



ROTARY'S US\$100 MILLION
CHALLENGE
AT SECOND PLENARY SESSION

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Ladies and Gentlemen,



As we all know, in November 2007, the Gates Foundation has delivered one hundred million U.S. dollars to the

Rotary International for the global polio eradication program with a challenge for Rotary International to raise an equal amount in three years as a matching fund. The Gates Foundation has shown their faith in Rotary International and the affirmation of the historically important role of Rotary International in the Polio Plus program.

Under the distinguished leadership of R.I. President Dong Kurn Lee, TRF Chairman

Jonathan B. Majiyagbe and Rotary 100 Million Dollar Challenge Chairman John Germ, I trust with great confidence that we the Rotarians can and will gladly rise up to this meaningful challenge. As it has been said, we have over thirty thousand Rotary clubs around the world, so if each Rotary club raises just one

thousand U.S. dollars per year, we will surely meet the challenge in three years. Utilizing the combined resources of Rotary International in our service toward the welfare of the mankind is truly awe-inspiring. Needless to say, fulfilling this 100 million U.S. dollars challenge would greatly enhance the reputation and the visibility of Rotary International. As more people get to know Rotary, more people will be attracted to join our Rotary clubs. In turn we will be able to gather more resources to help the needy and the underprivileged groups in the world. Our combined strength and influence are quite substantial.

Rotary International created Polio Plus in 1985, the most remarkable global project dedicated to the global eradication of polio. At that time, Rotary International pledged to raise one hundred twenty U.S. million dollars toward the world polio immunization. In 2003, Rotary International raised one hundred nineteen U.S. million dollars from its membership in a 12-month campaign to



help close the funding gap. To date, the Polio Plus program has contributed about seven hundred million U.S. dollars to the protection of more than two billion children in over one hundred countries.

Remember our Rotary Motto: *Service Above Self* and *They Profit Most who Serve Best*. Every Rotarian is inspired to spread the love through concrete and meaningful action. Global Polio Eradication is a promise and goal of Rotary International more than twenty years ago. We shall continue to keep the promise until the day when the world is polio free. May our Dreams Become True.

Fellow Rotarians, I am pleased to report that with the

fantastic job by our eight Zone Challenge Coordinators Committees, the total financial commitment as of August 19, 2008 is already more than twenty-one U.S. million dollars. Today, I want to announce to you another huge donation from the "Hsu Family Foundation, Inc.". The President of this foundation Mrs. Jane Hsiao wish to donate equal to one million US dollars stock to Rotary to help to eradicate the polio and to honor her father PP Johnson of "Rotary Club of Taipei Northwest" who is 92 years old and has jointed Rotary for more than 43 years. Now, I would like to invite Mr. and Mrs. PP Johnson to come up to the stage and escort by his son PP Jason.



PP Johnson Hsu of RC Taipei Northwest Contributes US\$1 Million for Polio Eradication Program and for Meeting US\$100 Million Challenge