



OPENING REMARKS

AT REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

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I call the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar to order.

RI President DK Lee, Rotary Foundation Trustees Chair Jonathan, all the distinguished directors and trustees, governors, my fellow Rotarians, GOOD MORNING!

As Convener of this Institute I'd like to welcome all of you and your spouses to Taipei and to the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar.

Today we have many special guests that have joined us for this Foundation Seminar and I would like to first tell you how honored I am to be able to present so many distinguished individuals to you at this Institute. We are grateful to have President DK Lee, three Past RI Presidents, something we have never been so lucky to see, Trustees Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe, Matt Capras, and Bhichai Rattakul, along with many current distinguished directors and trustees.

Over the years, we have taken significant actions in reviewing programs and operations to The Rotary Foundation and in envisioning its potential in our second century of service. We have done a lot and we have achieved even more. But when we feel satisfied with what we have now, we must be sure to

continue looking for further improved ways to carrying out our Foundation programs. This is why we are having this regional Rotary Foundation seminar at this Institute.

In a moment RI President DK Lee and Foundation Trustees Chair Jonathan will give us instructive and inspiring presentations regarding the Foundation. We will also have Foundation manager Eric Schmelling and 3 Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators PDGs Archi, Hoe Beng and Bimbo to give reports about the Foundation of the 3 zones. We will also have group discussion sessions on topics including ***The future vision plan, the 100 million dollar challenge and Every Rotarian Every year.*** All of these will provide updates for us when planning our foundation programs.

Lastly the seminar will finish with the Major Donors Luncheon and the Foundation Luncheon, so please stay with us throughout this seminar; you will be fully enlightened about the Foundation and you will be tremendously inspired to further participate in the programs.

May you have a successful Foundation Seminar, and enjoy your stay in Taipei. Thank you.