



# Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

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## BIRD WATCHING (FOR THE UNINITIATED?)

Perhaps it was the realisation that this was not going to be about 'bird watching – the other kind', maybe it was the somewhat cramped atmosphere of The Pub. The turnout last Wednesday was as bit disappointing as our speaker, Mr Khoo Swee Seng of the Malaysian Nature Society, spoke on one of his favourite topics.

He started to introduce the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) which having been founded in 1940, is the oldest and with more than 2,000 members the largest NGO in the country. Mr Khoo went on to provide some advice and illustrations on the equipment preferred for watching birds, such as good quality binoculars rather than the stuff one finds at the Pasar Malam or in Jalan Petaling and high-end digital SLR cameras, not the point-and-shoot variety most of us tend to carry to functions and projects.

According to its website, MNS is credited with – among others – initiating the 'Giant Leathery Turtle' conservation project, the Endau-Rompin National Park and the Royal Belum State Park.

Mr Khoo showed an interesting selection of photos of native and migratory birds found in Malaysia. Some of these can be seen in our gardens or condominiums provided one has the patience to look for them.

And who says only Louis Cheah asks questions? Obviously the topic was in the end considered interesting enough to elicit a number of questions from the floor.



The Speaker - Mr Khoo - on watching birds.

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# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JOINT DISTRICT CONFERENCE – DISTRICTS 3300 AND 3310

The Joint District Conference – Districts 3300 & 3310 will be held 26 – 28 October 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel in Subang. Registration is now open.

Hosted by the **Rotary Club of Bangsar** and supported by the **Rotary Club of Kota Melaka**, the District 3300's 73rd Conference of **DG Dr Joe Rajendran** and District 3310's 17th Conference of **DG Dr Chris Chen** is set to be an exciting and memorable one.

You may register online by visiting the District website ([www.rotary3300.org.my](http://www.rotary3300.org.my)). Or if you prefer the 'hardcopy' way, copies of the registration forms are available from me.

**Horst H Wippert**  
**Hon. Secretary 2007-08**

## BIM-ROTARY PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AWARDS

**Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM)** - the Malaysian Professional Centre and **Rotary International District 3300** are inviting nominations from registered NGOs and institutions for the first **BIM-Rotary Professional Integrity Awards**.

The Awards are to recognise Malaysians who have displayed a high level of professional integrity in their career, public life or have made exemplary contributions to the upholding of professional integrity.

There will be three categories of awards – **Young Professional Integrity Award** (age limit 40 years and below), **Professional Integrity Award** and **Lifetime Professional Integrity Award**.

Nomination forms are available at BIM (03-7728 7171), or Datuk Mohinder Singh (012-289 9558). **Closing date for nominations is Sept 30.**

## WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2007

**Meeting Convenor:** Rtn Richard English

**National Anthem & Loyal Toast:** Rtn Dato' Adenan Zain

**Welcoming Guests:** SAA Richard English

**Speaker:** Mr. Khoo Swee Seng

### Visiting Rotarians

1. AG Lawrence Tan - From RC Pantai Valley
2. PP Chris Ng - From RC Kuala Kangsar
3. PP Ramesh Koddamal - From RC Bangsar

4. PP Mahadev Lalchand - From RC Bangsar

5. Rtn Chandru Binwani - From RC Bangsar

### Guests

1. Mr. Gerald Lee - Guest of Rtn Horst Wippert
2. Mr. Roy Le Messurier - Guest of IPDG Dato Jimmy Lim
3. Mr. Lau Pak Fatt - Guest of IPDG Dato Jimmy Lim
4. Ms. Jasmine Steed - Guest of the Club

## RY 2007- 2008 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Avenue of service	Day of the Month	Time	Venue
Community Service	Every 1st Wednesday	2.00pm	Shangri-La Hotel
Club Service	Every 2nd Wednesday	2.00pm	Shangri-La Hotel
New Generations	Every 3rd Wednesday	2.00pm	Shangri-La Hotel
Vocational Service	Every 4th Wednesday	2.00pm	Shangri-La Hotel
International Service	To Be Advised (TBA)	TBA	TBA
Fellowship	To Be Advised (TBA)	TBA	TBA

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A momento for the speaker.



IPDG Dato Jimmy thanking the speaker.

## ROTARY IN THE REGION

### PHILIPPINES: JAPANESE PHILANTHROPISTS MEET ROTARY PARTNERS, SCHOLARS

Davao **Rotarians**, particularly members of the **Rotary Club of East Davao** (District 3860, Phippines – ed.) are proud of their multifarious civic projects, which have so much impact on the community. But they are proudest of their scholarship program, an effort, which has benefited so many deserving students and their parents through the years.

Running a scholarship program takes money, oodles of them, as can be attested by those which have tried it or are still managing one. But **RC East Davao**, now headed by banana firm executive Vir Sojor, has found a way to sustain this humanitarian endeavor -- partnering with foreign donors, particularly fellow **Rotarians** from across the seas.

They have formed what is now the Rotary Club of East Davao-Oikawa scholarship program so-called after **Rotarian Kohachi Oikawa**, past president of the **Rotary Club of Ishinomaki South** (District 2520, Japan – ed.), who came all the way from Japan to establish the scholarship program and foundation sometime in 2000.

Oikawa, an honorary member of the **Rotary Club of East Davao**, and another **Rotarian**, president-elect Hideyuki Hasebe, came to Davao City recently to have a look-see of the program's progress and touch base with their partner **Rotarians** and the scholars themselves.

The other sponsors of the seven-year scholarship fund are **Rotarians** of the **Rotary Club of Ishinomaki South**. The visit came at a time that a scholar just completed her BS in Education, major in English, as cum laude from the Holy Cross of Davao College. Another scholar will take up BS Education Major in Math also at the Holy Cross.

The foundation makes sure that only truly deserving and needy applicants are chosen and are given an opportunity of a lifetime. **Rotary Club of East Davao** is hopeful to have more donors in order for its scholarship program to become stronger and be able to help more young men and women from the less fortunate sector of our society.

*Courtesy SunStar, Davao (Philippines)*

# THE WORLD OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## 'TOOTHBRUSH LADY' GETS \$20,000 FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

For Georgina Cosentino, it marked the end of a remarkable journey.

A new dental clinic is expected to open in Thibeau in north Haiti this month. Ms. Cosentino and her 'Healthy Smiles for Haiti' organization have been working to help set up the clinic for the past four years.

Thanks to a \$20,000 grant from **Rotary International** and matching funding from the **Rotary Clubs of Burlington North and Mississauga** (both District 7080, Ontario / Canada – ed.) the Mountain (Ontario, Canada – ed.) resident and long-time preventative dental assistant has been able to help purchase some much needed equipment for the new clinic including a patient's chair and chairs for the dentist and dental assistant.

More importantly, since the clinic will be set up in a building with no local source of power, the money will also go toward purchasing three or four solar panels that will enable the clinic to generate all the electricity it needs from the sun. The equipment was put in a container and shipped to Haiti last June. Other dental equipment for the new clinic had already been put in storage in a secure compound in Haiti being run by 'Oriental Mission Services'.

Ms. Cosentino has also approached other **Rotary** clubs to raise money to cover the salary of the dentist and hopefully one dental assistant at the clinic. About US\$8,000 is needed. All of the dental services provided are done nearly free of charge. Given the wide-spread poverty in Haiti, most patients can only afford to pay a dollar or two for dental services.

Since starting 'Health Smiles for Haiti' nearly six years ago, Ms. Cosentino has taught thousands of Haitians about dental hygiene and has helped bring dental equipment to seven other clinics on the island. She figures she has visited Haiti about 20 times. Dubbed the 'Toothbrush Lady' by the Mountain News, she has taken thousands of donated toothbrushes from *Hamilton Community News* readers and other supporters and distributed them at schools and orphanages in Haiti.

Her organization's hard work appears to be paying off.

*Courtesy Mountain News (Hamilton, Ontario / Canada)*

**The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja**  
We meet at 12:30pm every Wednesday  
at The Shangri La Hotel, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur.

# ROTARY SHARES