



INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

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Fellow Rotarians, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce the next speaker, an old friend, a dedicated and outstanding Rotarian, who came from a Rotary family of three generations. He joined Rotary at the age of 21, as a member of the RC of Colombo.

Ravi, as he is affectionately known, has served RI as DG, as an International Assembly training leader and on many RI committees and as chair of his Zone Institute.

He was the National Polio-Plus Chair of Sri Lanka. Working closely with UNICEF he successfully negotiated a cease fire in the conflict areas. Sri Lanka became the first country in South Asia, to be polio free. He headed the much acclaimed "Schools Re-awaken Program" which was a project in Sri Lanka to build 20 new high quality schools for Tsunami displaced children. This USD 12 million project looked to send back to schools 15,000 children and is the single largest project done by a District in the history of Rotary and possibly, is the second largest Rotary project after PolioPlus.

Ravi is the CEO of a publicly listed Company which he himself founded in 1980. His company is arguably the largest producer and shipper of tea bag packaging in the world with a worldwide clientele.

The National Development Bank of Sri Lanka picked him as one of the five 'achievers' in his country in 1995.

He has been a featured speaker at world packaging forums.

In spite of his towering figure, Ravi is soft spoken. If there was a point that he intended to put through, he would only be convincingly insistent, but never forceful nor commanding. Even though he is solemn looking, he can be extremely friendly and helpful. Yesterday during the Rotary Foundation Seminar, he was introducing Foundation Chairman Jonathan as a person who from way back he had a vision that one day would be destined to lead a world organization. Well, many of us grassroots Rotarians shared kind of a same feeling that he too is destined for a higher position.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to present to you
Director-elect, Trustee KR Ravindran.

