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## SPEECH BY INCOMING RI PRESIDENT, CARL WILHELM STENHAMMAR

As the RI President 2005/06 he will focus on seven areas:

- 1.Literacy Projects
- 2.Water Management
- 3.PolioPlus
- 4.Cooperate With Others
- 5.Enhance Public Image
- 6.RI Theme 2005/2006
- 7.Membership

### Literacy Projects

Rotary clubs have develop an impressive range of projects to help people learn to read, write and count. Rotarians have equipped schools, educated teachers, and given children the clothing to attend classes. Let us continue our efforts to reach a literate world for everyone.

### Water Management

Water is essential and the United Nations calls the water crisis as 'a threat to economic development, to poverty reduction, to the environment, and to peace and security. About 40 percent of the world's population lack basic sanitation, and more than one billion people don't have clean, safe drinking water. Scores of Rotary projects have helped people gain access to clean, safe water.

### PolioPlus

The PolioPlus program will be continued, working towards its eradication.

### Cooperate With Others

Rotary can cooperate with others to carry out community services. The Save the Children Foundation plans to build and equip schools in developing countries. Rotary Foundation grants could help equip these schools and allowing at least 75,000 more children to learn to read, write and count. Such opportunities to cooperate also exist with other groups to help us work for a better world.

### Enhance Public Image

Rotary will get more public exposure during this celebration year and it presents a great opportunity to use the event as a platform to enhance our public image.

### RI Theme 2005/2006

To be modern the President would like to recycle and also promote continuity. Therefore, the best motto ever created for Rotary International, "Service Above Self" will be recycled and the Rotary wheel will be our trademark.

### Membership

Sustainable membership will continue to pose challenges to Rotary. Membership will be part of the Presidential Citation. President Stenhammar is asking for a net increase in membership of one or more Rotarians. When this is achieved, we will have more than 31,000 Rotarians. If we do this every year for the next 10 years, we will achieve the goal of 1.5 million members.

# Secretary's Announcements For Lunch Meeting On 13.04.2005

## Meeting of The Service Committees

The 78th Installation Committee shall meet on **14.4.2005** at Hotel Shangri-La at **6.00pm**. All are welcome for the meeting and the dinner afterwards.

## Notices

### **Emergency General Meeting**

The meeting started at 1:55 p.m. and was chaired by the Honorary Secretary, Rtn Freddy Chan. The Foundation account was first tabled. After a brief discussion, the Foundation account was proposed and seconded for approval. The Club account was then discussed and also proposed and seconded for approval. Both accounts were unanimously accepted.

### **Erratum in Bulletin Issue 36**

Under the Anns Birthday: Jean Chang is Ann of Rtn Leow Poh Swee and not PP Keow Hock Sneah. The error is regretted.

## WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS ON 06.04.2005

**Convener:** PP Lim Eng Ho

**Singing National Anthem & Loyal Toast:** Rtn Roslan Ismail

**Welcoming Guests:** Rtn Chiu Kim Boo

**Introducing Speakers:** PP Jason Gan

**Speaker:** Mr. Roland Haas

**Thanking Speaker:** Rtn Horst Wippem

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Rtn Felix Cerutti (Rotary Club of Garinchem, The Netherlands)

IP Richard Soo (Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang)

**Guests:**

Puan Hamzanah Maarof (Guest of Rtn Dato' Hj. Abdul Aziz Rahim)

### Birthday Boys

Rajendra Kulasegaran - 14.4.2005

### Anns Birthdays

Tengku Maziah Ann of PP Dato' Kamarulzaman on 16.4.2005

### Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn Dato' Abdul Aziz & Datin Madznah on 15.4.2005

Rtn Frank Lee Fu Leung & Gina Lee on 15.4.2005



## AIR POLLUTION CONTROL FOR MALAYSIAN CITIES

*Presented by Mr Roland Haas on 06.04.2005*

This was the topic chosen by our guest speaker last week. Mr Roland Haas, Chief Technical Advisor to the Department of Environment, first visited our club about 3 years and now provided an update on the development since then.

He began by showing us some – regrettably only too familiar – pictures of KL street scenes with vehicles belching black or blue smoke and a KL skyline shrouded in haze. Then followed tables highlighting details of air pollution and its effects on the human being, such as increased mortality rates, cancer, respiratory illnesses, just to name a few.

Sources of air pollution are – among others – exhaust fumes most notably from motorbikes, buses and lorries. And the estimated direct economic damage caused by all this runs to

about RM 800 mill. per year in KL alone (Los Angeles about US\$ 8 bill.)

Under the *Draft Structure Plan for 2020* Kuala Lumpur intends to be a 'world-class city' and its goal no. 3 states: 'Enhance the living environment.....must be functional, liveable, provide healthy and caring environment.....'

So what have been the Malaysian efforts?

The *Environmental Quality Act* was passed in 1974. Since then the country has advanced relatively well within the regional context but of late, it seems to be losing ground in some areas compared with, for instance, its neighbour Thailand.

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Germany's GTZ (Agency for Technical Cooperation) has been present in Malaysia for a number of years assisting the government in its drive to achieve the 2020 goals. It seconded the Chief Technical Advisor, a number of technical experts, arranged overseas study trips for Malaysian experts and trained local project staff.

And what of the plans for the future?

It is proposed to introduce dioxin and furan regulations. The clean air regulations will be revised based on 'best available techniques' (BAT). Emission standards will be set and enforced using Euro 3 and 4 as benchmarks. Fuel quality is to be improved and wider use of natural gas, which burns much cleaner, is to be encouraged.

But all these efforts will come to naught if no way is found to check the rampant increase in vehicular traffic in urban areas like KL (and the Klang valley). The introduction of a sustainable urban transport system will help slow down this vicious traffic spiral and may induce the public to leave the cars at home and use alternative modes of transport. Improvement in public awareness of the problems, current and future, may also help, combined with better quality in the collection of data.

Mr Haas gave us a parting message: **Give the city to the people and not the cars.** Easier said than done....but that should not stop one and all to try harder for the sake of our future and that of our children and grandchildren!

## Photos From Weekly Meeting On 06.04.2005



The new Incoming Vice President Rizal Sardon.



Speaker Roland Haas on "Air Pollution in Malaysia".



Datuk Koay Soon Eng cutting his birthday cake.



Rtn Dato Aziz with guest Rtn Roslan.

## From The Desktop Of A Rotarian

I had been extremely busy and have had limited time to come to lunch at the Shangri La Hotel on Wednesdays and felt it necessary to maintain my 100 percent record thus far. Since I now live at Kota Damansara I was looking for a meeting location nearer Petaling Jaya. But I found that these were also lunch meetings. The evening meetings meant having to go home and then drive out to PJ. That would be too much effort. Two options were available, which is to attend the RC of Bukit Kiara Sunrise meeting on early Saturdays and maybe doing an e-club make-up. I did both.

It was refreshing making up at the RC of Bukit Kiara Sunrise. The ambience was friendly and relaxing, which is different from the structured order of meetings at RC KL DiRaja. (Though I still prefer our meetings).

It was a change which I find invigorating, but I must add that getting up early does mean a certain commitment to the ideals of Rotary.

Making up on the e-club of District 3310 was fun too, as I had to read up on a particular Rotary subject and then do a quick test to qualify. Fortunately, I passed! Subjects include: the Rotary Foundation, the PolioPlus program, the Youth exchange program and many more. There were two benefits - I learnt the subject and I could make-up without having to drive anywhere while sitting at home.

I would like to recommend my busy fellow Rotarians of these opportunities for make-up.

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## April Is Magazine Month

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However, it is no longer the main source of information as the electronic version is now also available. Hence, it is no longer a necessity to read the article on the magazine as a copy is available electronically. In Malaysia, we also have the Governor's newsletter. These are important sources of information for both the members and the public at large. The public may be convinced to get involved in the activities of the Rotary club. So, remember to share your copy of the magazine with the public as it is also a form of public relations for the Rotary club. Members should read the Rotarian as this keeps them in touch with the various activities around the world. It is a source to compare projects so that we can overcome any possible difficulties. It will allow us the opportunity to understand the differences among our nations.

So my fellow Rotarians, let us all diligently read the Rotarian, so that we become more knowledgeable and so we are able to recruit new members to our clubs.

**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**