



MY EXPERIENCE AS A ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW, 2005-2007 AT 4TH PLENARY SESSION

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Distinguish RI leaders, Visitors and fellow Rotaries,
Good morning! I apologized I am a kind of short; I hope you can see me, thank you for being here. I know it is very, very early, I hope you are awake because certainly I am not, you will stay with me for the next 15 minutes. I will take you from North America to Asia, from Asia to Africa, from Africa back to Asia.

Here is a little background of me, my name is Nai, I was born in a beautiful place called Taiwan, that's here, and I grew up in a very small place. Then I went to the United States and finished my high school there. Then I went to the University of Oklahoma. I have a bachelor's degree in management and international business and also a master degree in Human Relation. So, how did I get this fellowship? I am sure that from this picture, a lot of you can recognized the two laces, one is Rotary foundation Justice, vice chairman Rom button, and past president ground Asset.



What happened is I am a nature Taiwanese, I do not have a green card when I was studying in the United States, I learned about this fellowship and I really like it. So I wanted to apply, Rom were so kind enough then, he said let me try to help you to apply through Rotary club in Taiwan, but it did not work out for many, many reasons. One of reason is that I was not live in Taiwan at that time so I could not be interviewed. So, Rom being a visionary, he said "I will sponsor you". It was very new at that time because I think I was the first one or either the second one being sponsored by a district when I was not a resident in. Permitted, he sponsor me, I must be the most fortunate woman in the world because I was later selected for this fellowship. It was very interesting because once I was selected, you know, Rotarian work with each other right? So, I was selected from the United States and I was in the news paper in Taiwan. It was very funny for the Chinese reader; you can see my name is over there, everybody was happy. I am a Taiwanese sponsored by a Rotary club in the United States, I was selected in the year 2005, as one of the 70 Rotary peace Fellows. I spent 2 years from 2005 to 2007 in Japan and I studied my second Master in Public Administration. We have some required courses here since I didn't have a lot of time, I focus internship my summer

internship, in between the two years I was studying in Japan, and we were required to conduct an internship call "Applied Experience".

I am looking for some hands on experiences, you should be very proud of me because I was actually accepted into an internship in the United States in the New York City. But, I told myself, I was sponsored by the United States, but I think I will stay there for ten years, why should I go to the States. I want to do hands-on, I want to be closed to people, so I applied for this internship to work for professor Mongamany Masar, she is 2004 Nobel Price Glorious, I was accepted as an intern and I was working with her daughter Masar, the Green Belt movement is an organization encouraging in woman, the idea is very, very simple Professor encourage woman to plan tree, when you plan tree, you turn into use the tree for fuel, and the tree can be good for the environmental conservation, then the fruits can be used for good. It is a great idea, it started from there, and it extended to the economic independence moment. So, what I did now, I want to show you another picture to keep you awake.



This is the Green Belt Movement headquarter, a lot of

people ask me "So, did you actually see professor Maser?" Yes, I did. The head quarter is actually very small, we had a lot of different offices, and I was worked in Nairobi, Kenya. That was our headquarter Professor Mongamany Masar office is right here, so I basically saw her very single day. What I was helping here was rotate social form in connection with the world economic form. It was held in Africa for the first time, so I have meet exclusive change to work for this event and work for this orientation, I basically plan the committee and I was certainly the Japanese donor, Ma-Jchi News, and also communicating with local business and local NGO people. I am going to know you, a few very beautiful pictures, that is professor Mongamany Masar, she is one of the most beautiful woman that I have ever seem in my life. She has thought me so much, I am sure some of you know that it is not an easy to win a Nobel Peace Price, and yet she is so cuntaous to easy body around her. I felt very fortunate to be able to work for her and her daughter.



And here is another picture of her and in the back of here is the tea field, and she was explaining to us that before it was forest and it was very good for the local people there. But the farmer thought tea can produce much money, so they cut down the tree to plant tea now, but the tea are not enough to pay for the farmers, I

mean, the profits was not enough, this is actually very bad for environment, for the farmer who is actually grow them. I am very fortunate to meet Senator Obama when he is visiting Nairobi during that time as I was there. I hence to have a chance to see Senator Obama, and here is the picture that I want to show you because coming from Taiwan, and having lived in the United States, I have never been so close to poverty we visited one of the biggest form area in Africa, you can see trash everywhere, and kids run around with trash. As our derived mentioned about clean water, they have no clean water there. The water there is all dirty, you wonder how they survived there, but you can see from the pictures, the kinds were very happy, they are very happy to see visitors and I was very happy to see this. I know there is so much we can do for them, they are our future, these young kids, but they lived there, we should be responsible to help them.



That is another picture in Safari Dalguit-Mara I stay in Nairobi, Kenya for 3 months and I took about one month off and I trip for 3 weeks and travel around Kenya all by myself. It was very, very interesting, I got a chance to actually experience Africa further by myself. For the entire trip, I traveled by myself, I did not have any companion, it is very sad because nobody had the time to travel with me because I was able to travel and

see Africa getting close, really close talking to local people.



OK, this is something in Kenya; I did nothing on Japan, right? I did last three theses; I did comparison of preferred leader behavior upon. National culture in Gana, Kenya and Sambia, another thing is because we have our past president here from Nigeria, actually I wanted to do Nigeria, but Nigeria is a way to expensive to conduct a survey. So I should not do it, otherwise it will have more fun for you to read about your country. So I did a pilot study in Japan and I had professional help, basically I collected 300 surveys in each and every country, ie in Gana, Kenya and Sambia, so total of 900 surveys. We got real problem because it was a almost impossible task. Every questionnaire has over 100 questions each, so I had a lot of data to work with, but after working in Kenya, I was busy working on my masters thesis, working with the data inside that I wanted to show you this am slide number, is integration, this mean in this 3 countries, integration is conferred to be the most preferred leadership behavior, and this explains Africa country, a lot nations had racial conflicts and as integration is very, very important in these 3 countries. I would come out to you the least preferred tolerance of uncertainly and this explains why corruption is a problem in Africa. What happed is

them do like uncertainly, right, if you accumulate wealth as much as you can right now, then you didn't have to worry about tomorrow. That is why corruption is a problem, in my career plan as you already know I came from a business school, but I went to work in the development field and help those under privileged, let them have better financial access and resources. Also, I am a researcher, I want to do research, I lose education.

Actually I am right on time, in the end I want to favor, in the last minute, a couple, a very special couple. I have to tell you I purposefully not to mention them in the very beginning because he and his wife must be very happy today. They have beer tremendous help to me, and I was watched as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, I was not just Rotary World Peace Fellow, I was given a name, Jackson and Julia Hsia, named Rotary World Peace Fellow. This means he and his wife continued 100% of my fellowship, if they could stand up and you can give them a big had I have to say, it is not just about money because RI Director Jackson has been helping me so much with even my advice when I was morning back to Taiwan, I had encountered a lot of difficult, and they helped me so much for several times as I am deeply in delt to them. So close, I want to tell you that I have been taught a lot from Rotary, Rotary Foundation

trustee Von Burton has been teaching me about Rotary since year 2004, so when I got my first job, I could not wait and I join Rotary Club of Taipei Metropolitan here in the District 3520.

So, I am a proud Rotarian and also want to tell you fellow Rotarian, PEACE IS POSSIBLE! You already made a difference in Polio elimination, and right now just immersion with this fellowship. We are producing 60 Rotary Peace fellows worldwide every year, people like me and let me tell you, I am nothing, there are many more people they are much, much better, they work with the United Nation, they have years of experience, they are now working on the conflict resolution area.

I am standing here also not fell very well, I had eye surgery back in May, so actually I am still trying to recover from my surgery. But, remember this, every year these could be 60 peace makers go out to the world and make a difference in the world. I remember trustee Von Burton told me that Rotary Peace Fellowship may as well be the most important thing to next Polio, and I want to thank you so much for contributing to this fellowship and for supporting it. I am a beneficiary and I am deeply indebted to you. I love you all and thank you very much!

