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Renewing our commitment to peace in the aftermath of 11 September - A Message from RI President Bhichai Rattakul



Dear fellow Rotarians,

One year ago, the world changed forever with the attacks of 11 September. Their impact sent shock waves of horror and disbelief throughout the international community. Rotarians worldwide immediately responded with funds for the victims, letters of sympathy, and other expressions of support and goodwill (see article). Clubs and districts also redoubled their efforts to support programs that foster international understanding and peace.

Today, more than 30 armed conflicts ravage the world. In these precarious times, Rotarians feel an even greater sense of urgency and purpose. The wounds from 11 September may never fully heal, but the tragedy has strengthened our resolve to fight terrorism and hate. Rotary founder Paul Harris once remarked, "Love is mightier than hate. Give it one-half the advertising that hate has had, and there will be no more war."

I have served as a politician and cabinet member for many years in my home country of Thailand. But I still believe that an organization like Rotary, which has no hidden agenda, can accomplish more than a government in building world peace and goodwill.

Each of us can Sow the Seeds of Love through Rotary's many peace programs and international service projects. To commemorate New Generations Month in September, we must support programs that will provide a better future for our youth. The next generation holds the key to resolving the conflicts of

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today. Rotary World Peace Scholars, Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Volunteers, Youth Exchange students, and Group Study Exchange teams all contribute to world understanding. It is this person-to-person contact that seems to make the greatest impact at the grassroots level. When we reach across borders and oceans to collaborate on international service projects, we turn strangers into friends. And a world filled with friends is a world filled with love and understanding.

The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program, launched in 1947, is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. These scholars go on to become instruments of peace and outstanding leaders in their own right. Sadako Ogata, who studied in Washington, D.C., in

1951, was one of the first Ambassadorial Scholars from Japan. She went on to serve in the United Nations and as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Another Ambassadorial Scholar, American journalist Bill Moyers, was one of the original architects of the U.S. Peace Corps program. He later became a Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper editor and an Emmy award-winning television news reporter.

One of our newest initiatives is the creation of a Rotary-sponsored academic program to promote global understanding. The first 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars are beginning two-year graduate programs at seven Rotary Centers for International Studies. They represent 32 countries and will study international relations,

mediation, and conflict resolution. It is our hope that these scholars will be the next generation of diplomats and world leaders who will be instrumental in forging world peace.

Paul Harris viewed Rotary as a way to unite cultures and countries under the umbrella of service. He observed in 1945, "The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness." Rotarians have the vision and the tools to chart that wilderness. The anniversary of 11 September should be not only a day of remembrance, but also a day of promise. Together, we will Sow the Seeds of Love to realize our dream for a more peaceful world.

Bhichai Rattakul
President, Rotary
International

WHAT'S ON- IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?

	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	CONTACT
1	<i>Fellowship outing to Damai</i>	<i>Holiday Inn Damai Beach</i>	<i>28-29 Sept'02</i>	<i>PP. Abel Chieng</i>
2	<i>Charter Installation of R.C. of Petra Jaya officiated by the Right Hon. Chief Minister of Sarawak</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>29 Oct'02</i>	<i>PP. Abel Chieng</i>
3	<i>INTER-ROTA Assembly</i>	<i>Holiday Inn Damai Lagoon</i>	<i>8-10 Nov'02</i>	<i>PP. Frankie Yang</i>
4	Election of office bearers	TBA	Nov-Dec 02	Rtn. Cecil Yong
5	Joint District Conference	Genting Highlands	13-15 Dec.'02	PP. Chieng Lee Ching
6	Submission of District Awards & Presidential Citation	N/A	28 Feb 2003	Rtn. Cecil Yong
7	Pan Borneo	Lahad Datu, Sabah	6-9 Mar'02	PP. Abel Chieng
8	District Assembly	Eden Hotel Johor Bahru	April'03	PP. Chieng Lee Ching
9	2003 Rotary International Convention	Brisbane, Australia	1-4 June 2003	PP. Bobby Chai
10	2004 Rotary International Convention	Osaka, Japan	23-26 May 2004	TBA
11	2005 Rotary International Convention	Chicago, Illinois, USA		TBA
12	<i>2006 Rotary International Convention</i>	<i>Sweden</i>		<i>TBA</i>

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

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