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# In Focus

## Global Grant Project Visits to Vietnam 7-10 January 2020

RC Singapore and the District International Service Committee (DISC) jointly organized an overseas Global Grant Projects Visit to Vietnam in January 2020. A total of 30 participants from District 3310 included 24 Rotarians and 6 Family Members. RC Singapore's contingent of 9 was led by senior Past President Mansoor Hassanbhai and included PP Jimmy Ooi, PN See Mee Lee, Rtn Toshi Kimura, Rtn Sylvia Chung and PP Dr Shahul Hameed, plus 3 Family Members.

The delegation visited 3 Project sites at 3 different locations. First off was the Economic Livelihood Global Grant for improving the lives of the poor and disabled in Quang Tri Village. This involved assistance to 100 Families who were given training and guidance for chicken rearing, from the provision of live chicks, building of chicken coops, care, treatment and chicken feed, to the eventual sale of the full grown chickens for sustenance. This USD\$58,000 project is done in conjunction with RC Maumee, USA and RC Queenstown, Singapore.



The group next revisited RC Singapore's inaugural Vietnam Project that was approved in 2017. This is a Water and Sanitation Project for a remote mountain village known as Hong Nguyen Commune located about 2 hours drive from the city of Hue in Central Vietnam. This Project provided clean treated and fluoridated water to 316 household in the village including the local kindergarten with 70 preschool children. The project also funded 53 latrines for 53 households. RC Singapore received further requests to assist in structural enhancements to the Kindergarten as well as another Global Grant to provide for 100 latrines for the village households.

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## Global Grant Project Visits to Vietnam...contd





## Global Grant Project Visits to Vietnam...contd

The final project is a Classroom Library project for 16 Elementary Schools in Cam Lo Province near the Laos Border in Vietnam. This project provides easy access for the learning of English for over 4,000 elementary school pupils from 16 Schools in the area. This USD\$36,000 project is done in conjunction with District 6600, USA and RC Marina City. We look forward to supporting more such Libraries in Schools in the region and also to explore a Teacher Training Global Grant in view of capacity building for the English Teachers in these Schools.



## Global Grant Project Visits to Vietnam...contd



RC Singapore hopes to visit Vietnam again in January 2022 and will continue to be active in Global Grant Projects in that country in cooperation with more Rotary Clubs from Singapore.

Dr Shahul Hameed  
Club Rotary Foundation Chair





# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 8 January 2020

### OPENING REMARKS

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms PP Keith Harrison welcomed members to the first meeting of 2020 and invited President Deepak to take the Chair.

### WELCOME

The welcome of guests of members and visiting Rotarians fell to PP Stan Low:

#### Guests:

Speaker, Mr Kurt Wee

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca, Krish Nagrani

Mrs Kawita Vaswani with her grandson, Daniel

Mrs Anita Hathiramani, Mrs Irene Hennedige, Mrs Dolores Low, Mrs Li Phing Nandi, Mrs Prabha Rao, Mrs Irene Tan, Mrs Valerie Heuppi, Ms Louisa Lee, Mr Don (guest of Rtn Dr Chan Siew Luen)

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Sean Chan – Vancouver, Canada

Khalid – Sulmaniya Bahrain

Dr Elisabeth Frohlich – Koln Romenturm, Germany

Dr Mita & Dr Ramaswamy Rajaram – Navi Mumbai Sunrise, India

Francois Rulliere – Montmartre Paris, France



*PP Stan Low with President Deepak*

### TOAST TO A ROTARY CLUB & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



*From left: Rtns Khalid, Anindya Dutta & President Deepak*

President Deepak called upon Toastmaster, Rtn Anindya Dutta to raise a toast to the Rotary Club of Sulmaniya Bahrain represented at the meeting by Rtn Khalid, who recently relocated to Singapore. Members were informed that the Sulmaniya Bahrain club was formed 40 years ago and has 70 members.



## EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*Instead of a banner, visiting Rtn Dr Elizabeth Frohlich presented a bar of chocolate from her club's city in Cologne, Germany*



*Presenting their club's banner to President Deepak are Rtns Drs Mita & Ramaswamy Rajaram from RC Navi Mumbai Sunrise*



*President Deepak presents a Club banner to visiting Rtn Francois Rulliere from RC Montmartre Paris*



## RCS PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

President Deepak announced the launch of the Club's Photography Section to gather members photographs of Rotary in Action. He called on the Photography Core Chair, Rtn Suresh Hathiramani to give further details. The formation of the Photography Section would recognize our Rotarians in Action and maintain an archive of our photos and memories as well as bring out the best budding photographer in the Club.

### RCS in Action Photo of the Month™

- Photos of Club Service Events
- Winning Photo(s) featured in CrossRoads, Club Website, Club Meetings and RCS WhatsApp group
- Winner receives framed photo and certificate

### RCS in Action Photo of the Rotary Year™

- Winner receives framed photo and certificate
- *Publication in the Installation / 90th Anniversary Magazine*
- Winning Photo(s) featured in CrossRoads, Club Website, Meeting and RCS WhatsApp group

### How does it work?

- The Photography Core will post a Dropbox link just before each service event
- Pick photos that capture the spirit of Rotary.
- Top three (3) photos of month will be shortlisted
- Best photo will win the RCS in Action Photo of the Month™ competition
- All shortlisted photos will contend for the RCS in Action Photo of the Rotary Year™ competition.

More details will be made available to members shortly.



# Last Week

## COMING PROJECTS/EVENTS IN 2020



President Deepak presented a video put together by Rtn Vishal Nanwani, the Artisan of the Year 2020 Chairman, who called for nominations for the coming Artisan of The Year 2020 Award.

President Deepak also highlighted the busy schedule of events for the coming months:

Hygiene Certification 11th Jan  
VSC Service Event (Cookie/Tart Making) 18th Jan  
CSC Service Event Spirit of Chinatown 19th Jan  
Third Club Assembly & CNY Celebration 29th Jan  
CSC Major Project Special Meeting 5th Feb  
Friends of the VSC Special Meeting 12th Feb  
Vocational Visit to Kris Labs 14th Feb  
Rotary India Centennial 14 - 17 Feb  
World Understanding & Peace Day 23rd Feb  
Cage Cricket Fellowship Event 5th March  
Dine in Silence Special Club Meeting 4th Mar  
VSC Major Project Event 21st Mar  
Rotary-SRT Cyberbullying Event 25th April  
Last Club Assembly for 2019-2020 29th April  
Swimarathon 2020 & Family Day 1st May  
RCS turns 90! Special Club Meeting 6th June

## CELEBRATING OUR ROTARIANS...

President Deepak invited birthday celebrant, Photography Core Chair Rtn Suresh Hathiramani to come forward to cut his birthday cake.

From right: Rtn Suresh with his wife, Anita & President Deepak.



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# Last Week

**Speaker: Mr Kurt Wee**

**Topic: “Outlook 2020”**



*VP Bala Venkatesan*

President Deepak called on Vice President (VP) Bala Venkatesan to introduce the Speaker, Mr Kurt Wee. VP Bala noted that Mr Wee has a career spanning the last 20 years in the investment and private equity industry. He is invested in medical and biotechnology fields of stem cells and small cells research. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Celligenics Pte Ltd and also serves as an Independent Director of Beng Soon Machinery Holdings Limited (listed in Hong Kong Stock Exchange).



*Speaker, Mr Kurt Wee*

He is the President of the Association of Small & Medium Enterprises (ASME) – the Club’s joint organiser of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) and a council member of the Singapore Business Federation where is also chairs the SBF SME Committee. Kurt also serves on the executive council of Singapore Children’s Society, where he has chaired the Appeals (fundraising) Committee since 2008.



*From left: PP Alan Tan, Mr Kurt Wee & President Deepak*

thanked Mr Wee for his excellent talk but also for his unwavering support for the Club’s EYA project.

Mr Wee gave an overview of the local economy and the perspectives of the small and medium enterprises in Singapore as well as the global regional landscape, particularly that of China. He noted the local matrix for Singapore’s businesses was changing and companies would have to deliver good leadership in coaching and grooming staff. Mr Wee expects better schemes to be introduced following the Government’s Budget announcement.

To end his talk, Mr Wee shared his concerns on climate change and its detrimental effects which would wipe out a vast section of the world’s population.

President Deepak invited PP Alan Tan to extend the Club’s vote of thanks to Mr Wee. In doing so, PP Alan not only

thanked Mr Wee for his excellent talk but also for his unwavering support for the Club’s EYA project.



## Coming Club Events...





# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

RC sends Birthday greetings to celebrants these two weeks:

Vivek Chhabra

Chong Zhi Cheng

Deepu Joseph

## This Meeting

**15 January 2020**

**Reception Desk duty:** T K Chew, Bertrand De Mil

**Sunshine Box:** Horst Hagemann, Noshir Mistri

**Speaker:** Ms Cheong Suk Wai, a lawyer by training and a writer by choice

**Topic:** Singapore is Forever

## Next Meeting

**22 January 2020**

**Reception Desk duty:** Andreas Duerst, Alex Lega

**Sunshine Box:** AG Jimmy Ooi, PP J K Ong

**Speaker:** Mr Mark Adigno

**Topic:** To be advised

## Anniversary Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Willi & Hannelore Hess

## Committee Meetings

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

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 15 January

**YOUTH SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 22 January



## GIFT OF LIFE

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

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## Coming Rotary Events

### January

#### **Vocational Service Month**

**18 Jan** – CSC Cookies & Tarts Baking

**19 Jan** – CSC Spirit of Chinese New Year (CNY) outing with residents of the Society for the Aged Sick

**29 Jan** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Assembly & Club's CNY celebrations

### February

#### **Peace and Conflict**

#### **Prevention/Resolution Month**

**14 Feb** – Vocational Visit to Kris Labs

**15 Feb** – Rotary India's Centennial celebrations

**15 Feb** – CSC Relay for Life

**23 Feb** – World Understanding & Peace Day

**29 Feb** – CSC Eye Screening at Singapore Christian Home

### March

#### **Water and Sanitation Month**

**5 Mar** – Cage Cricket Fellowship

### April

#### **Maternal & Child Health Month**

### May

#### **Youth Service Month**

**1 May** – Swimarathon

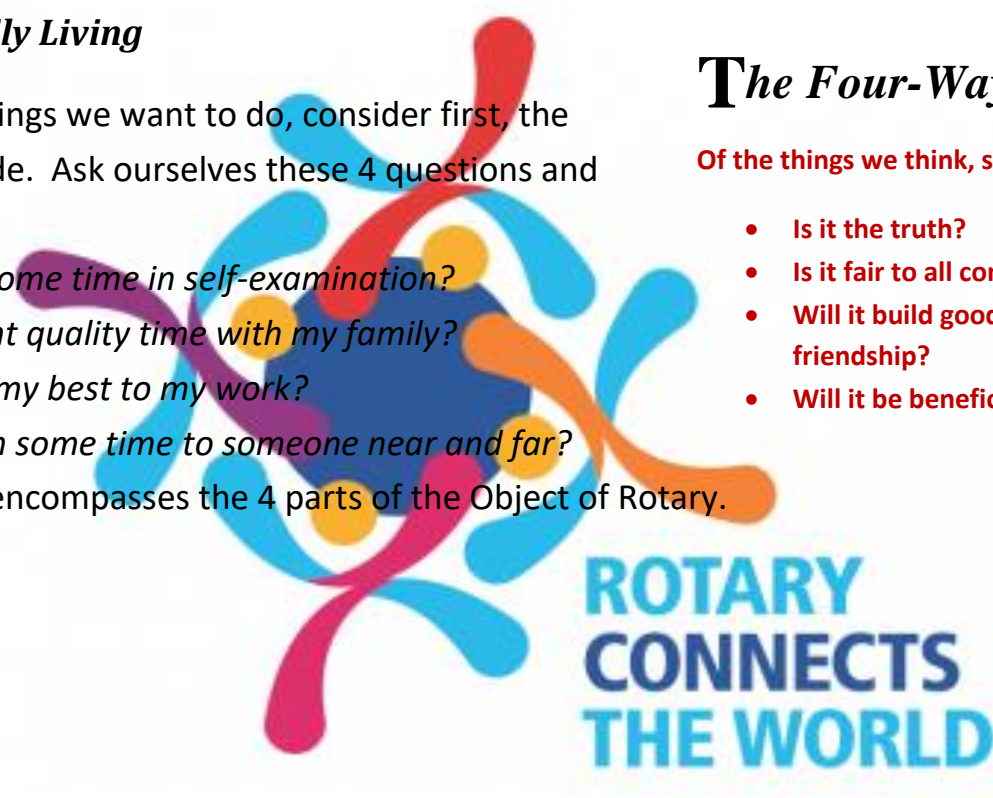


# The Guide to Daily Living

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.



# 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?

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019/2020

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