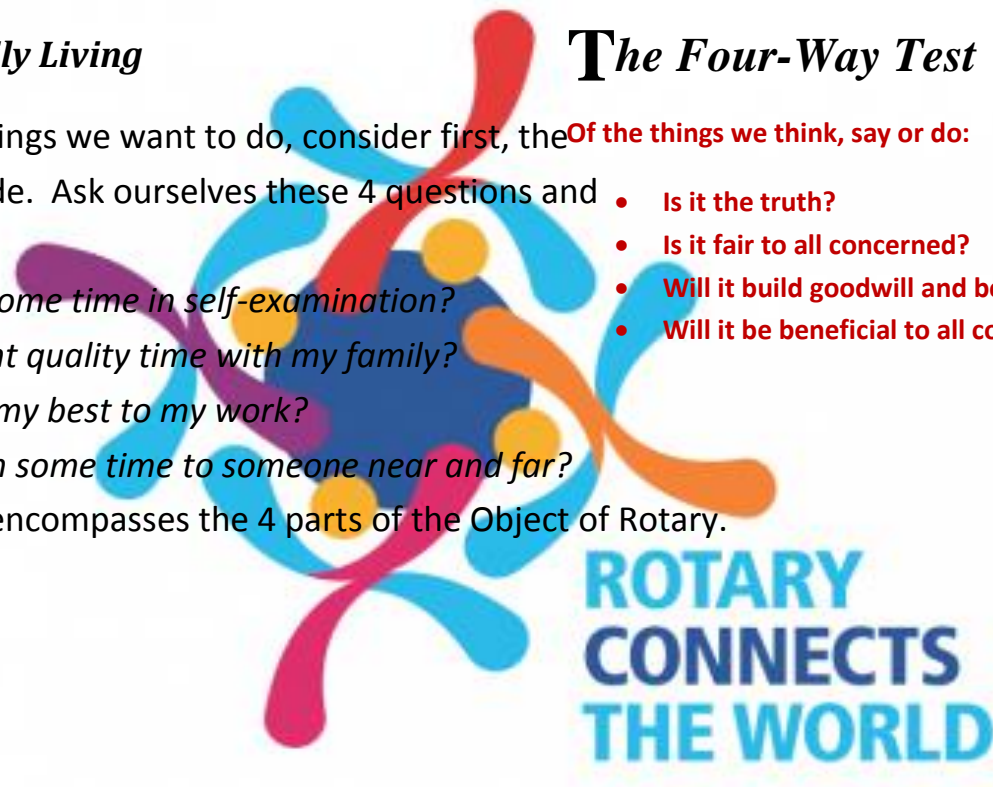
# The Four-Way Test

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the **Of the things we think, say or do:**

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 2019/2020

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