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INSTALLATION OF THE 19TH PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KUCHING CENTRAL

Monday, 5th July 2004, KUCHING:– The Rotary Club of Kuching Central will install the club's 19th President and board of directors on 10th July 2004 at a leading hotel in Kuching.

The ceremony is to be graced by YB. Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh, Second Minister of Finance and Minister of Urban Development & Tourism, Sarawak.

Rtn. Aw Tai Hui, the Incoming 19th President of the club, will take over from outgoing President Sylvester Fong whose term officially expires on 30 June 2003. The club President's terms of office is one calendar year and election of the incoming office bearers and incoming president are



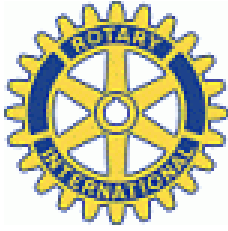
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usually conducted 6 months prior to the commencement of their terms of office.

Incoming President Aw Tai Hui has been a member of the club for the past 14 years serving in many capacities as an active member. Being an active Rotarian, he has taken up the challenge to dedicate some of his personal time lead the club towards the noble cause of providing community and humanitarian services for the less fortunate members of the society and for helping to make this community a better place to live.

Backed by his able board members, incoming President Aw Tai Hui has outlined a number of important community related activities which will be undertaken by the Rotary Club of Kuching Central in the new Rotary year for the period 1 July 2004 until 30 June 2005. Amongst them will be a water supply project for the deserving rural communities.

Born in Kelantan from a family of five, 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Aw's parents represented one of the early Chinese immigrants in Kelantan where his parents have always been in the rubber and oil palm plantations businesses including rubber processing and trading.



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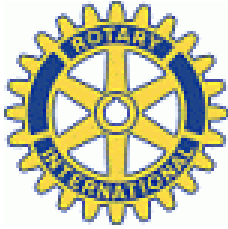
Aw is married to Delwin Chang of Kuching in 1989 and they have been blessed with two lovely children, Samantha, aged 13 years old, and a boy, Kai Shin, aged 10 years old. While Aw holds a Bachelor Arts (Honours) in Economic and a Masters in Business Administration from England, Delwin holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Finance and Insurance from Ohio State University.

Aw's career commenced with The East Asiatic Company (Malaysia) Berhad in 1983 and two years later, he was transferred to the Kuching branch. He left the company in 1996 as the General Manager of the company for its Sarawak operations.

He subsequently joined the Cahya Mata Sarawak Group of companies as the Group General Manager for the Transportation, Trading and Services division.

Three years later, he ventured into his own business and is now active in retail, telecommunication infrastructure services and projects works.

On the diplomatic scene, Aw was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Denmark to Sarawak by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark on 20th Dec 1991. Four months after his appointment, he received the



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knighthood of the “Knight of the Order of Dannebrog” from Her Majesty.

About the club (www.kuchingcentralrotary.org):

The Rotary Club of Kuching Central was established in December 1986 and is part of Rotary International District 3310 which is headed by District Governor Dr. Ivor Thevathasan who resided in Singapore.

For the past 10 consecutive years, the club has bagged the Rotary International Presidential Citation Awards for its fine achievements and fine performances as well as having received numerous Rotary International District 3310 recognitions. The club currently has 37 members.

Rotary International District 3310 consists of 65 Rotary clubs with 1960 members located in Sabah, Sarawak, Brunei, Labuan, Melaka, Johor and Singapore.

About Rotary International (www.rotary.org):

Rotary International is the first non-profit making organization in the world where business and professional people are united worldwide to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all



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vocations and promote peace and goodwill in the world. It was established in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1985, Rotary International initiated the PolioPlus campaign, a major worldwide project to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth by 2005, Rotary Centennial Year. The latest partner to this project is the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which was founded by Bill Gates, the Chief Software Architect of Microsoft. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed to match dollar to dollar for every dollar committed to PolioPlus campaign up to a maximum of US\$25 million.

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Encls. photo of 2004-2005 board of directors of the Rotary Club of Kuching Central with incoming President Aw Tai Hui (seated 4th from left) and outgoing President Sylvester (seated 4th from right).