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GERMAN-MALAYSIAN COOPERATION FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Last week our speaker was Prof. Loose who arrived in Malaysia in 2000, having been seconded by the German government-owned Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) as Chief Consultant with the EPU in the Prime Minister's Department and the German Malaysian Institute to provide the concept, outline and implementation of the National Dual Training System (NDTS).

Prof. Loose started the talk with an introduction of GTZ, which is working on projects in 130 countries. In Malaysia, its most prominent project is the German Malaysian Institute (GMI) providing vocational training for young Malaysians.

Using a BMW 3-series car as an example, Prof. Loose then went on to demonstrate the extent of globalisation and global economic cooperation. A 2002 research shows that components for that car are sourced from countries like Malaysia, Japan, USA, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, just to name a few.

Staying with the automotive industry, Prof. Loose used the repair manual for cars manufactured by (GM-owned) Opel, Germany, to demonstrate the steadily increasing complexity at the workplace. For instance, in 1951 such a manual would contain some 600 pages. By 1966, fifteen years later, this had grown to almost 1,200 pages and in 1998, the car mechanics had to struggle with almost 14,000 pages.

Even more surprising and probably only partly comprehensible to most of us, is the extremely rapid pace of technological change and the 'half-life time of knowledge', which based on data provided by IBM show that 50% of what we have learned in high school will have become irrelevant 10 years after leaving school. For specialised vocational knowledge this point is reached within 5 years, for technological knowledge in 3 years, and half of what our computer whiz kids learn today will no longer be applicable in one year's time.

The National Dual Training System (NDTS), which has been adapted from the German system of long tradition, will start off in Malaysia with an initial batch of 500 trainees in June 2005. The system stresses the combination and interrelation of hands-on training at the industry workplace with classroom training in specialised training institutions established by the Government. The strength of the 'Dual System' is that it has been designed to tap the best training potential of both domains.

A very important aspect is the need for close cooperation between the Government and private industry in which the latter must be encouraged and convinced about the importance of investing in training of the young to ensure continued industrial development of the country.

Prerequisite for a successful NDTS are that the training institutions have appropriate facilities, state-of-the-art curricula, and – very importantly – competent instructors and teachers ('train the trainer'). On the other hand, the companies must ensure they provide adequate facilities and equipment, sufficiently wide-ranging operations and, also here, qualified trainers.

Whilst in Germany dual system training takes 3 to 3.1/2 years, in Malaysia this has been structured to cover 4 semesters of 6 months each, with a practice / theory ratio of 4 : 1. The purpose and objectives of NDTS are the training of K-workers and the target groups will be school leavers and existing workers.

Incidentally, Prof. Loose himself is a 'product' of the German dual training system, having been trained as a qualified motor mechanic who became a teacher in technical education and went on to obtain his M.A. in Educational Policy from the University of Wisconsin – Madison (USA) and his Ph.D. in International Technical Education from the University of Hamburg (Germany).

SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LUNCH MEETING ON 23.02.2005

Meeting of The Service Committees

- 100 Hours Service Marathon Committee meeting led by Rtn Justin Teo will meet on **23.02.2005 (Wednesday)** immediately after the luncheon meeting.
- Service to New Generation and Community Service meeting will be held on **24.02.2005 (Thursday)** at Hotel Shangri-La at 6.00p.m.

Board of Director Meeting

- The Board of Director Meeting will be held on **1.03.2005 (Tuesday)** at 6.00pm, Negeri Sembilan Room, Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS ON 16.02.2005

Convenor:	PP Stuart Pack
Singing National Anthem & Loyal Toast:	DGN Jimmy Lim
Welcoming Guests:	Justin Teoh
Introduce Speaker:	H.Wippem
Speaker:	Prof. Dr. G.Loose
Thanking Speaker:	PP Hanif

Guest of the club:

Prof Dr. G.Loose (speaker)

Visiting Rotarians:

HE Rtn Herbert Jess (German Ambassador)
Fiona Stuart - R.C of St. Thomas(US Virgin Island)
PP Alex Thomas - R.C of Padstow, Sydney
PP Lawrence Tan - R.C of Pantai Valley
PP Ester Tan - R.C of Pantai Valley
PP Mohd Abdullah - R.C of Pantai Valley
PP Loo Ming Foo - R.C of Pantai Valley

Visiting Guests:

Leow Mein Yhee - guest of Leow Poh Swee
Jean-Pierre Lantieri - guest of Vincent Wong
Herman Koch - guest of H.Wippem
Ganesh Kumar - guest of Vincent Wong

Birthday Boys

PP Sou Yong on 25.02.2005
Rtn Frank Lee Fang Hsin on 27.02.2005

Ann's Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

PP Dato' Low Bin Tick & Lee Kim Mooi
on 27.02.2005



FROM THE DESKTOP OF A ROTARIAN

February 23rd... a very Special Day... being Wednesday its Rotary Luncheon... on the actual "birthday" of Rotary... and the day been recognized as "Rotary International day" by the USA congress. No doubt there's a lot of activities / celebrations by Rotarian around the globe....

It's also the 15th day of the Lunar New Year... "chap goh meh"... in Chinese... the unofficial Chinese valentine day... and unlike the western version, the unmarried ladies may throw oranges into the sea / pond / lake... in the hope of getting a good husband. I have my suspicions... (could it be thought up by ancient mandarin oranges vendors to get rid of their stocks now that new year is over?)

Just in... the theme for RI year 05/06... is a recycled theme... "service above self"... any comments on this?

Photos From Weekly Meeting On 16.02.2005



Birthday boys:
Hardeep, Dr Govindan, Alex & Dr Mahinder.



Rtn Althoff donating to the our own
Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja over RM5000
collected from Siemens Charity Run.

Chinese New Year Fellowship Dinner



The President & the 1st Lady.



The 1st lady & Datin Brenda.



Our Honourary Secretary.



Our man from Shanghai Beach.

ROTARY EVENTS

Janda Baik Orang Asli Mini Health Drive: Sunday 6 March 2005

Our club is organizing a Mini Health Drive for the Janda Baik Orang Asli village. This is a joint project between the Community, International and Fellowship committees and also with our sister club of Raffles City, Singapore together with the German Embassy.

The relationship between the Janda Baik community and RCKL Di Raja go back to 2001 when, together with our sister club and the German Embassy, we provided two fishponds, sewing machines and gas stoves. Our International Service and Community Service directors, Rtns Horst, Lokman and Halim have periodically been visiting the Janda Baik Community and assisting with the purchase of fish fry and feed pellet.

The ongoing interest and care shown by our club is now continued with the next visit – a Mini Health Drive on Sunday 6 March 2005. The contingent from Raffles City will be about 14 strong with 4 doctors amongst them. On that day, we plan to conduct health checks, donate another batch of fish fry, feed pellets and hand over a parcel of vitamins, rice, milk powder, used clothes, soap and other personal items to the approximately 130 villagers.

We would also be handing over 24 sets of radio cassette recorders and pre-recorded tapes with nursery rhymes in Bahasa Malaysia and English under the 'Read To Me' Centennial Literacy Project jointly sponsored by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International District 5470 (Colorado, USA) and the Rotary Club of Burlington (Colorado). The tapes were produced for pre-school children to help improve their language skills.

Other activities would include a Clean Compound contest, fishing at the fishpond for Rotarians and their families and assisting the doctors with the health checks. Members of our club are cordially invited together with their families to join us in visiting the Orang Asli and join in the fellowship with members from our sister club, Raffles City, Singapore. Please keep Sunday 6 March 2005 free for this. Please contact Halim, Horst or Kim Boo should you wish to join us or for more information.

Youth Exchange Programme with RC Phuket (15 March - 15 April 2005)

During our visit to RC Phuket in December 2004, the idea of a 'short-time youth exchange' was raised, with RC Phuket asking whether our Rotarians would be able to accommodate two girl students. After some delay due to the Tsunami crisis when RC Phuket was concentrating its efforts on relief work, I have now received more details on this youth exchange proposed by the club.

Because of school holidays, the preferred time frame for RC Phuket to send the girls to KL is 15 March - 15 April 2005 but not necessarily for the whole period and not necessarily for them to stay with one family only. Our Club Service Director Vincent Wong and his wife have already agreed to host one girl for two weeks. We now need other RCKL families (preferably with teenage daughters) to come forward to 'share the load' and offer to be hosts.

The two girls in question are:

(1) Shayanin Piyatham (daughter of PDG Sermsak Piyatham of RC Phuket)

- Age 14
- Attending Junior High School, year 3
- Religion: Buddhist
- Hobbies: basketball, computer games
- English proficiency ok

(2) Walin Rojcheewaphan (member of Rotaract Club supported by RC Phuket)

- Age 15
- Attending Grade 10
- Religion: Christian
- Hobbies: athletics (running), playing piano and violin
- English proficiency ok

The two girls would preferably like to travel together. Please contact me urgently so that this programme can be put in place without further delay.

Horst Wippen
International Service Director