



INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

AT SECOND PLENARY SESSION

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Past District Governor, D3450

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Rotary dignitaries, fellow Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to introduce the next speaker, Alexander Mak Kwai Wing, Past Governor of District 3450 where I belong. PDG Mak is a close friend of mine, a dedicated Rotarian in the district and a respectful mentor to many who know him. He served as Governor in 2004-2005, a year before I became the Governor. Working alongside with him in his year of governorship, I who was then governor-elect had been greatly inspired by his leadership, his commitment to serve and his remarkable contribution to Rotary.

PDG Mak is a practicing accountant, a successful one. Most successful accountants are trained to be conservative, have little appetite for risk-taking and follow rules strictly without exception. In Rotary, PDG Mak, however, takes a different approach. For the years that I have been working with him, I have found him a person with great passion, courage and determination. He always told me, "If you believe it is good for Rotary, go for it". It is with this strong desire to serve that PDG Mak started the Model United Nations program for the Rotaractors in our district in 2002 and the program has now been ongoing for 5 years. He was the founder of the first Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference in 2004. He took an early retirement in early 2004 from Ernest & Young where he was paid well for being a senior tax partner in order to fulfill his commitment to Rotary for serving as the governor. He only re-started his professional career a year after completion of his term of governorship.

When the South Asia tsunami occurred in December 2004, against the advice of many Rotarians for safety

reason, Governor Mak made a trip on his own to visit the devastated site in Indonesia to find out what and how the district could help. Upon return, he immediately mobilized the district to raise half a million US dollar with which a number of disaster relief, rehabilitation and re-building projects were carried out in the years that follow for the victims in affected areas.

PDG Mak is one of the team members of the district's Hepatitis B project, a 10 year commitment to help immunize 1 million children in China. He participated in site identification, needs assessment, co-ordination and monitoring of the immunization and reporting process. Building on the success of the early phases of the project, District 3450 has recently received a 3H grant from the Rotary Foundation to start the project in Chongqing, PRC this year.

PDG Mak is the district's current Rotary Foundation Chair. Under his leadership the district participation in the program of and contribution to the Rotary Foundation have been on the rise. He was instrumental to the establishment of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East as the first 100% Major donors Club in our worldwide organization.

He was Zone 4 Coordinator for RI's Public Image Resource group (2005-2006), RI President Personal representative to District 3300 Conference in 2005, RI China extension Committee (2005-2008). He is now the regional RI Membership Coordinator.

Ladies and gentlemen, I can go no further. But, you are not here to listen to me talking. Please join me to welcome Past District Governor Alexander Mak.