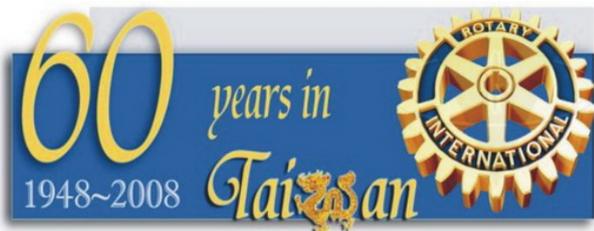


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### RC TAIPEI 60<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER ANNIVERSARY



Rotary Club of Taipei was the first Rotary Club chartered in Taiwan after the war in 1948 by our Charter President C.K. Yen, who was also the former president of the Republic of China. Rotary Club of Taipei has sponsored and assisted in establishing new clubs all over the island. As of now more than 517 rotary clubs has been established with over 18,000 members. The Rotary objective of observing high ethical standards, caring for the less fortunate, and the advancement of international understanding has made Rotary known to many throughout the world.

On October 19, 2008, we celebrated our club's 60<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary and the 17 club's joint meeting. Rotary Club of Taipei along with the first generation

baby clubs and other clubs joined in on the celebration including Rotary Club of Keelung, Tainan, Kaohsiung, Hsinchu, Taipei West, Taipei North, Taipei Ta-an, Taipei Central, Taipei Fu-jung, Taipei Tin Harbour, Taipei Roma, Taipei Elite, Taipei Tokai, Taipei New Century, Taipei Ivy, and Taichung Tatong at the Sheraton Taipei Hotel. We published a 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Bulletin as well as a video clip of 60 years of our history in Taiwan. We had a total of 578 attendees for this event including Taipei City Mayor Hao, RI President DK Lee, RI VP Monty Audeart, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Jonathan Majiyagbe, RI PP Mat Caparas, RI PP Bhichai Rattakul, RI Director Jackson as well as many other RI directors, Rotary Foundation Trustees, DG Medicare, many DGs, PDGs, ADGs, and sister club and local club presidents and fellow Rotarians and families. Our highlight of the evening occurred when our charter member Rotarian News was able to attend our event at the age of 96; this was a chance of a lifetime for most of Rotarians in Taiwan.



After the singing of the national anthems for Taiwan and Republic of Korea, the evening flourished with a number of events. The Lighters serenaded us with Rotary songs to kick off the evening; it was then

continued with the touching 10 minute video presentation of our club for the past 60 years, which brought back many old memories of the past. Mayor Hao and RI President DK Lee presented us with their



warm greetings; it was then followed with the memories of the chartering of the Rotary Club of Taipei presented by our charter member Rotarian News. The night continued when all of the Past Presidents of our club cut the cake to help celebrate our birthday to wish the club of continuous success.



DG Medicare recognized the 100% attendance award for our member after his greetings to us. Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Jonathan Majiyagbe honored the 7 Paul Harris Fellows, a Benefactor, and the Major Donor.



We also introduced our newest baby club, Rotary Club of Taipei Diamond and their members, who had the opportunity to be recognized by the RI President.

Lastly President Carmen from Rotary Club of Taipei Yienping along with me presented RI President with a cycling shirt which raised money to cure rare diseases by cycling around the island of Taiwan. It was quite a memorable evening for many Rotarians.



The final acts of the evening began with a wonderful musical performance by PP Keys from the Rotary Club of Taichung Tatong. It was then followed by the marvelous trio of violin, cello, and piano led by Dr. I-Chun Hsieh, the wife of our Rotarian Stephen. Finally, world famous tenor Angelo Marenzi along with his wife Loraine Jones astonished the crowd with many famous songs, which made all of us sing along to the lyrics of "O Sole Mio!" The evening came to a close with final remarks and vote of thanks from President Elect Ampo, making the celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> charter anniversary complete.

Again I would like to thank all of the VIP guests from Rotary International, our sister club members, and all of the Rotarians all over the island. Thank you for all of your support and attendance, because without you, this evening would not have been possible. If we failed to be a good host, please accept our deepest apologies and we hope to do it better. Thank you all!

Ming C. Wen (Rotarian Bio)

President RY 2008-2009, Rotary Club of Taipei