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INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT DINESH SHARMA

AND THE 86TH BOARD OF ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE

GUEST OF HONOUR

SHEKHAR MEHTA

RI PRESIDENT (2021-22)

DATE 27 JUNE 2020
VENUE ONLINE
TIME 6:30PM (FELLOWSHIP STARTS AT 6PM)
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In Focus

Installation of President Dinesh Sharma and the 86th Board of the Rotary Club of Singapore – Part I

By: Director Sonali Sinha

President Dinesh Sharma and the 86th Board of the Rotary Club of Singapore was installed at a glittering and emotionally charged virtual event on June 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the august presence of the Rotary International President, 2021-2022 Shekhar Mehta, District Governor 2020-2021 Rajamohan Munisamy and many dignitaries and guests from across the world. The event saw over 300 participants and was also streamed live on YouTube.



Guest of Honour, RI President (RY 2021-22) Shekhar Mehta

The event was eloquently hosted by Rtn Andy Mankiewicz who had the honour of inviting three past presidents, PDG Dr Philbert Chin, PP Stan Low and PP Tapan Rao, to give the toast. This was followed by the award ceremony.

The Good Samaritan Award which recognises individuals who best demonstrate the selfless courage that allows them to come to the aid of those in need without hope of personal gain or recognition was presented to Mr. Zulkifli Bin Atwani by Dr Chan Siew Luen, Chair of the Community Service Committee.

The Artisan of the Year Award which recognises outstanding individuals who display extraordinary commitment & passion towards their vocation and use the vocation to give back to society was presented to Mrs. Wong Mah Jia Lan by Stuart Pearce, Chair of the Vocational Service Committee.

The Honorary Member Award was conferred on PP Chiang Shih Fang and PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan for their outstanding service and commitment to the Club.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was conferred on PP Keith Harrison by President Deepak Nagrani for his extensive contributions to the Club in terms of high involvement in projects, building stronger ties with sister clubs and bringing technology to the core of the functioning of the Club during and after his term as President.

Photo Album - Installation of President Dinesh Sharma and the 86th Board of the Rotary Club of Singapore



The 86th Board of Rotary Club of Singapore with District Governor Rajamohan Munisamy (top photo)

Top row: President Dinesh Sharma, IPP Deepak Nagrani, PE See Mee Lee, VP Colin Miles

Middle row: VP Suresh Keerthi, Hon Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider, Hon Treasurer Manish Tibrewal, CSC Director Dr Irina Francken

Bottom row: VSC Director Dr Chan Siew Luen, ISC Director Varun Gulati, YSC Director Dr Ganesh Ramalingam, Public Image Director Sonali Sinha



The eloquent Master of Ceremonies (MC) Rtn Andy Mankiewicz (top)

1st Lady Rekha & President Dinesh Sharma (left) and IPP Deepak Nagrani (right)

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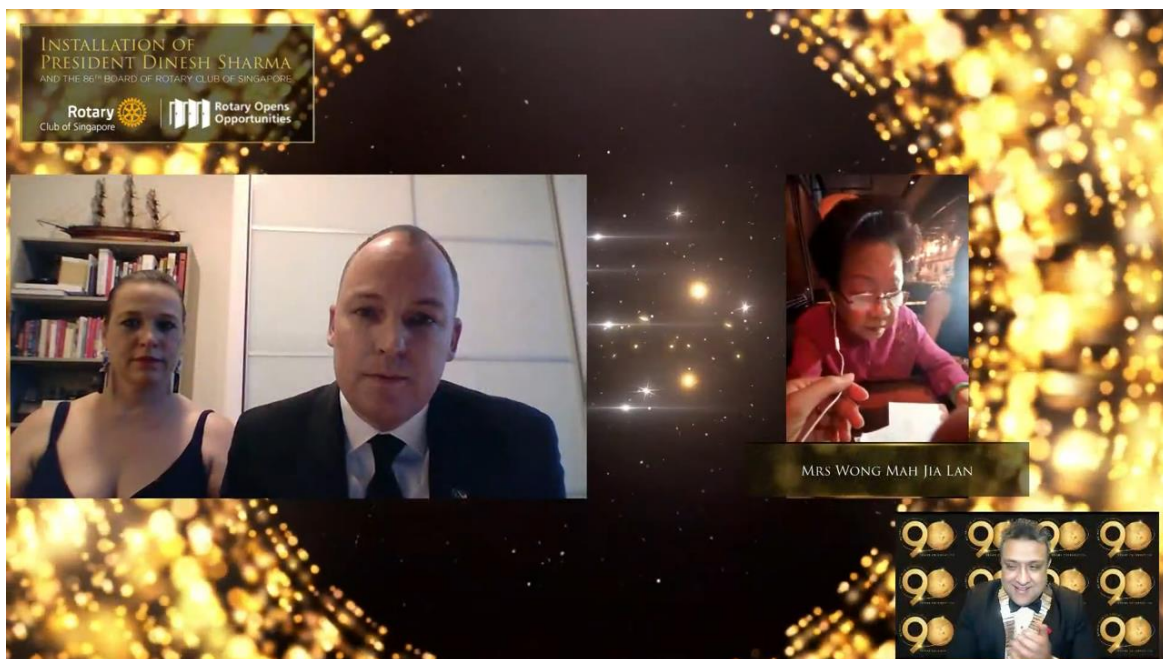


The three Toastmasters – PDG Dr Philbert Chin, PP Stan & Dolores Low and PP Tapan & Prabha Rao

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Dr Chan Siew Luen (left), Chair of the Community Service Committee presented The Good Samaritan Award 2020 to Mr. Zulkifli Bin Atwani



Vocational Service Director Stuart Pearce & wife Rtn Michelle (left) announced the winner of the Artisan of the Year Award – Mrs Wong Mah Jia Lan

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*Rotarians elected to Honorary Members in Rotary Year 2019-2020
PP Chiang Shih Fang (left) and PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan (right)*



The Rotarian of the Year Award was conferred on PP Keith Harrison by President Deepak Nagrani

Last Week

1st Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 15.7.20

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

President Dinesh Sharma called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed PDGS, Honorary Members, Past Presidents and fellows Rotarians to the first weekly meeting, adding that the earlier two meetings were essentially the Club Assembly. He added the highlights of the meeting would be the talk by Speaker Dr Parag Khanna as well as the initial "Know Your Fellow Rotarian" (KYFR) programme. He was glad to note that there were more than 20 guests present, some of whom would be joining the Club as well as previous members, and gave a very warm welcome to all.



President Dinesh Sharma

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



PP Jimmy Ooi

On behalf of the Club, PP Jimmy Ooi raised a toast to the wonderful organisation which we belong – Rotary International!

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider announced the following:

- International Service Committee will be held on Thursday, 16 July at 7.00pm "live" on Zoon from PP Dr Yap Lip Kee's residence.
- Choice of Committees for this Rotary Year – members were reminded join at least one committee. She advised that should the Club not be advised of the members' Committee selection, it would assume that the members will continue with the same selection as last Rotary year.



*Honorary Secretary
Brigitte Holtschneider*

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EOGM):

President Dinesh to give Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 29th July 2020**

For the purpose of considering the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd. ("FRCS") proposal that all Rotarians:

1. pledge to participate actively and volunteer in the work of the Host Organisation Committee and
2. contribute \$120 each, annually for the Rotary Years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, totalling \$480 per Singapore Rotarian, towards defraying the expenses of the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 2024.

President Dinesh called on members to consider the proposal and that the last date to advise FRCS on the Club's decision was 31 July 2020. He added that the **EOGM would take place at 8.15 pm on 29 July 2020.**

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NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Dinesh called for nominations for the four elected members of the Nominating Committee to consider nominations for President for Rotary Year 2022/23.

He advised that these nominations to the Nominating Committee should be in writing and to be received by 14th August 2020.

In accordance with the Club's Bylaws, the four elected members of the Nominating Committee must each have been members of this Club for at least 3 years and must have been a member of the Board of Directors of this Club for at least one full year, and have no arrears in dues. No person shall be a member of the nominating committee for more than 3 consecutive years.

If more than four nominations are received, a vote will be held. If the number of nominations is less than four, the Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) APPROVED CLUB'S 8 GLOBAL GRANTS (GG) FOR RY 2020/21

Club Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, PP Tapan Rao announced that the Club received approval from TRF for eight GGs and highlighted the legacy which previous Chair, PP Dr Shahul Hameed has shared. Following are copies of PP Dr Shahul's slides:

Dear Members

Rotary Year 2020/2021 started off with a big bang for the Club Rotary Foundation Committee. Our Club received approvals of 8 Global Grants (GGs) on 1-3 July 2020. It brings our total approved Grant Projects to a grand 80 GGs.

Listed below is the breakdown of the approved Grants by Project Types:

Covid 19 Pandemic Response: 4 Projects
Basic Education and Literacy: 2 Projects
Disease Prevention and Treatment: 1 Project
Scholarship: 1 Project

The total value of the 8 approved Projects is **USD\$624,971**.

Listed below is the breakdown of the approved Grants by Countries:

Singapore: 2 Projects
Malaysia: 1 Project
Indonesia: 2 Project
Vietnam: 1 Project
India: 1 Project
Nigeria: 1 Project.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Sister and Partner Clubs as well as the relevant dedicated Rotarians for believing in our Rotary Foundation's mission of Doing Good in this World. Details of each project are enclosed.

Dr Shahul Hameed

Member, Club Rotary Foundation Committee
 RY 2020/2021
 Chair, District Rotary Foundation Committee
 RY 2020/2023



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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) APPROVED CLUB'S 8 GLOBAL GRANTS (GG) FOR RY 2020/21

<p>73rd Approved Global Grants <i>approved 1 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 2013383 Covid-19 Pandemic Response Project in Muar, Malaysia</p> <p>USD \$45,001 <i>purchase of hospital equipment including Ventilators, PPEs and hospital and community supplies such as Masks and sanitizers</i></p> <p>Host Club: RC Muar (Sister Club) Partner Club: RC Kampong Gelam Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed</p> 	<p>74th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 1 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG2012660 Covid-19 Pandemic Response Project Singapore</p> <p>USD \$132,349 <i>Provision of PPEs including Face shields, Masks and Surgical Gowns to Covid-19 Centres managed by Ministry of Health, Singapore and reusable masks for the community</i></p> <p>Host Club RC Bugis Junction and RC Kuching Central Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed In collaboration with all 23 Rotary Clubs in Singapore</p> 
<p>75th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 1 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 2012686 Covid-19 Pandemic Response West Java, Indonesia</p> <p>USD \$133,334 <i>purchase of 10,000 PCR Test Kits for rapid diagnosis of Covid-19</i></p> <p>Host Club: RC Jakarta Gambir Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed</p> 	<p>76th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 2 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 2012686 Covid-19 Pandemic Response West Bengal, India</p> <p>USD \$52,000 <i>purchase of hospital equipment including pulse oximeters, PPEs and hospital and community supplies such as Masks and sanitizers</i></p> <p>Host Club: RC Belur (Sister Club) Partner Club: RC Singapore North Primary Contact: PP Tapan Rao</p> 
<p>77th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 3 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 2096199 Prevention of Cervical Cancer in Schoolchildren in Lagos, Nigeria</p> <p>USD \$126,983 <i>provision of 1500 HPV Vaccinations, Public Health Education and Safety</i></p> <p>Host Club: District 9110 Lagos, Nigeria Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed</p> 	<p>78th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 3 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 2092112 Classroom-Based Library for Elementary schools in Quang Tri province, Vietnam</p> <p>USD \$42,500 <i>120 Classroom Libraries for 21 Schools benefitting 6,800 students</i></p> <p>Partner Club: PDG Nguyen Do, District 6600, USA Partner Club: RC Queenstown Primary Contact: PP Dr Shahul Hameed</p> 
<p>79th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 3 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 1978301 Teacher Training Project in Malang, East Java, Indonesia</p> <p>USD \$43,804 <i>Teacher Training in English language for 60 Primary School Teachers</i></p> <p>Host Club: RC Malang Central (Partner Club) Partner Club: RC Kuching Central Primary Contact: PP Tapan Rao</p> 	<p>80th Approved Global Grants <i>approved 3 July 2020</i></p> <p>GG 2011691 Scholarship for Yuta Momose LKY School of Public Policy, Singapore</p> <p>USD \$50,000 <i>to pursue Masters degree in Public Administration</i></p> <p>Partner Club: RC Suita (D2660, Osaka, Japan) Primary Contact: Dr Shahul Hameed</p> 

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KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN (KYFR)

President Dinesh introduced the first KYFR speaker, none other than Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider. Rtn Brigitte shared snippets of her life since her birth in Hamburg in 1959. She studied Business Managerial Economics at the Wirtschaftsakademie Hamburg, and soon after graduating, worked at Reemtsma/Imperial Tobacco from 1980 to 2005. Work brought her to many countries, her first project in Asia was in Hong Kong in 1997. She was posted to Moscow in 1999 and subsequently arrived in Singapore in July 2000. She founded her own company, Asian Projects, in 2005 and was the Executive Director of the British Chamber of Commerce from 2007 till 2017.



Honorary Secretary
Brigitte Holtschneider

Rtn Brigitte recalled how she was invited by Rtn Dr Tim Philippi to a Rotary meeting in 2007, where she was inspired by the guest speaker, a nurse, who spoke of her work with HIV patients. Shortly after, Rtn Brigitte advised she was proposed for membership by Rtn Uttam Kripalani. Rtn Brigitte added she was happy to serve as a Board Member again – she was previously CSC Director as well as Vice President. She further shared her other voluntary work with Aidha as well as Daughters of Tomorrow.

Rtn Brigitte advised that the next KYFR speaker will be International Service Director Varun Gulati followed by Rtn Elizabeth Chee at the weekly meeting of 29 July.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR PARAG KHANNA

TOPIC: THE FUTURE OF ASIA IN A POST-COVID WORLD

President Dinesh called upon VP Suresh Keerthi to introduce the Guest Speaker, Dr Parag Khanna who is a leading global strategy advisor, world traveller, and best-selling author. He is Founder and Managing Partner of FutureMap, a data and scenario based strategic advisory firm. Dr Khanna's newest book is *The Future is Asian: Commerce, Conflict & Culture in the 21st Century* (2019). He is author of a trilogy of books on the future of world order beginning with *The Second World: Empires and Influence in the New Global Order* (2008), followed by *How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance* (2011), and concluding with *Connectography: Mapping the Future of Global Civilization* (2016). He is also author of *Technocracy in America: Rise of the Info-State* (2017) and co-author of *Hybrid Reality: Thriving in the Emerging Human-Technology Civilization* (2012).



Guest Speaker
Dr Parag Khanna

Dr Khanna was named one of Esquire's "75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century," and featured in WIRED magazine's "Smart List." He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics, and Bachelors and Masters degrees from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He has travelled to nearly 150 countries and is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.

Dr Khanna gave an insightful and eloquent talk on his views on the future of Asia in a post-COVID world, adding that Asia has multiple drivers in its favour. He cited various factors and comparisons on how Regionalization displaces Globalization, i.e. moving towards the North American Union, the next European Union and Asia for Asians. Dr Khanna's talk focussed on Asia's trade and on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership as well as aspects of China's Foreign Direct Investment. He further spoke of his research on supply chain empires and its historical antecedents and shared his views on the return of Afroeurasia. Following his talk, Dr Khanna was inundated with a myriad of questions which he graciously answered as many as he could during the allotted time frame.

To extend the vote of thanks, President Dinesh invited Rtn Uttam Kripalani who recounted how he first got to know Dr Khanna's father in 1961. Rtn Uttam warmly thanked Dr Khanna for his brilliant talk and added that he looked forward to seeing the results of his predictions particularly in the area of Afroeurasia.

Mark Your Diary

Birthday Celebrants

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

PP Keith Harrison

Dr Alexander Ressos

Andreas Duerst

This Meeting

**22 July 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Speaker: Mr Teh Eng Hua,
President, Willing Hearts

Topic: Willing Hearts –
Introduction, Purpose,
Sustainability

Next Meeting

**29 July 2020
From 7.00 to 8.30pm**

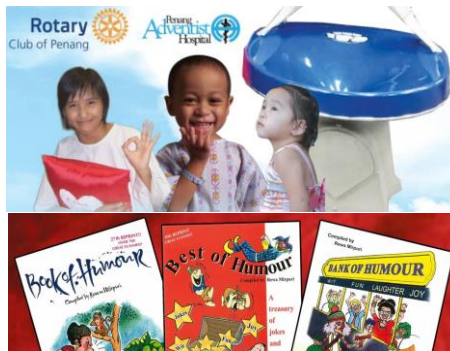
Speaker: Ms Melanie Cook,
Managing Director Singapore
Hyper Island

Topic: To be advised

Anniversary

RC send best wishes to Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week:

Honorary Member Past President
Raymon & Jessie Huang for their
66th Wedding Anniversary



Coming Rotary

July
Rotary Fellowships Month

August
**Membership and New Club
Development Month**

September
**Basic Education and Literacy
Month**

October
**Economic and Community
Development Month**

November
Rotary Foundation Month

December
**Disease Prevention & Treatment
Month**

Committee Meetings

**All Service Committee Meetings
will be held on Thursdays from
7.00 to 8.00pm**

YOUTH SERVICE:
Thursday, 23 July

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Thursday, 6 August

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:
Thursday, 13 August

GIFT OF LIFE

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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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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.

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