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THIS IS THE WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN OF THE *ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL*,
KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA;
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310; CHARTERED ON 23RD DECEMBER 1986.

WEEKLY LUNCHEON MEETING AT 1PM EVERY SATURDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AT
THE RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL, KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

WELCOME TO NEW PRESIDENT KHO PING

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Today is the day when President Kho Ping has been waiting for. It is the day where he will chair his first weekly meeting in the new Rotary year whilst at the same time IPP Sim Cho Phong can now relax with a sigh of satisfaction and relieve for a job well done.

The new President is going to bring the club to greater heights especially in terms of increasing public awareness on the Rotary Club of Kuching Central in specific and Rotary International in general.

This is the first time in the history of the club where the incoming President initiated and launched a major project on the first day office. Project Care was launched successfully on 1 July 2002 and was given prominent publicity on the front page in the Sarawak Tribune in colour. With the rate the new President is going, and if keeps going consistently until the end of his term of office, the club members can look forward to the club having possibly bagged a number of awards again at the next District Assembly.

Meanwhile, President Kho Ping has outlined a number of activities including a Membership Development & Retention seminar to be organized jointly by all the Rotary clubs in Kuching on 10 August 2002 in Kuching.

We will also witness the induction of 2 new members at the first meeting whereby it will make our total membership to 30. More new members are scheduled to join us.
We are growing!

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PROFILE OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT, RTN. KHO PING

Rtn. Kho Ping spent his primary school education at Green Road Council School in Kuching. He proceeded to study at St Joseph Secondary School (Kuching) thereafter and obtained his A level education at a high school called Royal Wolverhampton School in England. He holds a B.Sc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from the Michigan State University, USA.

He was formerly the Sarawak Area Manager for Ericsson Telecommunication Sdn Bhd based in Kuching before moving on to set up Eritel Telecommunications Co. to become a director of the company.

Rtn. Kho Ping was a former President of the Rotaract Club of Kuching prior to joining the Rotary Club of Kuching Central.

He is married to Carol Vong Woan Yng and they have 2 children namely Jordan Kho and Melanie Kho age 9 and 5 years respectively. Kho Ping is a keen golfer, a good badminton player and also a book worm (i.e. he likes to read).



President Kho Ping with a Youth Exchange Student from Japan at the recently held District Assembly

INTRODUCTION TO R.I. PRESIDENT BHICHAJ RATTAKUL

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Mr. Rattakul was educated in Bangkok and Hong Kong and received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Political Science from the University of Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok and Kensington University in California.

A Member of Parliament for nine terms since 1969 and Leader of the Democrat Party, he has served his country as Foreign Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Parliament. He has also led many Thai delegations to the United Nations. Mr. Rattakul is the Thailand Goodwill Representative for International Cooperation. Mr. Rattakul is Honorary Vice President of the Thai Scout Council. He has also served as Chairman of the Anti Corruption Commission, Anti Drugs Commission, National Audit Commission and the 13th Asian Olympic Organizing committee.

He has been decorated with Special Class Honor from the King of Thailand and honors

from the Emperor of Japan, Presidents of the Philippines, Korea, Austria and Nicaragua. Bhichai Rattakul joined the Rotary Club of Dhonburi in Bangkok as a charter member in 1958 and has served Rotary International as district governor, international assembly group discussion leader, member and chairman of numerous committees, trustee of the Rotary Foundation, director and chairman of the Executive Committee of Rotary International. He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs and will serve as President of Rotary International in 2002-03. Mr. Rattakul and his wife Khunying Charoye Rattakul have three children and five grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, golf and reading.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR THE CLUB

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CONGRATULATIONS TO IPP SIM CHO PHONG AND EVERY MEMBER OF KUCHING CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB!

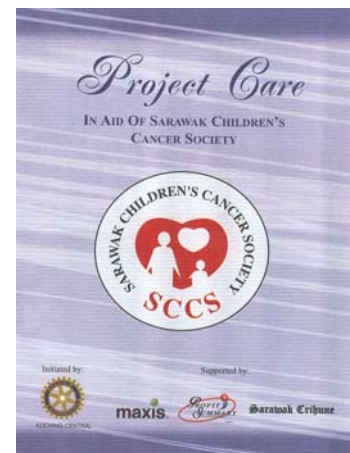


PROJECT CARE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Starting 1 July 2002, the Sarawak Children's Cancer Society will receive RM80 from every Maxis mobile phone registration made through a consortium of mobile phone dealers throughout Sarawak.

This fund-raising scheme, aptly dubbed Project Care, was launched by Social Development and Urbanisation Minister Dato Sri Dr James Jemut Masing on 1 July 2002 at Dewan Asajaya, Holiday Inn Kuching.

Initiated and organised by the Rotary Club of Kuching Central, the project will run for a three-month period during which the organisers hope to raise at least RM60,000 for the society.



Under the project, the consortium, Profit Summary Sdn Bhd, will donate RM40 from every Maxis registration to SCCS, a sum which represents all their profits. This sum will be topped up ringgit-for-ringgit by Maxis Mobile Sdn Bhd. The funds raised through Project Care will go towards providing drugs for cancer treatment and maintaining pinprick blood-analysing equipment at the Sarawak General Hospital's cancer unit.

The project also aims to help support a halfway house providing temporary accommodation for child cancer patients and their families while undergoing treatment in Kuching. In addition, Project Care hopes to create greater public awareness of cancer among children. Statistics show that 60 to 70 new cases of childhood cancer are diagnosed annually in Sarawak. The most common types of childhood cancer are leukaemia, brain tumours, neuroblastoma, Wilm's tumour and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

In view of this, a primary role of SCCS is to provide emotional and moral support to parents and relatives of children with cancer through informal chat groups, friendships and the sharing of experiences among members.

SCCS is a relatively young charity, having been set up only three years ago and formally launched in April this year by its patron Datin Paduka Hajjah Sharifah Mordiah Tuanku Haji Fau-zi, the Assistant Minister for Welfare and Women's Affairs. Members of the public are welcome to make donations to SCCS, thereby helping the charity to provide financial assistance to needy child cancer patients and their families.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:

- PP. Bobby Chai
Advisor to Interact Club of SMB. Bandar Kuching No.1
- PP. Wong Kho Ching
Advisor to Interact Club of SMB. Kuching High
- PP. Frankie Yang
Advisor to Rotaract Club of Swinburne Sarawak
- PP. Abel Chieng Lee Ching
District Governor Special Representatives for Provisional R.C. of Petra Jaya
- Rtn. Ibrahim Hj Kadir
Club Speakers schedules

WHAT'S ON- IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?

	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	CONTACT
1	<i>R.C. Kuching installation</i>	<i>Dewan Asajaya, Holiday Inn Kuching</i>	<i>5 July 2002 @ 7pm</i>	<i>AG Andre Suharto</i>
2	<i>R.C. Kuching South installation</i>	<i>Crowne Plaza Riverside</i>	<i>7 July 2002 @7pm</i>	<i>AG Andre Suharto</i>
3	17 th President Installation (Guest of Honour, YB Dato Sri Abang Hj Zohari Tun Abang Hj. Openg, Minister of Tourism)	Crowne Plaza Riverside	17 July 2002	PP. Chieng Lee Ching
4	<i>Presidential Conference</i>	<i>Renaissance Hotel, KL</i>	<i>9-11 Aug 2002</i>	<i>AG Andre Suharto</i>
5	Membership Dev & Retention Seminar (jointly organized with all clubs in Kuching)	TBA	10 August 2002 (afternoon)	PE. Kho Ping
6	<i>Arrival of DG Mike Parry & First Lady Dawn in Kuching</i>	<i>Kuching International Airport</i>	<i>6 Sept 2002</i>	<i>AG Andre Suharto</i>
7	<i>DG Official Visit to the Club</i>	<i>Crowne Plaza Riverside</i>	<i>7 Sept 2002</i>	<i>PP. Chieng Lee Ching</i>
8	<i>Sightseeing with DG and First Lady</i>	TBA	<i>8 Sept 2002</i>	<i>PP. Chieng Lee Ching</i>
9	<i>Departure of DG and First Lady</i>	<i>Kuching International Airport</i>	<i>10 Sept 2002 (evening)</i>	<i>PP. Chieng Lee Ching</i>
10	<i>Joint District Conference</i>	<i>Genting Highlands</i>	<i>13-15 Dec.'02</i>	<i>PP. Chieng Lee Ching</i>
11	<i>2003 Rotary International Convention</i>	<i>Brisbane, Australia</i>	<i>1-4 June 2003</i>	<i>PP. Bobby Chai</i>
12	<i>2004 Rotary International Convention</i>	<i>Osaka, Japan</i>	<i>23-26 May 2004</i>	TBA

Notes: Events printed in italic bold are new events which have just been included in this issue. TBA= To Be Announced.