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## Report for India Visit – 13–17 February 2020

By: PP Dr Shahul Hameed



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The group comprised of PP Tapan Rao, PP Dr Shahul Hameed, IPP Mark Wang and ISC Director Mamta Shahani. Also present were President Roger Ng of Rotary Club (RC) Bugis Junction.

On 13 February, the group toured Susrut Hospital in Kolkata. This hospital will be partner to the proposed 3-GGs for Avoidable Blindness Eradication Project put forth by RC Belur. A total of 150,000 beneficiaries will be impacted by this Project.

The tour was followed by a joint Meeting with RC Belur. The Meeting was also attended by Past RI Director Yashpal Das. RC Belur also put forth a cervical vaccination project for School girls in Kolkata for our consideration.

In the evening, the group attended a Fellowship Dinner with RC Belur at HHI Club. At this Dinner, news was received that both PP Tapan Rao and PDG Ravi Seghal of RC Belur have been conferred the prestigious Service Above Self for Rotary Year 2019/2020.

The group attended the Rotary India Centennial Summit at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre from 14-16 February. More than 4000 delegates from 32 countries graced the occasion. Also in attendance was the Governor of Bengal and Vice President of India. PP Dr Shahul Hameed was given honour of being at the podium as one of the presenters at the Inter Faith Service, with PDG Zameen Hussain from Sonkatch, India.

The Summit featured glittering performances, inspiring speeches and great fellowship and food at the massive House of Friendship. Also present were Past RI Presidents, current President Mark Maloney and host of Past and Present RI Directors and Trustees.

On 17 February, PP Dr Shahul Hameed and IPP Mark together with President Roger Ng visited Hooghly Rotary Eye Hospital. We were given a tour of the Hospital and inspected the various equipment and projects supported by Rotary Clubs including RC Singapore. The group was felicitated by RC Hooghly and the Hospital Administrators in the presence of the Doctors and Staff of the Hospital. We also discussed a proposed project to provide training and equipment for Staff of the various Eye Hospitals in the Hooghly, Midnapur and Murahidabad areas as well as an Education Project for RC Domkal Murshidabad.



# Photo Album of the India Visit – 13-17.2.2020

## Visit to Susrut Hospital in Kolkata



*President Roger Ng (RC Bugis Junction) having his eyes checked, as  
IPP Mark Wang looks on*



*PP Tapan Rao with Susrut Hospital staff*



*The waiting area at the Susrut Hospital*

# Photo Album of the India Visit – 13-17.2.2020

## At the Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Belur



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## At the Rotary India Centennial Summit



*The Singapore flag flying high at the Summit*



*PP Dr Shahul Hameed was given honour of being at the podium as one of the presenters at the Inter Faith Service, with PDG Zameen Hussain from Sonkatch, India*



*From left: Mrs Huang, Past RI President Gary Huang & IPP Mark*



*ISC Director with RI President Mark Maloney*

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## Visit to Hooghly Rotary Eye Hospital



*IPP Mark (left) and PP Dr Shahul (right) being welcomed at the Hooghly Rotary Eye Hospital*



*President Roger Ng (RC Bugis Junction) (left) & IPP Mark being shown around the Hospital*



*Waiting area at the Hospital*

# Last Week

## Last Week – Report on the Meeting – Wednesday 26 February 2020

### OPENING REMARKS

Before handing the Chair to President Deepak, Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Bertrand De Mil welcomed members and added that it was great to back at the Hyatt for our meetings again. President Deepak warmly thanked everyone for their presence, adding that there were about 40 guests and Rotarians at the meeting. He further added that the meeting was being telecast live on Zoom as well.

President Deepak stated that the Club made history, two weeks in a row, with the online webinar on the Covid-19 on 12 February followed by the online meeting on 19 February 2020.

### WELCOME

Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam was called upon to welcome guests of members and visiting Rotarians:

#### Guests:

Speaker, Ms Sim Bee Hia

1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bianca Nagrani, Mrs Lisa Ramalingam, Mrs Kawita Vaswani, Previous member PP Dr Peter & Erica Wyss, Ms Delia Wong, Ms Sayaka Yamauchi, Mr Dominic, Mr Vinod More

#### Visiting Rotarians:

VP Luiz Andrade – Teresina Picarra

Camila Andrade – Teresina Fatima

Mahasti Mohammad – Varese Ceresio



*Rtn Dr Ganesh Ramalingam*

### TOAST TO A ROTARY CLUB & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Toastmaster, Rtn Adnan Ansari invited visiting Rtn Mahasti Mohammad to say a few words. Rtn Mahasti advised that her club, Rotary Club of Varese Ceresio has appointed her as a club ambassador since she travels about 10 months out of each year. She further added that her club was looking for Global Grant partners for their projects and she hoped that our Club would consider being an international partner.

Rtn Adnan called on members to raise a toast to Rotary Club of Varese Ceresio in Italy coupled with the toast to Rotary International.



*From left: Rtns Mahasti, Adnan & President Deepak*



# Last Week

## EXCHANGE OF BANNERS



*President Deepak presents a Club banner to Rtn Mahasti from RC Varese Ceresio*



*IPP Mark Wang presented to President Deepak the 3 banners received during the Club's recent visit to India*

## CELEBRATING OUR ROTARIANS



*President Deepak was pleased to announce that VSC Director Stuart Pearce's birthday was on 24 February. To celebrate this event, 1st Lady Bianca baked a sumptuous cake!*

# Last Week

**Speaker: Ms Sim Bee Hia**

**Topic: “How a Lady and a Loaf of Bread Change Lives”**



*Rtn Joseph Chia*

Prior to calling upon Programmes Chair, Rtn Joseph Chia, to introduce the Guest Speaker, President Deepak took the opportunity to thank Rtn Joseph for all his efforts in arranging the speaker's programme for the Club.

In his introduction of the Speaker Ms Sim Bee Hia, Rtn Joseph added that she was a friend of more than 14 years through her involvement with the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Association. Ms Sim's career spans positions in the Singapore Chinese Orchestra and with People's Association.



*Speaker, Ms Sim Bee Hia*

She is also a dedicated volunteer and was conferred with the Public Service Star (BBM) in 2019 and the Public Service Medal (PBM) in 2010.

Ms Sim recounted the humble beginnings of the organisation, Food from the Heart (FFTH) formed in 2003 and how it has become one of the leading charities in Singapore with IPC status. She added that FFTH was not only a good charity but also a champion of food waste reduction. She described the large scale of FFTH's operations which has



*From left: President Deepak, Rtn Miha & Ms Sim*

enabled them to distribute about \$6.23 million worth of food to 44,600 beneficiaries in 2019. Ms Sim gave an overview of FFTH's core programmes such as the Bread Programme, Community Food Pack, School Goodie Bag, Birthdays from the Heart, Toys from the Heart and the Market Place. She also advised how the Club and members could support FFTH's programmes. She noted that there were FFTH supporters from the Club such as Rtn Dr Ganesh and his wife Lisa, as well as Rtn Dr Suresh Mahtani, and hoped that more members would come forward. (A copy of Ms Sim's presentation is available from the Secretariat.)

President Deepak called upon Rtn Miha Hribernik to extend the Club's vote of thanks, who noted that Rotarians should keep in mind and not lose sight of the good work undertaken by Food from the Heart.



## Coming Club Events...



## Coming District 3310 Events...



DISTAS -  
Now  
On 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
2020

World Understanding  
and Peace Day  
(WUPD)

Now  
On 8th May 2020



PRESIDENTS OF ROTARY CLUBS IN SINGAPORE  
JOINTLY PRESENT

### **WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY**

*Guest of Honor*

*H.E Mohamed Abulkheir, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt*

*Special Performance*

*Operas in Cinema by HyeMusica*

**Friday 8th May 2020**

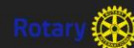
**Grand Ballroom**

**Conrad Centennial Singapore**

**6PM onwards**

**Attire: Formal**

**\$100/pax**



# Mark Your Diary

## Birthday Celebrants

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

Kannan Krishnan  
Colin Miles

## Anniversary Celebrants

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

PP Stan & Dolores Low  
PP Dr Shahul & Michelle Hameed  
Deblina Chatterjee & Arindam  
Adnan & Zinia Ansari  
Sunil & Arati Kalra

## Committee Meetings

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 4 March

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 11 March

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 18 March

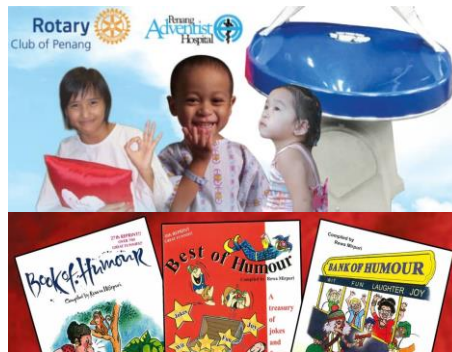
**YOUTH SERVICE:**  
Wednesday, 25 March

## This Meeting

**4 March 2020**

**Dine in Silence Theme  
Historical Club Meeting**

**Brought to you by  
CSC & the Canossian School**



## GIFT OF LIFE

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

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## Next Meeting

**11 March 2020**

**Reception Desk Duty:** Pia Bruce, Dr Irina Francken  
**Sunshine Box:** Anindya Dutta, Anne Marie Gutierrez

**Speaker:** Mr Chris Pardey, BSF Asia

**Topic:** To be advised

## Coming Rotary Events

### February

**Peace and Conflict**

**Prevention/Resolution Month**

### March

**Water and Sanitation Month**

**4 Mar** – Dine in Silence Special CSC Meeting

**5 Mar** – Cage Cricket Fellowship

**21 Mar** – YSC – ICC Major Project event (Postponed)

**28 Mar – 11 Apr** – YSC Mental Aid Course

**28 Mar** – District Assembly (Postponed)

**31 Mar** – Nominations close for the Artisan of the Year 2020

### April

**Maternal & Child Health Month**

**16-18 Apr** – ISC Major Project in Bali Progress Visit

**19 Apr** – CSC Business Plan Clinic

**24 Apr** – VSC MasterChef Dinner

**25 Apr** – Rotary-SRT Cyberbullying event (Postponed)

**29 Apr** – 4<sup>th</sup> & last Club Assembly

### May

**Youth Service Month**

**1 May** – Swimarathon

**2 May** – District Assembly

**8 May** – World Understanding & Peace Day Dinner

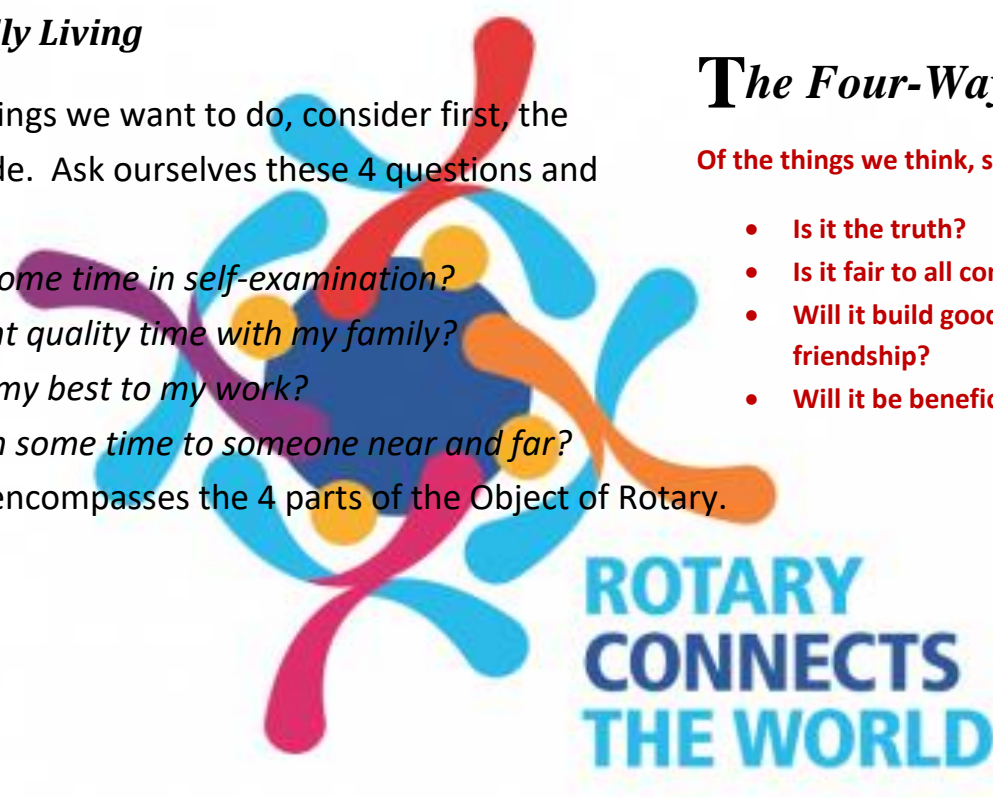


# The Guide to Daily Living

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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