



# BERITA ROTARY

## THE NEW ECONOMIC MODEL: EXPECTATIONS (Speaker: Hon. Rotarian Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam)

Having agreed to talk to the members at short notice, the speaker was happy to visit our club and likewise, all his friends in our club were happy to see him again.

He started by stating that the 'New Economic Model' is supposed to be a new plan to underpin the 10th Malaysian Plan 2011-2015 and to provide a new way forward.



*Our speaker 'in full flight'*

So, why have a 'New Economic Model'?

We now live in the world of globalisation and Malaysia must take cognizance of this. Malaysia has to face up to the world of more and tougher competition. It needs to break out of the middle income gap. And above all, there is a need to give all Malaysians a better Malaysia.

The current the 'New Economic Policy' in its original form resulted from the dark days of 1969 when racial riots engulfed the country, something only the older members of

our club will remember. Others may have heard about this black spot in the country's history from their parents or read about it in various publications that have hit the bookstores since. The measures put in place then were designed to reduce, if not eradicate, inequalities between and within the racial groups and distribute wealth more evenly.

So, what went wrong with the NEP?

The true intent of the NEP was neglected. There was – and still is – abuse of the NEP to benefit more the rich elite rather than the poor. One result of this is that the "GINI Coefficient" is worsening.



*The speaker had the audience's attention*

The question is whether the NEM will be the old NEP, revamped and with a 'new coat of paint', or will it be a radical departure from the old and something the country and its citizens can be proud of. Who knows?

The speaker listed a few expectations (and hopefully these will be fulfilled):

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# BERITA ROTARY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

### COMMITTEE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### MEMBERSHIP

##### COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month

##### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

##### COMMITTEE

Meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month (immediately after luncheon meeting)

##### SERVICE PROJECTS

##### COMMITTEE

Meeting every 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month (immediately after club meeting)

### CLUB

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### 83rd Installation Banquet

**Date:** 20 June 2010

**Venue:** Shangri-La Hotel

**Programme:** To be advised  
Watch this space for further details

##### Annual Golf Fellowship with RC Raffles City

**Date:** 02 April 2010

**Venue:** Glenmarie Golf & Country Club

Details obtainable from Rtn David Law

#### Wednesday Speakers / Events Diary

**31.03.**  
Adjourned EGM (New Constitution and Bylaws)

**07.04.**  
Rtn Rainer Althoff (Sustainability)

**14.04.**  
EGM KLRCF (Election of Trustees)

**21.04.**  
TBA

**28.04.**  
PP Robert Kwan / RC Makati (TBA)

### DISTRICT

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### District Assembly

The 76th District Assembly will be held as follows:

**Date:**  
16-18 April 2010

**Venue:**  
Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Selangor

**Host Club:**  
RC Bandar Sunway

**Partner Clubs:**  
RCs Port Klang, Kelana Jaya, USJ, Central Damansara, Damansara West, and Puchong

##### PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

**16 April:**  
Bowling, Registration, PETS/SETS/TETS, Fellowship Dinner

**17 April:**  
Opening Ceremony, Plenary Sessions, Workshops, Spouses' Programme and Governor's Banquet

**18 April:**  
Plenary Sessions, Closing Ceremony and Farewell Lunch

Register online or via Hon. Secretary Mohd Ridza Abdullah



BERITA ROTARY
WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS
24 March 2010

ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians: 46
RCKL Rotarian Make Ups: -
Convener: Rtn Lim Che Wan
Sergeant-At-Arms: Rtn Richard English
Nat. Anthem & Loyal Toast: Rtn Radzi
Speaker: Hon. Rtn Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam
Topic: New Economic Model: Expectations
Opening Remarks: Pres. Rizal
Closing Remarks: Rtn Ramesh Pillai



The Man with a Twisted Back (Convener Rtn Lim Che Wan)



Receiving intensive training - Rtn Radzi (National Anthem)



Rtn Loo Kok Yuen listening to his birthday song



A good attendance... for a change

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians

- PDG Dr Low Teong (RC Petaling Jaya)
Pres. Dr Eric Wong (RC Petaling Jaya)
PP Leslie Yeap (RC Kelana Jaya)

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 01.04. - PP Koay Soon Eng
02.04. - Rtn Raymond Tan
05.04. - Rtn Peter Tham
06.04. - Rtn Richard English

Wedding Anniversaries

- 02.04. - Rtn Ridza Abdullah

Invited Guests

- RA Gus Takow (RAC KL)
Mr Eugene Lee - guest of Rtn Peter Chang
Dato' Dr Prakash Rao - guest of Rtn Horst Wippern
Ms Jasmine Ng )
Mr John-Son Oei ) - guests of Pres. Rizal
Mr Loh Son Ming )
Mr Bob Simpson - guest of Rtn Richard Barrett



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- Follow the constitution with regard to special privileges (article 153)
- Ensure that they are not abused for the benefit of the elite
- Be fair and more egalitarian
- Carefully follow the NEP's eradication of poverty goal – regardless of race
- Examine restructuring policies and practices in order to raise competition and meritocracy
- Remove any form of extremism
- Fight religious bigotry



Rtn Louis Cheah wondering where to register as a voter

A few interesting questions were directed at the speaker and Rtn Louis Cheah was told the times of registering as a voter at a coffee shop were over, instead he could go the nearest Pos Malaysia office.

## DELIVERY OF PERTIWI VAN (SOUP KITCHEN PROJECT)

The following email was received by President Rizal recently:

Dear Dato' Rizal,

The Soup Kitchen van donated by the Rotary Club Kuala Lumpur DiRaja was delivered to Pertiwi yesterday. It took awhile for Tan Chong Motor to get the registration and papers in order but it is finally done, thanks to Christopher.

We are pleased to inform you that since the launch we have been using our own cars to deliver food while waiting for the van to be handed over to Pertiwi.

What we noticed was that the homeless were somewhat hesitant to approach private vehicles. They were unsure of the motive and worried that the food may not be halal. Last night they were so happy to see the Pertiwi Soup Kitchen van.

Once again, thank you for all your help. We will work hard to make sure that we are helping to feed those who are really homeless and hungry. We will continue to explore and identify the right areas.

Thank you and best regards, Munirah (on behalf of Pertiwi)



### 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?



## BERITA ROTARY

### RI NEWS

#### ROTARY TAPS INTO WATER

(By Ryan Hyland - Rotary International News)



*A child bathes in the streets of La Grúa, Dominican Republic. Rotarians are educating people in the community about the effects of contaminated water. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

More than two million people die each year because they lack access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation.

To draw attention to the need for action, Rotarians join the world on 22 March to observe World Water Day. Established by the United Nations in 1992, World Water Day highlights the increasing demands being placed on the world's freshwater supplies. This year's theme "Clean Water for a Healthy World" focuses on the importance of water quality.

Water and sanitation issues are a top concern for Rotary clubs, says RI President John Kenny. In 2007, he was presented with the President's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service to WaterAid. "I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world," says Kenny.

From 1978 through 2009, The Rotary Foundation awarded more than 4,900 grants totaling

US\$52.7 million for water projects worldwide. Such club

and district efforts are aimed at helping to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals, which include halving by 2015 the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

"This is an enormous challenge for humanity, and Rotary clubs are logical leaders in the challenge because they are embedded in their local communities, allowing for the clubs to help define realistic solutions to local problems," says F. Ronald Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. Denham will join U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other speakers on 22 March in Washington, D.C., for a World Water Day conference.

Co-hosted by the non-profit group Water Advocates and the National Geographic Society, the event will showcase new commitments in water and sanitation by the U.S. government, philanthropic foundations, corporations, universities, and other organizations. On World Water Day in 2009, Rotary International launched an alliance with USAID to implement long-term water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines.

Here's a sampling of Rotary club and district water projects worldwide:

- Rotarians in District 3160 (India) handed out water filters

to schools in seven villages after flash floods in October polluted wells, causing high alkaline levels.

- In the Dominican Republic, members of 120 Canadian, Caribbean, and U.S. Rotary clubs have helped bring 19,000 bio-sand filters to homes, schools, and clinics in 300 communities, providing clean water to 100,000 people. The filters, which cost about US\$60, can reduce the incidence of paediatric diarrhoea by up to 45 percent.

- Since 2006, Rotary clubs in Canada, Ghana, Switzerland, and the United States have worked with the Ghana Health Service and the U.S.-based Carter Center to drill boreholes and install wells in more than 75 towns and villages in Ghana, greatly reducing the incidence of waterborne diseases nationwide. The cases of Guinea worm have dropped from 4,136 in 2006 to 242 in 2009.

- Rotarians from districts 1620 and 2170 (Belgium) have collaborated with Rotary clubs in District 9100 (West Africa) since 2005 to support a water project that is benefiting 20,000 residents in Niger's Tchintabaraden area. Eighty clubs from the Belgian districts contributed more than €370,000 (US\$503,000), with additional support from two Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. Eighteen wells were renovated and two new ones drilled for health centers and schools. Toilets were built for seven schools and three health clinics.