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RYLA PARTICIPANTS FROM HATYAI IN KUALA LUMPUR

Four students nominated by our sister club, RC Hatyai Nakarin, and sponsored by our club, were in KL recently to attend the D3300 Centennial RYLA held at the impressive Petronas Management Training facilities (PERMATA) in Bandar Baru Bangi. Two of the students are freshmen in accountancy and economics studies respectively at the Thammasart University, Songkhla, and the others are Grade 11 high school students.



The RYLA participants from Hatyai.

The four boys arrived by bus in the early hours of Thursday morning, and after having been fleeced by an unscrupulous KL taxi driver for the short ride from Pudu Raya to the YMCA, were taken care of by kind Gombak Rotarians who ensured safe transport to the venue and to whom our club is grateful for this.



Impromptu sister club meeting.

The 4-day event was ably organised by RC Gombak and attended by approximately 100 young people. It was officially opened on Thursday by YB Dato' Ong Tee Keat, Deputy Minister for Youth and Sport. The packed programme included topics, which ranged from 'Youth and Crime Busting', 'Achieving Goals', 'Racial Harmony' to 'The Four Way Test', 'Public Speaking' and 'Organising Successful Club Projects'.

On Sunday afternoon, after the close of RYLA, our four students met with 3 Rotarians from RC Hatyai Nakarin who had

arrived for a short visit very early on Saturday morning, and the whole group returned to Hatyai on the night bus. PP William Lau and IS Director Horst Wippem, together with their spouses, met with the Hatyai Rotarians on Saturday night for dinner and in preparation for this week's ISC project visit to RC Hatyai Nakarin.

Rtn Horst Wippem

International Service Director

WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS ON 23.03.2005

Convener: PP Stuart Pack

Singing National Anthem & Loyal Toast: Tony Lu

Welcoming Guests: Justin Teoh

Introducing Speaker: Horst Wippern

Speaker: H.E. Herbert D. Jess

Thanking Speaker: PE Low Kok Hwa

Distinguished Guest:

H.E. Herbert D. Jess (German Ambassador)

Visiting Rotarians:

George Lee - RC Crow's Nest, Sydney

Guests:

Oliver Blitz - guest of IPDG Mahinder Singh

John Wong – guest of PDG Dato Beh Lye Huat

FROM THE DESKTOP OF A ROTARIAN

RINO... "Rotary in name only" seems to be growing in the club again... What's more worrying is that according to some, the newer Rotarians are picking up this habit, referring to those who attend lunches and does NOTHING else. They may be even 100 percenters... attend the lunch as a social function and all fellowship events (especially those "free" ones) but has not contributed an iota to the club or to Rotary... and decline any duty or post in the club. To me Rotary and RCKL is a SERVICE club...not a social / fellowship club... and if you join a service club a minimum of service is expected from you... it's left to you where you think you can contribute but DO contribute. Personally the more you contribute the more you learn to love Rotary. Heard of "He benefits most who serve best"? My plea to newer Rotarians... do take up a post or a duty... I assure you that you will enjoy it and rotary.

2004-05 Presidential Emphasis Task Forces

President Estess has identified literacy, family of Rotary, health, and water as emphases for 2004-05 and has appointed special task forces to work with clubs and districts on these issues. At the club and district level, these task forces will be a resource for information, project ideas, and potential speakers for club meetings. Additionally, each district has appointed a district task force coordinator to serve as the main contact between the Presidential Task Forces and your district.

Literacy Task Force

The Literacy Task Force will provide information and support for Rotary clubs and districts to encourage participation in programs and projects that promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all. Emphasis will be given to identifying resources to assist Rotarians in developing and implementing project and activities that provide

- Literacy training for children and adults, especially for women
- Mentoring for young people
- Support for community schools
- Educational opportunities for individuals with low economic resources
- Vocational training

RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja's participation in this activity is the Read To Me Project which was launched with the handing over of 48 sets of radio cassette recorders, batteries, blank tapes and pre-recorded tapes to children of **RCC Kpg Sungei Lui**. Another 24 sets were handed over to the Orang Asli children at **Janda Baik**. We are also teaming up with **RC Yeovil (UK)** for a matching grant project for children's storybooks to be handed over to **RCC Kpg Sungei Lui**.

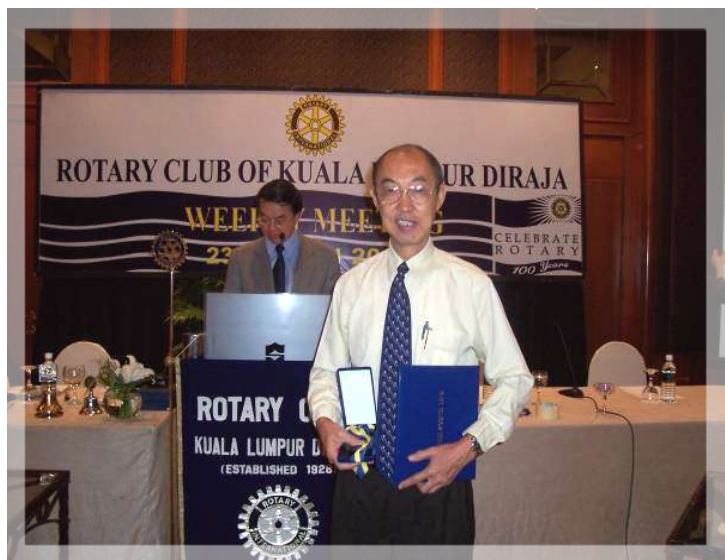
Photos From Weekly Meeting On 23.03.2005



HE giving his talk.



HE deep in conversation.



Yeoh Eng King - PHF.



New Rotarian Oliver Blitz.

The Rotary Club Of Kuala Lumpur DiRaja

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

Celebrate Rotary 100 Years