



## President Ma Ying-Jeou's

### Introduction

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INSTITUTE & FIRST PLENARY SESSION

#### Jackson S.L. Hsieh

Director, Rotary International 2008-10  
Convener, 2008 Taipei Rotary Institute

The Grand Ballroom (12th Floor)  
1850-1855, Friday, Oct. 17, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's my great honor to introduce our Institute's very special guest tonight. First let me share a little of his background with you.

After earning the law degree from National Taiwan University, he went to further his studies in the United States. Then, he received his Master of Laws from the renowned New York University Law School, and received his SJD—the most advanced degree in the field of law in the United States of America, at Harvard Law School.

Upon returning to Taiwan to teach law, his rise in politics and executive future had begun. After working as the English Interpreter and Secretary to the Taiwan's then President Chiang Ching-kuo, he was promoted to the Chair of the Research, Development and Evaluation Commission at age of 38, making him the youngest cabinet member to ever work in Taiwan's government. Then, he was appointed the Deputy Minister of Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan of Taiwan in 1991.

After that, he was appointed to serve as Taiwan's Justice Minister by then President Lee Dung-Hui from 1993 to 1996, and two years later he was elected the Mayor of Taipei City to serve for two full terms in 1998 and 2002. In 2005 he was elected the Chairman of the Kuomintang (KMT) Party and served for near two years before announcing his bid to the presidency.

His landslide presidential victory in March this year, however, is only one of many that he is remembered for, and of course there are only more noble accomplishments to come. Serving as President for

only about five months he has revived relations between Taiwan and China that have not seen such progress in 60 years. Furthermore, he has strengthened relations with several foreign regions in hopes to put Taiwan in the forefront for building a strong international community.

The President has been an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Taipai for many years and was using the name **Justice** as his call name. We are extremely honored to have had his assistance since his time as Taipei Mayor when planning different community service projects and he has continued to strongly support Rotary's influence in Taiwan to this day.

And now, my fellow Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen, I present to you... His Excellency President of the Republic of China Dr. Ma Ying-Jeou.

