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FACING CHANGE – IN CLIMATE, FINANCE OR ROTARY AT THE GATES OF THE NEW FRONTIER (PDG Arch. Nuno M.R. Jorge – Macau)

PDG Nuno Jorge, who was invited to our club by PDG Mustapha Ma, started by saying that it 'is easy to have a PDG speak but much more difficult to have him finish and shut up' and that apparently he was told that he would have to 'sing for his lunch'. But he discarded his initial thought of preparing 'some karaoke programme' and believing that 'where Rotary meets, thinking beings gather' he opted to share with our members some ideas on our present times with a relevance to our future.

developed and developing world), better level of literacy and education, technological innovation and global communication, have led to change of ways to face life and values for which to live,' he stated.

He went on that 'unstable economic growth, based on credit and consumer spending, with increasing differentials worldwide, and an environment changing rapidly, are also producing very different relationship parameters, and a new social frontier, at which gates we now stand'.

Change is nothing new, it has been occurring all the time: what is new is the speed [at which] that it is happening as we all saw - and suffered - with the current so-called financial crisis. But other factors are in rapid evolution as well, such as the evolution of globalisation and the beginning of the digital era, of which internet, mobile phones, and GPS are but a few showcases', said PDG Nuno. And... the advances of modern medicine, reducing the death rate and increasing life expectancy are increasing the world population at an accelerating rate. Very soon we will have 7 Billion 'travellers' on our planet Earth, doubling the world population in fifty years. This

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PDG Mustapha Ma introducing his friend PDG Nuno Jorge

Here are some excerpts from his speech.

'We live in exciting times of change, at the borders of a new world, which indeed we need to be brave to face. Rapid demographic growth, with consequent increasing scarcity of resources [and] coupled with improving health and social standards (referring to the 'fortunate'

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DISTRICT

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

TRF Seminar

Date:

06 September 2009

Venue:

Dewan Besar Tun Razah
Menara Yayasan Tun Razak
Jalan Bukit Bintang, KL

Public Relations

Workshop

Date:

11 October 2009

Venue:

TBA

Further details – see District website

CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

DG Leslie Salehuddin will visit our club in **October**. Please note the following in your diary:

06 October:

Club Assembly (our second) and Fellowship with DG
Venue and time TBA

07 October:

DG's official visit to our club (luncheon meeting)

Further details will be announced in due course.

ORBITUARY

It is reported with sadness that our ex-member, Rtn Maurice Cheong, who was Community Service Director 1989-90, recently passed away.

DISTRICT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 75th District Conference will be held as follows:

Date: 08-10 January 2010

Venue:

Holiday Villa Hotel & Suites
Subang, Selangor

Host Club: RC Gombak

Partner Clubs:

RC Sentul, RC Titiwangsa

PROGRAMME

HIGHLIGHTS

08 Jan:

Golf Competition /
Registration / Fellowship
Dinner

09 Jan:

Opening Ceremony /
Plenary and Workshop
Sessions, Governor's
Banquet

10 Jan:

Plenary Sessions / Closing
Ceremony, Farewell Lunch

Register online via District website or contact Hon. Secretary Mohd Ridza Abdullah

Inter-Country Meeting & Fellowship

Districts 3300 / 3330

Date: 19 September 2009

Place:

Songkla / Haadyai

For further details visit District website



BERITA ROTARY WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS

19 August 2009

ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians:** 33
- RCKL Rotarian Make-Ups:** Nil
- Convener:** Rtn Mohan Singh Rendhawa
- Sergeant-At-Arms:** Rtn Hardeep Singh
- National Anthem and Loyal Toast:** Rtn Victor Lim
- Speaker:** PDG Arch. Nuno Jorge (RC Hou Kuong, Macau)
- Topic:** Facing Change – in Climate, Finance and Rotary – at the Gates of the New Frontier
- Speaker Introduction:** PDG Mustapha Ma
- Closing Remarks:** PDG Beh Lye Huat

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians

PDG Arch. Nuno Jorge
(RC Hou Kuong, Macau)
Pres. Elizabeth Yam
(RC Kelana Jaya)

Invited Guests

Mr Garth Popple]
Mr Gino Vumbaca] - guests of PDG Mustapha Ma
Mr Augusto Nogueira]
Mr Ajmal Khan - guest of Pres. Rizal Sardon
Mr Yusoff Mahmood - guest of Rtn Tan Boon Leong

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

PDG Mustapha Ma – 26 August

Wedding Anniversaries

None



VP Halim chairing the meeting



Convener Rtn Mohan Singh



Waiting for the National Anthem – Rtn Victor Lim



Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Hardeep Singh



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and the trend of migrating to cities have changed, and are changing dramatically the panorama of the environment we live in. While it has given us beautiful cities like Kuala Lumpur, it begs us to question whether it is sustainable.

PDG Nuno expressed that 'we are facing an increasingly accelerating process of climatic disruption - not just climate change and global-warming - that, very soon, will provide us all with a very different living environment, if not a catastrophic one.'

Moving to Rotary, he noted that [in the past] decisions were made at international conventions, giving them a much higher meaning. In 1981, in Sao Paulo, a motion was put to the floor by an Indian club, apparently for the admission of women into a Rotary club; it ended in nothing and voting of motions at international conventions were terminated. He believes, to keep us all 'out of mischief'. He claimed that this was perfected, and mischief is kept out even at district conferences.....(was he being controversial by stating that 'it is regrettable that at the end of the day, the restrictions to women ended, in great part, to maintain the tax free status

of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation'?).



An attentive audience

At the Dallas Convention, in 1986, Presidents were elected at the floor of the convention, by vote of the voting delegates. He remembers a strong challenge by a French candidate to the American Chuck Keller. The voting was intense and Chuck Keller won. 'But to keep mischief out of Rotarians' hands, no more meaningful elections were held at the [following] international conventions. Rotary has become a much centralised organisation in which individual Rotarians have little say. 'Certainly, an organisation which, technically, requires a process of minimum 15 years to ascend to the top of the leadership – but in practice much more, involving unrepresentative election processes.....it is out touch.'

PDG Nuno Jorge opined that this is not good for our 'organisation'. Left at the hands of the bureaucrats, we saw a massive change in the emphasis of membership... from quality to quantity, from ideal to accounting of dues mostly to maintain our administration and paid staff. And, as such, it was not even a very successful process as we know that Rotary membership has, by any measure, not kept pace, neither with the increase of population nor the recent economic affluence. The chasm between the powers that be and the individual has led to many people questioning what really is happening in this world, he continued.

Changing to environmental issues, PDG Nuno Jorge stated that according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), if no action is taken on greenhouse gases, the Earth's temperature could rise by 4.5 degrees or more. And soon, rather than late: recent scientific data suggests that the worst case scenario presented by the Nobel laureate IPCC two years ago has now become the most probable one. What does this

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mean? He suggested we check the National Geographic programme '6 Degrees May Change the World' which is readily available on its website. He went on to quote a number of catastrophic examples including ice melting, receding Arctic ice cap, increasing release of methane, rising of ocean levels, desertification with resulting massive migration of population etc.

He went on that if this is a catastrophic view, more the reason to act and act fast and efficiently. We Rotarians, as leaders and unencumbered by public bureaucracy, have a special responsibility. We have the legacy of 'Protect Planet Earth' from Past RI President Paulo Viriato da Costa; we must rekindle this light. If only there is a will... But we must act fast since most of what we do will have the desired effects [only] two decades down the line.

An interesting example was presented by him: GM had electrical cars already in the 1990s; why were they recalled... an all destroyed? And... to convert all the current cars in the USA to hybrid ones would mean, in carbon [emission] terms, the equivalent of taking off the roads 100 million of the

current automobiles...



Is new Rtn Theo Paauw asking a question?

His concluding remarks were: 'What shall we choose? Mitigate, adapt or suffer? It is in our hands. It is our choice. It will certainly be our doing.' And with this in mind, he stated that everything is possible... including a PDG finishing his speech in time, hopefully, whilst he hoped that all present had 'enjoyed this singing for his lunch.'



Is PP Chan Kam Fatt rushing through his lunch?



A banner from one PDG to another PDG Beh Lye Huat and Nuno Jorge



Who is PDG Arch. Nuno M.R. Jorge?

- Born in Macau into a traditional Macanese family
- Chartered Architect and Registered Accountant
- Diploma of Architecture from Higher School of Fine Arts, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Majored in Marketing (Business Organization and Management) at Higher Institute of New Professions, Lisbon
- Member of Lisbon Geographical Society, Literacy Circle of Lisbon, and Society of Fine Arts
- First VP 2009-11 of Int. Federation of NGOs for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (IFNGO)
- Perm. Representative of IFNGO at UN New York and UNODC Vienna
- Past Pres. of Macau Red Cross Society
- Past VP of Portuguese Red Cross Society
- President of Association of Architects, Macau
- Rotarian for 33 year
- Governor of Rotary District 3450 (Macau) in Rotary year 1985-86
- Recipient of Medal of Professional Merit and Medal of Valor (both Macau)



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RI NEWS

Membership Increases during Rotary Year 2008-09

(By Jennifer Lee Atkin - Rotary International News)



In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary International's most important asset - its members - steadily grew.

As of 30 June, the end of the 2008-09 RI year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs. That's an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year.

"Businesses in tough economies plan how to grow, and most businesses then do grow. Rotary clubs also have to plan for their futures and take action on those plans," said Mike McGovern, chair of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee.

"New clubs are forming in communities with existing

clubs by offering alternative times and the opportunity to bring fresh perspectives to Rotary," McGovern added.

More than 5,700 clubs in the 534 RI districts achieved a membership growth rate of 10 percent or better during the 2008-09 year. The 10 percent goal was set by 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who presided over 12 presidential membership conferences held on six continents during the year. Each conference was attended by between 300 and 1,500 Rotarians. Lee also made personal calls to each of Rotary's district governors.

"We must reach out to people who are different from us and from the members in our club, because this is the way to a stronger club with more connections and better potential," Lee said at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Rotary clubs must continue to build membership during the 2009-10 year, said RI President John Kenny.

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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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“I will simply rely on you, as responsible people, to see to it that we have more qualified members, true Rotarians, at the end of the year than we had at the beginning. And I will rely on you to do your best to see to the mentoring of our newest members, for retention is no less important than recruitment,” Kenny told Rotarians at the RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

“Rotary grows when members are motivated to invite Rotarians into their clubs and when Rotarians believe they are contributing to a greater good,” McGovern said.

Districts with outstanding growth

Rotary International recognized several districts for achieving outstanding membership growth in 2008-09.

Three RI districts have been cited for chartering two or more new clubs, while also achieving a 10 percent or better net membership increase in at least half of the district’s clubs:

- District 3790, Philippines
- District 3830, Philippines
- District 3870, Philippines

Ten districts have been recognized for chartering two or more new clubs while also achieving a net membership growth percentage rate that is among the top 10 districts worldwide:

- District 1290, England
- District 3100, India
- District 3150, India
- District 3620, Korea
- District 3810, Philippines
- District 4190, Mexico
- District 4680, Brazil
- District 5000, USA
- District 7020, Anguilla, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, French West Indies, Haiti, Jamaica, and part of Netherland Antilles, Turks and Caicos Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands
- District 9140, Nigeria



Welcome back Rtn Eric Tan



Hm, whom did Jefferey pick a fight with? Wishing him a speedy recovery!



Welcome to our club, Pres. Elizabeth Yam (RC Kelana Jaya)



Give PDG Mus the mike....and you have his laughter therapy!