



# **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310**

*(Singapore, Brunei, Sabah, Sarawak, Labuan F.T., Melaka & Johor)*



*'A celebration to welcome the arrival of  
Rotary Centennial bell in commemoration of 100 years of Rotary'*

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**KUCHING, Friday:**– A Rotary International Night celebration is going to be held on 10 March 2004 at the Sarawak Tourism Complex. The celebration is going to be launched by the Sarawak Minister of Tourism, YB. Dato Sri Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Haji Openg in the presence of the Rotary International District 3310 Governor David Tong, Consuls from various countries and Rotary members and guests.

The celebration is in line with one of Rotary's objective in ***promoting peace and goodwill in the world.*** The evening will be filled with cultural performances such as Balinese dance (from Indonesia), Malay, Chinese and Phillipinnes dances as well as demonstration on Kimono wearing by a Japanese. Flags of various countries will be on displayed and as well as various types of international dishes will be served.

The Rotary International (RI) Night also coincides with the arrival of Rotary Centennial bell, one of 5 such bells that are circulated to clubs in every Rotary country, starting at the RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia, in June 2003. The bells' journeys will symbolize the internationality of Rotary as they crisscross the globe. One bell will travel to the first 100 clubs to join Rotary International,



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while the others will travel to the first Rotary club formed in each country of four regions, according to RI archives: Asia and the Pacific; Latin American and the Caribbean; Africa; and Europe. The bells' journeys will end in Chicago in June 2005 when they ring in the start of the centennial RI Convention marking 100 years of Rotary existence, the Rotary Centennial year ([www.rotary.org/centennial](http://www.rotary.org/centennial)).

The Rotary International Night is organized by 5 Rotary Clubs that are located in Kuching namely the R.C. of Kuching, Kuching Central, Kuching South, Kuching Jaya and Petra Jaya.

### ***About Rotary International*** ([www.rotary.org](http://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 vocations*** and ***promote peace and goodwill in the world***. It was established in 1905. 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. One of the partners in this project is the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, founded by Bill Gates, the Chief Software Architect of Microsoft. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 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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A recent courtesy visit to YB Dato Sri Abang Hj Abdul Rahman Zohari, Minister of Tourism by the organising committee for Rotary International Night. (Left to right: Rtn. Stephen Yeo, Rtn. Mohammad Salleh Ali, Rtn Josephine Liew (organising chairperson), Dr. Lee Hua Seng (advisor) and Rtn. Andre Suharto.