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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 DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVID TONG & FIRST LADY IRENE



resident Sylvester Fong, his board members and members of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central welcomed the arrival of District Governor David Tong and his charming First Lady Irene to the 'Land of the Hornbil'.

District Governor David Tong and First Lady Irene arrived in Kuching on 5th October at 5pm to make an official visit to some of the clubs in Kuching until 8 Oct. when both departed for Miri and Limbang. They both returned to Kuching on 9 Oct. at 12.10pm.

Today, DG David Tong will make an official visit to our club to attend the 2nd Club Assembly where he will listen to the reports that are to be made by each director concerning the club planned activities. It is anticipated that he will give comments and advice on the club's planned activities.

Prior to the commencement of the 2nd Club Assembly, there will be an induction of a new member and followed by the presentation of Rotary Vocational Service Awards to two medical health personnel who contributed to the prevention of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) in Sarawak.

In the morning on the same day, DG David Tong will witness the handing over of the supplies of breakfast meals for one year to Hun Nam Siang Tng (Home for the Aged). In the evening, there will be a family gathering and fellowship with DG David & First Lady Irene at the Rajah Brooke Terrace, Merdeka Palace & Suites (poolside floor).

DG David & First Lady Irene will depart Kuching for Singapore via Johor Bahru tomorrow at 7.30am.

Welcome DG David Tong & First Lady Irene to the R. C. of Kuching Central and to the 'Land of the Hornbil'.

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ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR SUCCESSFULLY HELD

Organising Chairman, PP. Abel Chieng and his organizing committee did an excellent job in organising the above mentioned seminar on 20 Sept. 2003 in Kuching. Thanks must also go to President Sylvester and his BOD as well as members of R.C. of Kuching Central for supporting this seminar.

A total of 48 Rotarians from both Groups 10 & 13 attended the seminar: 19 from the club, 9 from R.C. Kuching, 6 from R.C. Petra Jaya, 5 from R.C. Kuching South, 1 from R.C. Kuching Jaya and one each from R.C. of Sibul & Bintulu.

The night before the seminar, all participants were treated to a sumptuous dinner hosted by PP Hj Odita Ibrahim at the Audio Visual room of the Sarawak Club. Thank you PP Odita for your generosity.

The seminar was held at Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites. The speakers were as follows:

- 1) PDG Fong Hoe Beng - "The District Simplified Grants"
- 2) PDG Hj. Abang Nawawi - "The annual program fund-every Rotarian every year"
- 3) PDG Datuk Stephen Wan Ullok - "Polio Plus and the Future of Rotary Foundation"

Many thanks to PDG Abang and PDG Datuk Stephen who were standing in for PDG John Cheah and PDG Kenneth Chew, who were not able to make it to the event. Thanks also to PDG Fong, the District Rotary Foundation Chairman for making all this possible and of course not forgetting our DG David, who made every effort to come for the function and in time to close the seminar despite the fact that he was not feeling well. A committed Rotarian indeed! Many thanks to all the participants for the support and one thing for certain is that there are more Rotarian who have become better informed on how Rotary Foundation complements the programs of Rotary International. In conjunction with the seminar, there were 12 Rotarians who pledged to contribute to PHF this year (4 of which comes from R.C. Kuching Central). In addition, there were also 4 Rotarians who pledged to be Paul Harris Sustaining members by contributing US\$100 per year. What a great success!



The launched of the club website – www.kuchingcentralrotary.org

On 11th July, the club officially launched its website for the very first time. The launch was officiated by YB Datuk Wong Soon Koh, Minister of Infrastructure Development & Communications, Sarawak at a leading hotel. The launch was officiated during the club's 17th Installation Night ceremony.

Seen from left to right Newly installed President Sylvester, YB Datuk Wong Soon Koh, PP Andre and IPP Kho Ping.



THE HISTORY OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE

For the first 80-plus years of Rotary's history, the second Avenue of Service - vocational service - was an area that focused on personal contributions that Rotarians could make within their own workplaces. Increasingly, however, clubs began to expand the definition of vocational service by organizing events such as career seminars and vocational training workshops.

So, in 1987, the RI Vocational Service Committee was called together - for the first time in 40 years - to redefine the second Avenue of Service. The committee created, and the RI Board adopted, new committee structures and determined that vocational service was now the responsibility of individual Rotarians and clubs within the workplace and the community.

In 1989, the [Council on Legislation](#) adopted the [Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions](#). This declaration spelled out the high ethical standards referred to in the Object of Rotary, and it gave Rotarians another tool for gauging their own professional ethics as well as the ethical standards they hoped to encourage through vocational service projects.

Vocational service evolved further in the 1990s with two new opportunities for Rotarians to share their professional skills. In 1992, the [Rotary Volunteers](#) program was brought under the umbrella of vocational service. And in 1993, the International Vocational Contact Groups program was merged with World Fellowship Activities to form a new program called [Rotary Fellowships](#).

INTERCITY MEETING

The Rotary Club of Singapore East, at the request of our District Governor David Tong, is organising an Inter-City Lunch meeting on November 9, 2003 (Sunday) to coincide with the last session of the 2003 Zone Institute.

PDG Fong Hoe Beng who is Organising Chairman for the

2003 Zone Institute estimated that more than half of the few hundred delegates would attend the Inter-City Lunch. This will present a good opportunity for those not attending the Zone Institute to meet old friends and make new ones.

Details are follows:

Date: November 9, 2003 (Sunday)
Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Ballroom (Havelock Road).
Time: 12.45p.m.

Cost: S\$35.00 per person
Dress code: Lounge suit/Rotary jackets or equivalents.

Tickets for the lunch will be distributed to clubs in Singapore in due course. Rotarians from outside Singapore who wish to attend are kindly requested to contact Organising Chairman PP Thomas Heng at 02-67476006 or email: hengheng@singnet.com.sg

RYLA 6-9 DECEMBER 2003

This 4 days 3 nights event is jointly organized by the Rotary Clubs of Malacca, Kluang & Pasir Gudang at Pusat Haiwan-Kluang. Please contact Assistant Governor John King for further details.

WHAT'S ON- IN THE ROTARY CALENDAR?

	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	CONTACT
1	<i>President & Secretary breakfast with DG & First Lady</i>	<i>Crowne Plaza Riverside Hotel</i>	<i>11 Oct'03 @ 8.30am</i>	<i>Rtn. Frankie Ong</i>
2	<i>DG Planning Session with President & Secretary</i>	<i>Biz Center, Crowne Plaza Riverside Hotel</i>	<i>11 Oct'03 @ 9.30am</i>	<i>Rtn. Frankie Ong</i>
3	<i>Handing over breakfast meals supplies to Hun Nam Siang Tng witnessed by DG & First Lady</i>	<i>Hun Nam Siang Tng</i>	<i>11 Oct'03 @ 11am</i>	<i>PP. Patrick Yu</i>
4	<i>Presentation of Vocational Service Awards to Medical Health personnel</i>	<i>Crowne Plaza Riverside Hotel</i>	<i>11 Oct'03 @ 11am</i>	<i>Rtn. Cecil Yong</i>
5	<i>Induction of new member</i>			<i>Rtn. Thomas Ngu</i>
6	<i>2nd Club Assembly observed by DG David Tong</i>	<i>Crowne Plaza Riverside Hotel</i>	<i>11 Oct'03 @ 11am</i>	<i>Rtn. Frankie Ong</i>
7	Avoidable Blindness Conference	Hyatt Hotel, Johor Bahru	18 Oct'03 9am	R.C. of Pasir Gudang
8	2003 Rotary Zonal Institute	Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore	7-9 Nov 2003	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
9	<i>Intercity Meeting</i>	Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore	<i>9 Nov'03 @ 12-2pm</i>	<i>PP. Polycar Teo Sebom</i>
10	<i>1st Rotaract & Interact Conference</i>	<i>Suntec City Convention Hall, Singapore</i>	<i>9-11 Jan'04</i>	<i>PP. Bobby Chai</i>
11	Golf Fellowship at District Conference	Singapore	9 Jan'04	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
12	District 3310 Conference	Suntec City Convention Hall, Singapore	10-11 Jan'04	Rtn. Thomas Ngu
13	2004 Rotary International Convention	Osaka, Japan	23-26 May 2004	PP. Polycarp Teo Sebom
14	2005 Rotary International Convention	Chicago, Illinois, USA	19-22 June 2005	TBA
15	2005 Rotary International Convention	Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden	11-14 June 2006	TBA

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

SISTER CLUBS:

1. R.C. OF MELAKA
2. R.C. OF QUEENSTOWN, SINGAPORE
3. R.C. OF CHIA YII WEST, TAIWAN