



## Welcome Remarks

**Gary C.K. Huang**, TRF Trustee

Co-Chairman, 2005 RI Presidential Celebration, Taipei

Opening Ceremony and First Plenary Session

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Good afternoon、午安、謝謝：

What a beautiful way to kick-off our Celebration! I hope you enjoy our Opening Ceremony.

Once again, I want to extend my warmest welcome to all of you for coming to this Conference, especially those who have traveled all the way from neighboring and far away countries. Up to now we have 1,000 registrations from 21 countries. Your full attendance and participation will be critical to making this Conference a great success.

During Rotary's centennial year, which is an important milestone for our organization, we are very lucky to be chosen as one of the seven countries to host the Rotary Centennial Presidential Celebrations. It's a great honor for us and we feel strongly encouraged.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Glenn for choosing Taipei for this year's last but the most important Conference to celebrate Rotary, and to celebrate our organization's important miles stone.

*Today, we come together from different cultural background to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of this organization that has brought us together. Let's*

*cherish this opportunity and work together to make greater contributions to promoting international understanding and world peace in the new Rotary century.*

As you all know, even though the conference is held in Taipei, it has the full support from all the 17,000 Rotarians from 488 Clubs and 7 Districts in Taiwan. Their message to you is: Welcome to Taiwan. We hope you have a good time here. We love you all.

台灣의扶輪社友們，若同意我的看法，讓我們用二次愛的鼓勵來歡迎國外社友們，好嗎？

I want to thank all members of the Organizing Committee, especially Conference Secretary PDG Jackson for their hard work during the pass 10 months. I hope you all agreed they deserve your big round of applause. Fellow Rotarians, during the next two days, please make yourself at home, because you are members of our Rotary family.

Thank you ! 謝謝！韓、印、菲、日、泰、蒙古，感謝！

Now, it is my great honor to introduce to you the VIPs who are here with us today.

If I call your name, please raised, turn your body to face the audience, wave and be recognized.

Thank you



## Inaugural Address

**Glenn Estess**, RI President

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In our centennial year, we find that we have so many reasons to ***Celebrate Rotary*** and all of our tremendous growth and great achievements since that first Rotary meeting one century ago.

I am fortunate to be part not only of the Family of Rotary, but of my own family of Rotarians. I am one of five brothers, and all five of us are Rotarians.

I've been a Rotarian for forty-five years now. Mary and I have eight grandchildren, and I hope that one day, many or all of them will decide that Rotary is an organization that they, too, want to join, too.

There is no question that Rotary has changed who I am, and what my family is, for the better. I know that that is true for many of you here. Rotary is a powerful force for good in the world, or it would not have grown as it has from a group of four to a group of 1.2 million.

Few organizations last as long as Rotary has. Rotary has spanned a century that has seen so many changes—good and not so good. But I feel confident in saying that of the changes Rotary has wrought, the overwhelming impact has been good.

I would like to talk to you today about something that is on our minds quite a bit in this centennial year—Rotary's next century.

Rotary was founded one hundred years ago with simple goals. The first goal was fellowship. Paul Harris and his

three friends missed their hometowns, and decided to form a club to meet likeminded people. We all know that story.

Service came into the picture fairly early on. Their first project? Providing a horse to a local preacher, whose own horse had died.

I don't think Paul Harris ever envisioned what Rotary would turn into. He'd be absolutely delighted to see what he began in his Chicago law office. There's no doubt of that. But I think he'd also be very, very surprised.

Why has Rotary succeeded as it has?

It has succeeded because it offers something no other organization can—service through fellowship.

Rotarians serve others because they want to help, and they do it because Rotary allows them to enjoy service. Working alone to pick up trash in a playground may give you a good feeling of having helped others, but the truth is that it isn't a lot of fun.

Working together with a few dozen friends to pick up that playground is a completely different experience. You'll put it on your calendar, you might bring your kids along, you'll all have a good time, and when you all go home, you'll feel even better about yourself for having been part of something larger. There's no question that it's a better way to do things.

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And of course, that playground will be a lot cleaner than it would have been if it had just been you out there with rubber gloves and a trash bag. Service through fellowship isn't just more enjoyable. It's more effective.

And that's why membership is so key to Rotary's future.

Simply put, the more Rotarians we can recruit—and retain—the more we can do. I can't emphasize too strongly how important retention—that one simple word—is to Rotary's survival.

It's not hard to get someone to join Rotary, to try it out. What matters is keeping members in clubs year after year, and keeping them productive and fulfilled in their membership.

This is why I chose the concept of Family of Rotary as one of my presidential emphases. What does Family of Rotary mean?

It means that we should not only consider our current members as part of our clubs—but our members' families, the families of deceased members, and participants in Rotary programs such as Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotaract, and Interact. No one can be a second-class citizen, any more than any member of a family can be more or less important than any other member. Everyone is equally important to the future of Rotary.

In today's hectic lifestyle, many busy professionals—our potential membership—feel that they are already overcommitted. They already spend too many hours in the office, and too few with their families.

They are reluctant to join any organization that will ask them for more of their precious time and more of their energy. They don't want to be pulled away from their homes and families any more than they already are.

This is exactly why Family of Rotary is so very important. Family of Rotary sends the message that a Rotarian's family is also a part of Rotary. Rotary was never

intended to be a force to pull members from their families, and it must never become such a force.

Instead, it should strengthen families, by drawing them together in service, and by providing a shining example of ethical behavior and the spirit of volunteerism to the younger generation.

This is how we will keep Rotary strong.

Rotary is unlike any other organization in the world. I've said that before, many times. Rotary is different in so many ways—in its organization, in its size, in its membership, and especially in the opportunities it offers its members.



It isn't often that someone is given the opportunity to save another human life. Through Rotary, you don't have to be a doctor to have that chance. You can have that chance by providing measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines to children in the Philippines, as you have done. You can have that chance by helping to provide heart surgery to underprivileged children here in Taiwan and in Hebei Province, as you have done.

You can save lives by providing infant incubators to a hospital in Bangkok, and you can do it by bringing shelter, schools, and uncontaminated water to communities in Bangladesh.

The work that Rotary does saves and improves ways in so many ways.

Supporting education saves lives—because it leads to better medical care, better chances at employment, and a better quality of living.

Supporting vaccination campaigns saves lives—both those that would have been lost, and those that would have been irreparably damaged by illness and disability.

Supporting improvements to local infrastructure, education, social services, and transportation saves lives—because it helps poor communities pull themselves out of the cruel cycle of poverty.

And poverty is the root cause of so much human suffering.

What can Rotary do to fight poverty and the problems it leads to? It's easy to think that the only answer is money and more of it. But that isn't necessarily the case.

To so many of today's deadly health threats, there is a simple and affordable solution.

- Over one million people—most of them children—die every year of malaria, which is transmitted by infected mosquitoes. One mosquito net costs only a few dollars. But it can keep a whole family safer from malaria.
- 1.6 million children under the age of five die every year of diarrheal illnesses. About ninety percent of those deaths could be prevented by a packet of oral rehydration salts costing about ten cents.
- Many of those deaths, and hundreds of thousands more, are caused by contaminated water. Six thousand children die every day because of unsafe water—that's more deaths every six weeks than were caused by the entire South Asian tsunami. That means that every eight seconds somewhere in the world, a child dies because he or she did not have safe, clean water.

- What does it take to bring clean water to a town? A water pump and the education and training to keep it running, at a cost of a few thousand dollars—to keep all the community's children safer from disease. I don't think anyone here would say that that wasn't a very sound investment.

- Pregnancy and childbirth cause half a million maternal deaths every year. Many of these could be prevented with access to the most basic medical care—a skilled midwife with clean equipment.

- 40 million people are now living with HIV, and they are dying at a rate of 3 million a year, leaving a new orphan every 15 seconds. Antiretroviral therapy can cost as little as 300 US dollars a year, saving whole families from catastrophe.

There is no question that these are all tremendous crises, desperately in need of attention. But they can all be fought with such simple weapons--education, immunization, clean water, and access to basic health care service.

All of these are areas that are addressed by Rotary, and must continue to be addressed by Rotary. All of these need investments that are wise and sound—not necessarily enormous. All of these are areas where one club, or clubs working together, can make a real difference.

And that's why these are areas that Rotary clubs around the world are addressing, through your projects and through your donations to The Rotary Foundation.

Sometimes it's easy to forget this when many of the people we help are so far away, but I cannot emphasize it strongly enough—

***Rotary saves lives.***

You save lives through your projects, though you may not see it right away. And you save lives through your donations to The Rotary Foundation.

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As Rotarians, you are here because you believe in Service Above Self. And as Rotarians, you know that you can have an impact beyond what you could ever hope for as individuals.

One volunteer, one private donation, will do little in the face of the suffering caused by illness and poverty around the world. But together with your clubs, and together with 1.2 million other Rotarians around the world, we can make a difference that will be remembered by communities for generations.

It is up to all of us to ensure that Rotary continues to grow and thrive for another century, so that we can continue to do the vital work that we are doing all over the world.

As Past RI President Bob Barth of Switzerland said, we believe that the Rotary pin in our lapel sends a message. It says,

“You can rely on me  
I am dependable  
I am reliable  
I give more than I take  
I am available.”

People around the world know that they can depend on Rotarians in their times of need. And they know that Rotarians not only want to help, but have the ability to get things done.

We only need to look to the PolioPlus program to see a shining example of how the skills and resources of the entire Family of Rotary working together can do what once seemed impossible.

Many of us here are old enough to remember the fear with which our mothers once spoke the word “polio,” and the joy with which we all welcomed news of a vaccine. Most of us knew someone who had had polio. Today, polio is gone from Europe and the Americas and from all but a handful of countries worldwide. Because of our efforts, together with those of our health partners

around the world, we are closer to the day when no mother will need to fear polio for her child.

Are you ready for some good numbers? Because of the work that Rotary has helped support, five million children and young adults are walking today who would have been paralyzed. 1.25 million childhood deaths were prevented by the Vitamin A that was distributed with the vaccine.

I can't think of any better evidence that there is nothing we cannot do if we all work together.

What will we do in our next century?

It is up to all of you.

For nearly one hundred years, Rotary has been based on the idea of taking a positive action, even when we aren't sure what the outcome of the action will be.

It has been about giving help where it is needed, and providing a bright example of ethical behavior and the spirit of volunteerism that will keep Rotary strong, generation after generation.

And looking around this room, seeing so many of you here and committed to the organization that has brought so much to so many,

I see not only friends and fellow Rotarians, I see, at every table and in every seat, in each of you, one more wonderful reason to *celebrate Rotary*.





## Introduction of Keynote Speaker

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Ladies and Gentleman, it is my great honor to introduce to you today a very special guest. He was known in the Rotary world as Rotarian Formosa. As you can see from his Rotary nickname, he is a true Taiwanese, in whom we take great pride. He was born in 1950, and grew up in Southern Taiwan. In 1970, he ranked the first among students admitted to National Taiwan University's department of law. During his junior year, he passed the national bar with the highest grade, becoming the nation's youngest lawyer at that time.

In 1980, he was involved in defending democracy fighters who were arrested by under the martial law, he began to dedicate himself to politics and human rights. His political career took off in 1979, when he successfully ran for the office of the Fourth Taipei Council. In 1987, he joined the DPP, which was then the opposition party. In 1989 and 1992, he was twice elected to the parliament, the Legislative Yuan on the platform of working on justice, and democratic reforms. In December of 1994, he became the first popularly elected Taipei Mayor. During his term, he won trust from the people of Taipei by bringing reform to the city government. More importantly, he has improved Taipei's international image. His slogan was: Let Taipei go out and the world comes in.

In March 2004, in the election that was closely watched by the international community, he was elected as the president of the Republic of China again in last year. Five years into office, he established himself as an effective leader by promoting honesty and by building a clean government for all the people of Taiwan.

As a popular author, he has published books, one of the most well-known book is called "the Son of Taiwan."

He joined Rotary in 1990. He was a member of the Rotary club of Taipei North Gate. He served as Sergeant at-arms, fellowship and program chairman and club vice president. As the President of Taiwan, he is a great supporter of Rotary. He called on people of Taiwan to use volunteerism to build their communities. This carries the same principles of Rotary's Service Above Self.

Once again, fellow Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen, please welcome our own Rotarian, the President of Taiwan, ROC, his excellency, President Chen Shui-bian...



## Address to 2005 RI Presidential Celebration, Taipei

**H.E. Chen Shui-Bian**, President, R.O.C

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### **President Chen's Address at the Rotary International Presidents' Celebration Convention 2005 in Taipei on May 6, 2005**

國際扶輪總社艾斯特司總社長、各位來自世界各國的理事、總監、社長、各位扶輪的社友、各位貴賓、各位女士、先生：大家晚安！大家好！

Mr. Glenn E. Estess, Rotary International President, all Directors, Governors, District Presidents and Members from Other Countries, Ladies and Gentlemen:

今天非常高興也非常的榮幸，應邀參加「2005 年台北國際扶輪社長慶祝會議」，這是自 1991 年以來，第四次在台北舉行這項盛會。首先本人要代表中華民國政府及台灣人民，向來自全球 20 多個國家、1000 多位國際扶輪的好朋友，表示最誠摯的歡迎。同時也要感謝國際扶輪總社，長期以來對台灣扶輪運動的肯定，讓我們有這個難得的機會，向來自全世界的扶輪領導幹部展現台灣社會多元、豐富且美麗的風貌，以及台灣人民最真誠也最熱情的友誼。

It is my pleasure and honor to be invited to partake in the "Rotary International Presidents' Celebration Convention 2005 in Taipei". This great event has been staged in Taipei four times since 1991. First of all, I would, on behalf of ROC Government and Taiwanese People, like to express my sincere welcome to more than 1,000 Rotary

International members from more than 20 countries. Meanwhile, I appreciate that the Headquarters of Rotary International unceasingly provided its full support and high recognition in regard to the efforts contributed by Taiwan Rotary International, so that we can take this opportunity to display Taiwanese society and culture full of dynamism and diversification to the leaders of Rotary International from every corner of the world as well as to show the warmest friendship from Taiwanese people.

大家都知道國際扶輪在 1905 年成立於美國芝加哥，迄今已有一百年的歷史。從創建時的四位社員，發展成今天遍佈全世界 166 個國家，三萬一千多個扶輪社，超過 120 萬的社員，這種偉大的歷史成就，完全奠基於每一位扶社友共同的信念，也就是關懷別人、幫助別人的「服務精神」。經過一個世紀的考驗，證明這種發自人類善良本性、積極利他的情操，正是推動文明進步最大的力量。

As you know, Rotary International was founded in 1905 in Chicago, having a history for one hundred years. At the beginning, there at its founding were only four members, but now there have been 31,000 Rotary Clubs in 166 countries all over the world. Moreover, its membership has been more than 1,200,000. This great historical achievement is primarily based on a common philosophy of every member, which is a "Service Spirit" to concern

another and to help another. It has been, after a centennial test, proved that this lofty, kindhearted and altruistic sentiment is exactly the highest force to push forward the advance of civilization.

古希臘的哲人曾說，每一個人的內心都蘊藏著一顆為善的種子，而人生的價值就在於讓這個渺小的種子萌芽與茁壯。而國際扶輪運動所標榜的服務精神，正是積極灌溉、促進這顆種子成長所需的雨水、陽光與養份。

A Greek philosopher said that everybody has had a good and kind seed in his heart, and the value of mankind is to allow this tiny seed to sprout and grow sturdily. The service spirit of Rotary International is precisely the rain, sun and nutrition necessary for irrigating and promoting the growth of the seed positively.

昨天本人剛完成一趟為期 5 天的『海洋伙伴、陽光之旅』，訪問了台灣在太平洋地區的 3 個友邦國家：馬紹爾群島、吉里巴斯與吐瓦魯。這是中華民國有史以來，第一次有元首前往這些國家訪問，對於促進彼此間的邦誼具有高度的歷史意義。同時，在訪問的過程中，阿扁也與諾魯共和國新任的總統會面並交談，且在回國的途中，過境了非邦交國的斐濟，受到該國『大酋長會議』所有成員盛大的歡迎及晚宴的款待，使這次「海洋伙伴、陽光之旅」獲得了 3 加 2 的豐碩成果，可以說是一趟非常成功的出訪。

Yesterday, I just finished a 5-day "Ocean Partner and Sun Trip", paying a visit to Taiwan's diplomatic countries in the Pacific Ocean, including Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu. This is the first time that the President of the Republic of China visited these countries, so it has a high significance for building up the mutual relationship. In the meantime, I had an opportunity to see and talk with new President of Nauru in the process of trip. I also passed through the territory of Fiji on the way home. Although Fiji is not our diplomatic country, I still received a grand welcome party and treatment by all members of "Great Emir Conference" of that country.

The "Ocean Partner and Sun Trip" scored a great "3+2" success, basically, it is a very marvelous visit.



雖然這些友邦國家在物質條件上，與台灣有一定的落差，但這絲毫不影響這些邦交國人民與政府對台灣的強力支持與友誼。個人認為這一趟的國是訪問，阿扁與台灣所得到的，絕對比我們所能提供要來得多。因為它應證了國際扶輪運動的座右銘：「服務愈多，獲益愈大。」Material conditions of those countries are not so good as Taiwan, but it has not affected at all firm support and good friendship from their people and governments. I thought what Taiwan and I had acquired in this trip should be much more than what we could provide them, because it has corresponded with the motto of Rotary International "They profits most who service the best."

這一次「海洋伙伴、陽光之旅」也讓個人感觸良多。每一個國家，不論面積的大小、人口的多寡，都有它可貴與可愛之處，就好像珍珠與寶石一樣，不一定愈大就愈好，有時候愈小反而愈珍貴。譬如說：馬紹爾群島共和國，於第二次世界大戰結束時，交由美國託管。原本美國政府希望將散佈在太平洋上託管的各個群島組成一個聯邦，以減輕每一個成員的財政負擔，但是馬紹爾群島的人民，為了堅持民族的尊嚴，毅然選擇於 1979 年通過自治憲法，組成自治政府，一個新而獨立的國家從此而誕生。

After the visit, I have got a deep feeling. Every country has the merits of her own no matter how small her space or her population is. Like a pearl or jewel, the bigger one might not be the better one. Sometimes, a small-scale country is even more valuable. For example of Marshall Islands, it used to be a mandate of USA

after the end of WW II. At the beginning, US Government hoped that all islands mandated by her in the Pacific Ocean could form a "Federation" in order to relieve the financial burden of each member country. However, for the sake of national dignity, they resolutely and determinedly passed an Autonomous Constitution and formed an Autonomous Government, a new independent nation was thereby born and founded.

相較於馬紹爾群島共和國，台灣擁有更優越的條件去維護國家主權獨立的尊嚴，積極爭取在國際社會做為一個主權國家應有的人格與權利。我們不要妄自菲薄，說什麼台灣如果不積極與中國的市場整合，未來就一定會如何如何。這種自己看輕自己的話，只會讓國際社會更不會願意幫忙台灣爭取我們應有的權利。大家要對自己有信心、對台灣有信心，只要二千三百萬台灣人民同心協力、團結一致，我們一定能早日將台灣建設成一個正常、完整、進步、美麗而偉大的國家。

Compared to Marshall Islands, Taiwan has the more preponderant conditions to maintain the dignity of independent sovereignty as well as to try acquiring personality and rights as a sovereign nation in the international society. We shall not underestimate the capability of our own and never think that Taiwan will become worse day after day provided that Taiwan fails to integrate with Chinese markets aggressively. In the event that we look down on ourselves, the international society would not help us get the worthy rights for us. Be confident to yourselves, and be confident to Taiwan. If all Taiwanese people unite as one, we can surely construct this island as a great, normal, complete, progressive and beautiful country.

這一次訪問太平洋上的三個友邦，雖然旅途非常的遙遠，一路走下來確實很辛苦，可以說是真的在「拼外交」，但同時也讓本人深刻的領略到海闊天空的真諦。當阿扁站在吉里巴斯的海邊，欣賞全世界第一道的曙光時，看著海天一色的美景，不禁為天地之遼闊、宇宙之浩瀚所感動。俗話說：「天外有天、人外有人。」雖然這句話的本意在警惕大家要謙卑，不要夜郎自大。但同時也可以引伸為不

要故步自封、自我設限，全世界還有許多地方值得我們去探索、去發展。台灣是一個海島、一個海洋的國家，但我們絕對不是一個孤島，我們一定要堅強的站起來、勇敢的走出去。

Though three countries are distant from Taiwan and it is a very hard diplomatic journey, I could deeply feel what is "boundless or endless sea and sky". When I watched the first aurora at the seashore of Kiribati, I saw the beautiful scenery that the sea connected to the sky, feeling that world is so great and the universe is so vast. Although "There is no limit in the universe and talented people are limitless" serves to ask us to be humble and not to be self-important, sometimes it asks us not to stand still and limit ourselves, because many other places are worth exploring and developing. Taiwan is an island and an ocean nation, but it is absolutely not an isolated island. We must firmly and persistently stand up, going outside bravely.



最近台灣掀起了一陣「中國熱」，不只是個別政黨領袖的中國之行，吸引了媒體與民眾的注意力，而中國政府跟著配合釋出各種的利多，也被刻意放大解讀，似乎有了這些利多，台灣的經濟，尤其是農業部門，就可以從此獲得新生。這種過度簡單化的迷思與一廂情願的想法，還有待時間的檢驗。多年來阿扁一再強調，政府有決心也有誠意，在現有的基礎上持續擴大兩岸之間經貿的往來與交流，但同時阿扁也必須非常嚴肅的提醒大家，就目前中國的經貿體制，以及決策過程的不透明化與不穩定性，在中國進行投資與設廠，仍要承擔許多意想不到的風險，必須預先做好事前的評估，同時更應該要有健全的避險規劃。

既然我們有能力將雞蛋放在不同的籃子裡，為什麼就一定要把它們全部放在一個籃子中。

Recently, there is a “Chinese Upsurge of Chinese Fever” here in Taiwan. Some leaders of the local political parties one after another paid to visit China, it has highly attracted the attention of the media and the general public. Some so-called “favorable” news or policies released by Chinese Government were also exaggeratedly interpreted on purpose. With these favorable policies, they thought that Taiwanese economy, particularly for the agricultural sector, could become a newborn. Such an excessively simplified puzzlement as well as unilateral thinking shall be tested by the time. I pointed up many times these years that Taiwanese Government is determined and cordial to continuously enlarge economic and trading relationship and exchange between Taiwan and China under the actual and subsistent basis. However, I shall seriously remind you that Chinese economic and trading systems and her decision-making processes are still not transparent and steady enough. Lots of unexpected risks shall be, when investing and setting up factory in China, undertaken; as a result, it has to make a detailed evaluation beforehand. Besides, you shall have a good hedging plan. Since we are capable of putting eggs in different baskets, why shall we put all eggs in one basket?

中國是一個非常重要，且深具潛力的市場，但中國絕對不是唯一或最後的市場。全世界還有許多的地方值得我們去開發與探索。台灣與中國因為擁有相同的語言與歷史文化背景，使台灣與中國往來時，比世界其他國家擁有更大的優勢。但我們不應該讓這樣的優勢，反而成為我們向外拓展時的盲點，以及面向世界時的心理障礙。如果台灣有志要成為一個世界島，我們就不能把眼光與格局侷限於一隅。我們不但要與中國做生意，更要與全世界做生意。唯有把地基打得更寬廣、更深遠，整棟房子才會更雄偉、更高大。阿扁在此要勉勵全體國人，有機會多到世界各國走走，親自體驗天寬地闊的感覺。

Is though China an important market with good developmental potentiality, China is not the only or the ultimate market. Many of other areas in the world are worth developing and exploring. Due to same background in language, history and culture between Taiwan and China, Taiwan has an advantage in contacting with China compared to other countries. However, we shall not allow such an advantage to become a blind spot when moving outside and to be a psychological disturbance when confronting the world. If Taiwan wants to be a world island, we are unable to confine our sight and setup into a corner. Not only do we business with China, but also we will do with other countries throughout the world. The building can be grand and magnificent if we lay a better and deeper foundation. I hope that Taiwanese people shall go to other countries in order to experience the feeling of “High Sky and Vast Land” personally.



最後，阿扁要再一次向所有來自海、內外的扶輪社友表示最誠摯的歡迎，並祝福這次的大會圓滿成功，所有在場的貴賓與朋友們，身體健康、萬事如意。謝謝大家！

Finally, I would like to express my cordial welcome again to all members of Rotary International from every corner of the world. Meanwhile, I wish the convention successful and satisfactory and wish all of you Godspeed. Thank you very much. Good Night!



## Centennial Major Donors Breakfast

### Welcome Remarks

**Fumio Tamamura**, TRF Trustee

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**President:** Fumio Tamamura, TRF Trustee

**Introduction of Speaker:** Gary C.K. Huang, TRF Trustee

**Keynote Speech:** Frank J. Devlyn, TRF Chair-elect

**Vote of Thanks:** Dong Kurn Lee, TRF Trustee

### Welcome Remarks

It is a greatest pleasure that I am able to welcome the Taiwanese Rotary foundation Major Donors to this breakfast this morning.

This year Rotary Celebrates it's centennial but you ladies and gentlemen have been celebrating Rotary all along with Your Major Gifts

The Rotarians of Taiwan have been extremely generous their giving which is not only appreciated by

the foundation, but by the innumerable many who have benefited from the services you have provided. The Rotary foundation will continue to grow stronger and flourish only if we can rely on your continued support, but we are confident that the Taiwan Rotarians will continue to support our cause with many major donations such as years.





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### Keynote Speaker

**Frank J. Devlyn**, TRF Chair-elect

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Good morning...

Congratulations to the organizing committee for a spectacular opening to this presidential celebration. We had an inspiring and motivational message from pres. Glen estess to this presidential celebration...

#### Our centennial celebration

It was good to accompany president glen to receive from the taiwan government another 1 million for polio plus. This makes a total of 3 million and 2 more million has been promised...

Today another packed day of celebration events. Good to see so many friends. The who's who of rotary is here – thanks to Gary Huang. This morning.. Here at this breakfast we give recognition to new RF major donors. Yesterday pres. Glen talked of the many things rotary is celebrating.

Polio plus --- scholarships ---- GSE –humanitarian grants --- 3h ---- MG's. Many involve our RF --- they have helped give us our international recognition. Later this morning I will be speaking on why our RF promotes **“every Rotarian, every year”**

I've found that there is a rotary life cycle for most Rotarians. There are many Rotarians who give donations to our RF.

Most Rotarians star with small donations then we see them give \$1,000 dolls to become Paul Harris fellows. But among those many Rotarians we find special Rotarians that we call – **Major Donors**...

All sizes of donations are welcome in our RF. The work of our RF is thanks to all types of donors.

But, it is thanks to an ever growing number of those special Rotarians that we are honoring this morning that our RF is able to carry out much more humanitarian & educational programs.

On this special morning as the incoming chairman of our RF, I want to congratulate & thank each of our major donors that we honor this morning.

It is wonderful to know that this morning we have 106 new major donors who are each giving \$10 thousand dolls. We even have a new significant major donor who is being recognized for giving \$250,000 dolls.

This morning I give a special thanks in name of all the family of rotary.

In name of all the thousands you will be helping via our RF programs.

#### The trustees of TRF are grateful to you for many reasons

1. You are serving as an example for others to follow.
2. You help make the world of rotary take note that Taiwan wants to help this part of the world.
3. You help make Taiwan and this part of the world stand out.

Because of your help....

1000's will not have Polio

1000's will benefit from MG's

1000's will benefit from Rotary Scholarships

Good things will happen because of you...

Thank you—Shea – Shea...!



## Centennial Major Donors Breakfast

### Vote of Thanks

Dong Kurn Lee, TRF Trustee

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Good morning fellow Rotarians, Good morning Rotarians, 早安, it is a great honor and greater to have this opportunity to thank all of you on behalf of the rotary. At this time, I want to express my very special thanks to foundation chairman Frank, for kindly joining us here this morning at giving us a wonderful speech. As you know, the rotary foundation chairman Frank Devlyn, and also, at this moment, he is a honor counselor in Mexico, it is no doubt that, he has done a truly amazing work for our foundation. In addition, he is the writer of Frank Talk, as Gary Huang major's audience. This book told the story of how to overcome many objections coming into rotary. By writing this book, he has suggested, ways of how to improve the intention of our members. In his previous speech, he talked about the proactive member development, intention efforts. He claim that we could

be the best Rotarians by finding ways to have many concerns facing club, committees and our world. This morning, he has mentioned in his speech how to be proactive ways to raise funds for rotary foundation. This speech is also makes our dream a reality. At this time, I would like to take a moment to share sympathy for his wife, Gloria Rita, who's recovering from a health crisis. Last week, we received a delightful email message from our chairman, we wish for her recovers and her continue gain full recovery in the near future. Also, we are going to thank those who have repeated sending major donors, especially co chairman Gary Huang and our director Minamisono. Their efforts make this special occasion possible. I also want to thank Tamaura for his great welcome remarks. Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful people not only from Taipei, but other part of the world. We thank you very much for your cooperation, and thanks to all of you.





## “Celebrate Rotary” Open Forum

### President

**Yoshikazu Minamisono**, RI Director

**Keynote Speaker** : Glenn E. Estess Sr., RI President

**Panelist** (5 min. each) :

1. David D. Morgan, RI Director
2. Rodger W. Wagner, RI Director
3. Serge Gouteyron, RI Director
4. Sushil Gupta, RI Director
5. Yoshimasa Watanabe, RI Director-Nominee
6. Guiller E. Tumangan, Incoming Chairman, Philippines College of Governors

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Fellow Rotarian! Ladies and gentlemen!

We should like to call this Open Forum to order.

I am RID Yoshikazu Minamisono, Co-chairman of this Presidential Celebration and am appointed to be president of this open forum.

I would like to ask for your kind cooperation and support. All of you ! the topic of this open forum is “Celebrate Rotary” . As you know, “Celebrate Rotary ” is Presidential theme of this Rotary International Centennial year. “Celebrate Rotary ” is very short, but sweet packed with meaning.

Ladies and gentleman, At first! I now have the great honor to introduce to you President Glenn E. Estess as “Keynote Speaker” to this open forum.

And I would like to introduce each panelists on this open forum.

First ! (1) RI Director: David D. Morgan (from Wales & England). He is RI Treasurer and has served RIBI as President and next is ; (2) RI Director: Rodger W. Wagner (from USA) . He has served as a member of the Foundation Alumni Resource Group. Next we have RI Director: Serge Gouteyron (from France). He has served as national Intercountry Committee. On the right side, we have RI Director: Sushil Gupta (from India). He has served as president of Federation of hotel association in India. Next is RI Director nominee Yoshimasa Watanabe (from Japan). He is Ophthalmologist and member of RI Centennial Operation Committee and seated next to him (6) PDG: Guiller E. Tumangan (from Philippine). He is Incoming Chairman Philippines College of Governors

Now, I would like to introduce to you President Glenn.Estess as keynot address speaker.

- I will ask the panelists to speak in the order of their introduction, (limiting the time of each speech to each five minutes.)
- I would like to ask Director David Morgan to speak first.
- We have listened to Director: David Morgan who has presented...
- Next, I would like to ask Director: Rodger Wagner to speak.
- Thank you ! next speaker is director : Serge Gouteyron please.
- Than you ! Director: Sushil Gupta please !
- Thank you ! And seated next to him, Director nominee : Yoshimasa Watanabe please !
- Final speaker is PDG :Guiller Tamangan please!

Now that we've heard from each of our panelist, Let me thank you for sharing your views with us.

I would like to have discussion between panelist and attendants Regarding “ Celebrate Rotary” .

Does anyone have any idea regarding Celebrate Rotary ?

We would like to ask the comment of the participants in Taiwan. How do you celebrate Rotary in Taiwan.

Panelists, on behalf of all of us in the audience, let me thank you for sharing your views with us. Audience members, please join me in expressing your appreciation for RI President Glenn E. Estess's Keynote Address.

To all of you, thank you for your cooperate today.

That concludes our open forum. Thank you again!



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**Keynote Speaker :**  
**Glenn E. Estess Sr.**, RI President

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My Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Thank you for that welcome – I am always grateful to feel the warmth of the Family of Rotary when I am far from home.

As we near the end of Rotary's first century, I am also nearing a personal milestone—the end of my year as President of Rotary. In the past year, I have been privileged to visit clubs in every part of the Rotary world, and see countries and cultures about which I had known very little.

My year as president has given my wife, Mary, and me a great deal of joy and many new friendships. It's also given me a little more perspective on what Rotary is, and what its first hundred years really means.

The United States, where I'm from, is a relatively new country. Any building built more than a hundred years ago is considered old. Our history is measured mostly in decades. To us, a hundred years is a long time indeed. Here in Taiwan, where even the writing system is thousands of years old, a hundred years doesn't seem like so much.

But one hundred years—I will say, the first one hundred years—of Rotary is a tremendous milestone indeed.

Rotary has not just endured for that long—it has grown, and thrived, and blossomed, in ways no one could ever have predicted a century ago.

It has grown from four men in one office to 1.2 million members in 167 countries.

It has spread goodwill and fellowship through countless communities, and brought help where it is needed in a way no other humanitarian organization is able to do.

Rotary is not like any other humanitarian organization. Because, unlike anyone else, we have a standing army of over 1.2 million volunteers spread all over the world—all of them ready and willing to be of assistance.

And Rotarians can give help like no other organization. Because, in most cases, Rotarians don't need to be sent to where the need is—they are already living and working in 32,000 communities in every part of the globe.

And every one of those Rotarians knows what putting service above self really means. It means doing what's needed, not what's easy or fashionable or the quickest fix. It means committing to the projects that will lead to long-term solutions, one step at a time.

And it means having the vision and the practical knowledge to launch projects with far more than local reach. PolioPlus, the crowning achievement of Rotary's first hundred years, has brought us to the brink of something no one could have imagined a century ago—a world free of polio.

And Rotary's success in supporting polio eradication efforts is due to the active involvement of individual clubs and members—both directly, and through the assistance of The Rotary Foundation.

Behind so much of the good work that Rotary is known for, there is Foundation support.

Last year, nearly 2,000 matching grants, 383 District Simplified Grants, and 322 Individual Grants supported every imaginable Rotarian service project. That means that 2,700 service projects around the world were made possible through your Foundation.

827 Ambassadorial Scholars from 61 countries brought cultural exchange and goodwill around the world, and returned home with greater knowledge and understanding. Every one of them was supported by your Foundation.

426 Group Study Exchange Teams, 62 Rotary World Peace Fellows, and 28 university teachers worked toward goals of international cooperation and friendship through your Foundation programs.

And over 29 million US dollars of your Foundation funds helped bring us ever closer to our goal of polio eradication.

I could stand here all day telling you the numbers. But the simple truth is that the lives that have been touched, improved, and saved through your Foundation are too many to count.

Last year, The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund received contributions totaling 61 million US dollars. That's roughly fifty U. S. dollars per Rotarian, around the world.

In an ambitious effort to double the strength of the Foundation, and its ability to make a positive change in the world, we have launched the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative. The goal is simple: asking every Rotarian to make a donation to the Foundation every

year, with an average donation of 100 U.S. dollars per Rotarian.

It's a lot to aim for. But just think what that really means. One hundred dollars, though significant, is not a tremendous sum in most parts of the world. But if we received an average of that amount from every Rotarian, that would be 120 million dollars every year that we could devote to bringing clean water to children, literacy to the uneducated, renewable food supplies to the hungry, and health care to the poor and underserved around the world.

One hundred dollars to most Rotarians isn't a vast amount of money. But it's more than enough to change—or save—a life.

Few organizations last as long as Rotary has. Rotary has spanned a century that has seen so many changes—good and not so good. But I feel confident in saying that of the changes Rotary has wrought, the overwhelming impact has been good.

Rotary can't solve all of the world's problems of poverty, disease, and war. And it was never intended to. But what we can do, one project, one club, one member at a time, is much greater than you might think.

We only have to look to Polio Plus to see an example of how the combined strength of Rotarians around the world has done the astonishing—helped reverse a global health crisis. Because of your support of the Global Polio Eradication initiative, 1.5 million cases of childhood paralysis and 5 million childhood deaths have been avoided.

What will we do in our next one hundred years?

I believe we will do even greater things, if we continue to focus not only on our work, but on the strength of every individual club.

It is up to us to ensure that Rotary continues to grow and thrive, and give help where it is needed, for another century.

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In order to secure our future, we must work to retain current members, recruit new members, and create new clubs, so that we will have more hands to do Rotary's work with every passing generation.

Our members have been very clear – they do not want Rotary to feel like an obligation that pulls them away from their families, and they have embraced the concept of Family of Rotary. Today, Rotarians want their clubs to include family members in social events and service projects, so that Rotary can be a satisfying way for all of them to enrich their lives.

We should make sure that prospective members see that emphasis in our clubs, and know that Rotary has a place for them.

And we should ensure that we help raise the next generation of ethical and volunteer-minded adults to keep Rotary strong for another century.

With 8,600 Interact clubs and 7,600 Rotaract clubs in most countries where there is Rotary, we have a strong pool of young people who are excellent candidates for future club membership. We must not neglect them, their work, or their potential as Rotarians.

Instead, we should make sure to maintain strong bonds between our clubs and theirs, encourage and support

their projects, and, when the time is right, invite them into Rotary.

Like any organization, we must continue to grow and adapt with the times. We must continue to respond to the needs of our members, our clubs, and our communities, to ensure that we remain strong and vital for another hundred years and more.

And we must continue to give our help generously, thoughtfully, and wisely, to make the greatest positive change we can.

Paul Harris said, at the last convention he attended:

“The pioneering days of Rotary have just begun—There is as much to be done today as ever.” That was true then, and I believe it is just as true today.

Let us, then, enter a new century of Rotary fellowship with pride in our past and confidence in our future.

Let us remember our accomplishments, while we strive for even greater works.

And let us continue to *Celebrate Rotary* in every one of the countless ways that makes us all so very proud to be Rotarians.



Thank you.

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## Panelist

David D. Morgan, RI Director

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Chairman

President Glenn & Fellow directors; P/P + Trustees  
 Chair Elect Frank and Other Trustees

Distinguished Guests; Senior Rotarians

Ladies, Gentlemen

It gives me particular pleasure to tell you about some of the celebrations and commemorative events arranged in Great Britain and Ireland to mark Rotary's 100 years of service to the people of the world.

As in other countries there's been an abundance of tree planting, additional school amenities, seating at vantage points and in cities to provide a rest for the elderly, park displays and so on. But there have also been many major celebrations which unfortunately I'll not have time to mention today.

However, I trust that the following "one off" events and permanent centennial facilities will give you a flavor of the way in which this important milestone has been marked in Great Britain and Ireland.

Perhaps the biggest event was the Gala Centenary Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall in central London, where 4000 people came to hear the Bands of the Coldstream Guards and the Band of the Scots Guards play music which included a 'Celebrate Rotary March' written by Dr. Peter Graham.

The event raised £40,000 for Leukaemia Research and a further sum for The Rotary Foundation. And was a great PR exercise..... event entitled 'show fantabulous was held in our second largest city Birmingham Joe Loss Band.

Then the Rotary Club of Caterham organized a musical extravaganza featuring Rotary around the world with Richard Stilgo. And twenty five "Thanksgiving services" were held in major Cathedrals throughout the country.

Moving now to something entirely different, Bolton's seven clubs, financed a Rotary Way footpath some 50 miles long which encircles the city of Bolton and which provides eight easy stages for rambling and scrambling in the open countryside for people of all ages.

Then Rotary featured in the Chelsea Flower Show this year and in the South of England agricultural show and the Rotary club of South Cotswolds provided a Rotary glade at an Arboretum in Gloucestershire, opened by Prince Charles, where a hundred varieties of maple tree were planted forming the biggest collection of such trees in the world.

Also the five Rotary clubs in Wolverhampton raised £50,000 and in two acres of woodland at Penn Hall formed a family bike ride and a special trail for handicapped children.

Other innovative projects and events included the fitting out of a double-decker bus as a mobile Rotary display, and various school events.

Indeed Rotary's 100 years of service has been well and truly celebrated in Great Britain & Ireland and there are very many permanent reminders of the event, which will be used by the public in years to come, and be a constant reminder of what Rotary is, and does.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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**Panelist**

**Rodger W. Wagner**, RI Director

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The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary International and the centennial projects has changed the direction and future of rotary interaction forever.

I would like to focus on the events in the state of Arizona USA.

Arizona became a state in 1914 and as a state is 91 years old – younger than Rotary.

There are three [3] Rotary district in Arizona and approximately 5,000 Rotarians.

The three [3] district governors agreed to work together in promoting the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary.

During the week of February 23, 2005 Rotary was celebrated through out the state of Arizona and Through out the World.

Nothing like this has ever happened in Rotary. Rotary united through celebrating its successes and taking action to establish and promote Rotary’s future.

**Centennial Projects in Original**

1. In original each club was asked to Plant a Rotary friendship trees in each Rotary Clubs communicates on February 23, 2005.

Select a school – a park – a library or city hall in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rotary. Survey taken: How many Rotarians does it take to plant a tree. Answer; as many as can get into the picture.

2. Rotor actors [Arizona State University] A party and fund raiser was organized.

Proceeds used to help young girls to escape poverty and violence in Zambia, Africa.

And to help families affected by HIV/AIDS.

3. The field of dream [district 5490 Arizona Rotary Club of Phoenix 100]

Disadvantaged neighborhood - The land was given by the developer which was adjacent to the school.

The Phoenix 100 Club partnered with:

Arizona diamond backs – Professional Baseball Team. They built a baseball field.

The Phoenix Cardnils – A professional Football Team. They built a foot ball field.

The Phoenix Suns - A professional Basketball Team. They built a basketball court.



A Socor Club- They built a soccer field.

The Phoenix City Council – They had to approve the planning and zoning for this project.

The Phoenix Parks and recreation department – They agreed to provide future maintenance for this project.

A total of over \$ 800,000 was spent on this project.

Who benefited: Win-Win Program

The Children for years to come

The community

Rotary

The families of the kids – Reduced crime in the area

4. Rotary Club of Scottsdale Arizona built a replica of the Rotary wheel on the Ground with a flag pole in the center.

The spokes of the wheel were concrete slabs-between the spokes was filled in with bricks and there was a circular wall surrounding the wheel with column.

The bricks with writing on the sold for \$150 dollars each–The spokes sold for \$1500 dollars and the circular wall columns sold for \$5,000 each.

The endowment funds raise will be over \$500,000. Only the money earned will be used to provide scholarships for the local university and the community college. The funds will be administrated by the Rotary Club.

**Conclusion**

Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation have spent 100 years trying to get the Rotary Club of the world on the same page on thinking and acting.

The programs and the celebration of this centennial year has succeeded in uniting most of the Rotary Clubs to be working in the same direction. “Peace”

This will make the next 100 years of Rotary an event the world has never seen before.

There will be better understanding and peace in the world, through Rotary, you and I can help achieve this dream.





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### Panelist

**Serge Gouteyron**, RI Director

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Dear Friends Rotarian,

Celebrate Rotary

Zone 11 (France) celebrated Rotary's centennial in a very dynamic way!

1. Communication: National and regional TV stations, magazines, Daily national and local newspapers. Generally free of charge. Nobody in France can say anymore that they do not know anything about Rotary.
2. Service: One project alone mobilized all 35,000 French Rotarians:
  - An evening at the movies: On March 8, 70,000 French Rotarians and guests went to see the opening of the same movie in 250 theaters across the country. Financial result: 800,000 Dollars, donated to 2 fellowships for the *Federation de la recherché sur les maladies du cerveau* (research on brain disease).
  - Acquisition and maintenance of a biphotonic microscope to study the organization of neuronal networks.
  - Creation of the first national center for biological resources to study nervous system diseases.

The result is positive on all accounts, including a good promotion of Rotarian ideas.
3. Another Centennial action that involved all districts:

The meeting of a "Youth Parliament" at the French Senate, composed of 330 Youth Exchange students in France from 30 Countries. Participants asked questions about the organization of French institutions, visited Paris, and created their own show. It was party time for our future leaders, and during one evening they dreamed of a shared future.

4. Marathon of Paris: Among the 30,000 participants, 230 Rotarians (including a few governors) dressed in yellow promoted our efforts towards the eradication of polio.
5. In the meantime, annual giving to the Rotary Foundation increased by 30% and are now close to \$100 per person.

This was really a great year!

Every year should be a centennial year!





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**Sushil Gupta**, RI Director

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### **Celebrate Rotary**

To celebrate-means different things to different people. We, in India, interpreted it as an opportunity to do a National community Service Project on that date-23 Feb 2005

#### **BLINDNESS?**

According to WHO estimates there are 1.4 million blind children in the world. Over 50% of all blind children are blind due to preventable and curable causes.

#### **The WHO report states:**

Children are the most precious resource of families. Children represent the families' future and their hopes. A blind child is a tragedy for these families. A child whose blindness could have been prevented or cured is an even greater disaster.

#### **NATIONAL EYE SCREENING CAMPS**

Rotary in India decided to carry out National Camps to screen as many children as we could on 23 Feb 2005-almost all 2,800 Clubs in India participated and screened over 300,000 children in the country.

It would be of interest to note that similar Eye Screening Camps were also carried out by Rotarians in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan & Thailand.

#### **RELEASE OF POSTAGE STAMP**

Government of India honoured Rotary International by releasing a Postage Stamp of Rs 5 denomination on 23 Feb 2005.

The stamp release was coupled with the release of a First Day Cover and Special Cancellation.

#### **TSUNAMI**

Sub-sea earthquake and consequent tsunami tidal wave in December 2004. The greatest natural disaster to hit the planet in 100 years of Rotary.

Magnitude of damage to life and property at a level never before experienced.

#### **ROTARY'S ROLE**

Assess the situation rapidly.

Coordinate with various agencies worldwide.

Arrange relief material without delay.

Rapidly deliver relief supplies to affected areas.

A key part of success during tsunami was to harness Rotarians into a vast support network so that supplies could be sourced, delivered and distributed in a smooth and well executed operation.

#### **WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE?**

Delivered Shelter Boxes donated by Rotary in UK.

Arranged to construct homes.

Delivered clothes to victims as donated by Rotary in UK.

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Delivered water.

Provided medical aid.

Provided cash relief.

### SHELTER BOXES

446 Shelter Boxes received and delivered-Donated by Rotary Club of teddington &

The hamptons,RI District 1140(UK)

Each shelter box contains:

Tent for 10.

10 sleeping bags.

Cooking and other utensils.

Water sterilisation kits.

### CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES

500 homes constructed by RI district 3290 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands(Hut Bay Island)

100 homes constructed in Andhra Pradesh by RI District 3150 based on donations received from RI District 1100.

100 more homes planned by RI District 3150.

50 homes constructed by RI District 2980.

### CLOTHES DISTRIBUTED

Emergency Boxes received by RI District 3230 from UK containing clothes.

Emergency Boxes Received by District 3010 in New Delhi from UK Containing clothes.

### BOATS REPAIRED

50 Boats repaired in RI District 3150.

50 Boats repaired in RI Districts 2980 and 3230 jointly.

80 Sets of Fishing Nets provided in RI District 2980.

53 Boats retrieved in Palayar.

### HOW DID ROTARY ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Co-ordination between donors & recipients.

Use of high level contacts to get telephonic approvals including customs clearances.

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Close co-operation with Government & other agencies.

Use of one-point contact at all levels.

Willingness of Rotarians on the ground to donate their time.

### THE FALL OUT

As a result of Rotary's involvement in the Boat Repair Project .

The District Administration of Palayar in Tamil Nadu State in India has decided to spend US\$6 million for renovation of the local harbour in Palayar.

### ROTARY MOVES FURTHER

As a further response Rotary in India has decided to donate funds for construction of a cold storage and ice making facilities at Palayar-estimated cost US\$150,000-to help fishermen to store their produce.

Today the income generated from the catch at Palayar is worth US\$50 million which will increase by 50% with the new harbour and cold storage facilities.

### WHAT NEXT?

Rotary has done it in the past!

Rotary has done it again today!!

Rotary can do it again and again in future!!!



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## “Celebrate Rotary” Open Forum

### Panelist

**Yoshimasa Watanabe**, RI Director-Nominee

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### “How Rotarians Celebrate Rotary in Japan”.

The topic given to me is “How Rotarians Celebrate Rotary Centennial in Japan”.

There are countless ways to celebrate Rotary Centennial---ceremonies, projects, fellowship activities, and formal gatherings.

Let me show you, first of all, a poster which demonstrates an enlarged configuration of postal stamps. In order to commemorate the Rotary International Centennial, the Japan Post has issued a memorial postal stamp. On the occasion of welcome dinner for President and Mrs. Estess on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Tokyo, the Japan Post presented the first print of the commemorative postal stamp to RI President Estess. We believe memorial stamp is a most effective tool for promoting Rotary’s public image and consequently it will help increase membership.

Since time is limited, I cannot cover all projects carried on by Japanese Rotarians for celebrating Rotary Centennial. So let me introduce some projects in three categories: 1) Tree planting 2) international exchange and 3) ceremonies.

District 2640 had an “Every Person, One Tree” Campaign, and was successful in raising some \$160,000 to buy 1,800 trees, which constituted a new forest at the entrance of historical Mt Koya Pilgrimage Route, which was designated as a World Heritage. Some other clubs planted seedlings extensively.

Japan’s Shin-minato Club (District 2610) and Australia’s Caulfield Club (District 9800) celebrated the conclusion of sister-club relationship in May 2004, and by the initiative of the Australian club, the Japanese

counterpart joined the project of giving fund to build a new hospital in Ecuador.

Japan’s Okazaki South Club (D-2760) and California’s Newport-Balboa Club (D-5320) have had a sister-club relationship for 20 years, to commemorate and Rotary’s Centennial. The two sisters clubs cooperated to found a butterfly museum called

“Butterfly House” in California.

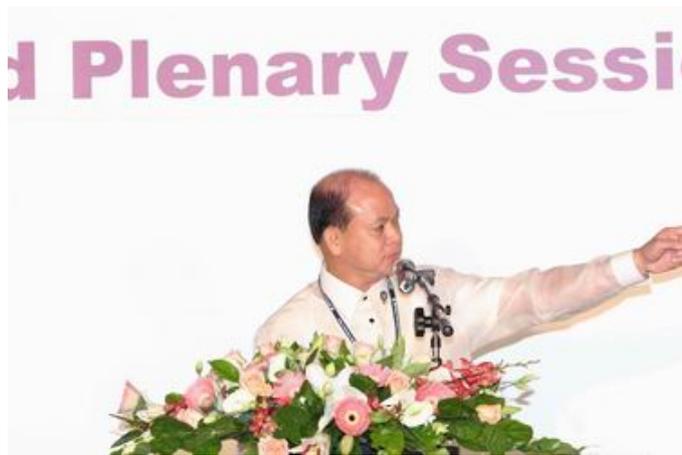
You may know that five Centennial Bells are traveling around the world, starting from Brisbane, Australia, where the International Convention was held in 2003. One of the five bells came to Tokyo on its way to Chicago. Many Japanese Rotarians were happy to see the bell and listened to its impressive sound at their regular meetings.

On February 23, birthday of Rotary International, 64 clubs in D-2730 simultaneously had ceremonies and gatherings, and went out to streets, distributing Rotary leaflets which contain Premier Koizumi’s message on ecology.

“Make Good Use of the Centennial History for the future of Rotary” was the motto of District 2650, which gathered on April 10 in Kyoto. Dr. Genshitsu Sen, great tea master and past Director of RI, gave a keynote speech on future of Rotary, and a new song for Rotary’s Centennial was introduced to the audience.

There are, of course, other interesting and imaginative projects and activities carried on in Japan, but I think I have used my five minutes.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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Guiller E. Tumangan, Incoming Chairman,  
Philippines College of Governors

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### **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ROTARY, THE MAKATI WEST WAY**

By PDG Guiller E. Tumangan  
RC Makati West – District 3830

The Rotary Club of Makati West, having just celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, is a club synonymous with dedication, commitment and generosity. Through good and bad times, it has been in the forefront of numerous community, vocational, international and youth service projects either as stand-alone projects or jointly with other Rotary clubs or non-government agencies.

The Rotary centennial year showcased new and innovative projects under the leadership of president Larry Ocampo and his board, with sound advice from the Club's four past District Governors, Jun Tambunting, Tony Rufino, Oskie de Venecia and Guiller Tumangan.

On Wednesday, February 23, 2005, a group of Makati West Rotarians and their Anns boarded a bus at 9:00AM at the Fort in Taguig. They were joined by a delegation of Rotarians and Anns from the Rotary Clubs of Coimbatore Midtown, Coimbatore East and Salem Midtown in India. It was a lively bus ride that enabled everyone from getting bored as fellowship, good humor and photo opportunities prevailed through the hour long trip. The group proceeded to Philippine General Hospital in Manila to kick off (no pun intended) the Libre

Paa – Lakad (Walk Free project) by distributing 100 artificial limbs to the amputees.

The Walk Free project seeks to provide 250 artificial limbs to amputees and other disabled individuals all over the country. Three technicians were sent to the Philippines from India to measure and create the prosthetics for the project beneficiaries. Also in attendance for the Jaipur prosthesis project were representatives from RC Makati West, Makati-Ayala, Coimbatore Midtown, Coimbatore East, Salem Midtown, Bacolod Central as well as Philippine General Hospital Director Carmelo Alfiler and Dr. Sharm Ignacio, Chairman of the Dept. of Rehab Medicine and sixteen other physicians. Also present were the representatives from the Indian Embassy and the Mohaveer Foudation.

The group proceeded to go to the Zamboanga Restaurant in order for our guests from India to savor Filipino cuisine and to conduct a regular Makati West meeting. While there, RC Makati West unveiled its Gift of Life Project. Dr. Mon Diaz, a member of the Club and a heart surgeon introduced our first recipient, Vandre Serafico, a two-year-old boy diagnosed with a hole in his heart. Since his operation last December, Vandre has gained ten pounds and was the epitome of energy and spunk on the stage. The Gift of Life, Makati West project was conceived with the generous support of Makati Medical Center, the Gift of Life Foundation of District 7230, and RC Elmsford of New York.

Reports were also presented over lunch to update the membership on the extensive Centennial potable Water projects (23 deep well to be provided to different Barangays) we have that will give benefit to thousands of families in Quezon province and in the district. Once again, these projects were done in partnership with District 3300 Malaysia thru Matching Grant project 23308.

Updates were also given on the various medial missions conducted three times prior to the Centennial Celebration that range from optical, diabetic, hypertension, and general medicine to our communities.

The third leg of the bus tour took the group to Hiyas ng Maynila, a Gawad Kalinga project of Couples for Christ. The Gawad Kalinga seeks to build communities, not just houses for the poor, by enlisting their assistance in the construction of these houses, and providing pre-school services, livelihood programs, values formation, community awareness programs, and substance abuse rehabilitation, if necessary. The Rotary Club of Makati West, together with the generous support of RC Sapporo West, Philippine Honorary Consul Kenichi and Ana Maria Tobe of Sapporo (Japan), RC de Grasse and RC de Grasse Amiral (France), RC Singapore West, RC Honolulu West (USA), RC Busan West (Korea) and RC de Princesse Pauline (France) will put up 42 houses at a cost of P2.1 Million of US\$38,000.00 for the needy.

This cooperative coalition of international clubs from six countries will address some of the housing needs of the poor and the intention is to grow Gawad Kalinga and involve even more countries as we increase awareness of this very worthwhile project.

While these projects highlighted today's centennial celebration, there remain many more projects which the Rotary Club of Makati West has undertaken or will have to Undertake. As if the days worked is not yet enough, the Club's current and incoming Directors with the club advisers met for dinner to plan for another project for the next Rotary Year. Over dinner, they have discussed with William Magee-CEO from Virginia USA for the club to conduct Cleff/Palate/Harelip

operation in a continuing basis. At day's end, the group from Makati West and India while exhausted knew that it was a day well spent.

With able leadership from wisdom and experience coupled with a heart that overflows with generosity, there is no task that is too daunting for Makati West Rotaians as it continues to actively serve the less fortunate in society and tries to build a better future for the next generation. The journey has just barely begun and there are miles to go before we sleep but because of this day, the future looks a little brighter.

The start of the next 100 Years Service.



# Plenary Session



“Every Rotarian, Every Year”  
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### Introduction of Speaker

**Gary C.K. Huang**, TRF Trustee  
Co-Chairman, 2005 RI Presidential Celebration, Taipei

**Presider** : Gary C.K. Huang, TRF Trustee  
**Keynote Speaker** : Frank J. Devlyn, TRF Chair-elect  
**Panelist** (5 min. each) :

1. Fumio Tamamura, TRF Trustee
2. David Linett, RI Director
3. Dong Kurn Lee, TRF Trustee
4. William G.B. Gant, RI Past Director
5. Norbert Turco, RI Past Director
6. Masanobu Shigeta, RI Director-elect
7. Moses Mo-Chi Cheng, PDG, D.3450

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Fellow Rotarians, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
It is my great pleasure and honor to introduce my good friend and the keynote speaker today.

Frank is President and CEO of Devlyn Optical Group of Mexico, retailers, distributors, and manufacturers of optical products. Frank has served on the boards of various national, international, professional, business, civic, and philanthropic organizations.

He joined Rotary Club of Mexico City-Anahuac in 1970. He served as

- RI Director (1986-88),

During 1987, I was District Governor of Dist. 345. And we were honored to have him to serve as RI

President's Representative to our District Conference.

- Rotary Foundation Trustee (1996-98 & 2002-06)
- RI President (2000-01)

During this year, I have the honor to serve as a Director of RI Board under his able leadership.

His theme of the year is “Create Awareness & Take Action”. He published a most popular book “Frank Talk” in 7 different language including Chinese. He has received The Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

Now, he is the Chairman-elect of The Rotary Foundation.





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Buenos Dias / Good Morning!

Hola!

My family of Rotary.....

Great to be here at this presidential celebration authorized by our centennial R.I. Pres. Glen Estess.

Good to be back in Taiwan and in this important part of the world of Rotary. Like many in the world of Rotary, we still remember a memorable R.I. convention held here in Taipei.

Good to see so many friends, present, past and incoming leaders of R.I. & T.R.F.

Most of us who are senior leaders in Rotary are here because of my good friend dynamic, proactive past V.P. of Rot. & now Trustee Gary Huang who is a co-Chair of this pres. Celebration with Dir. Yoshikasu Minamisono.

I like to know my audience.....

I want each of you to get out a card with your email to give to me at the end of this program.

I promise...I will not ask for a loan....I might send you some important information of ask for your help for a Rotary project. Do mention if you also speak English.

Whenever I go to any event I wonder about the why, the what that brings us together.

This is an important event for this part of the Rotary world.

We come here to this presidential celebration to celebrate the past, present and ongoing work of Rotary in our centennial year.

Presidential celebrations involve forward thinking, visionary Rotarians and our centennial president Glen Estess heads the list.

Yes, visionary Rotarians who saw that a presidential celebration in this part of the world at this time would be beneficial to all as per our 4-way test.

Forward thinking Rotarians are all those who are involved in this presidential celebration co-chaired by P.V.P. and trustee Gary Huang and director Yoshikasu Minamisono & their team of outstanding Rotarians....

They realize that you are taking out valuable time from your work and your life....They want to make your time here meaningful and worthwhile....That's the why of the diff. topics important for this part of the Rotary world.

All of us in the family of Rotary are fortunate to be members of the most prestigious service club in the world...

We are fortunate to be here at this presidential celebration where you are hearing and will hear many ideas, comments, suggestions, observations, and recommendations on how to move Rotary forward....

Many of these ideas are from thinking inside the box. (What we normally do in Rotary & many don't)

Others are from thinking outside the box....

(What many clubs have never done in Rotary?)

At this presidential celebration, I hope that you might see things both from inside the box and outside the box

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with the end objective of helping your clubs and districts move forward as we enter our 2<sup>nd</sup>. century.

Subjects I personally feel of major importance are:

Membership development.

Retention

Better understanding of all that Rotary has to offer.

Specially the Rotary Foundation

Many of you are aware that I wrote a book called "Frank Talk"...The benefits of belonging to Rotary have your read the book?

Best seller...almost 100,000 in 8 languages.

I'm glad that we have those books in Chinese and Korean. Someday in Japanese.

My new book "Frank Talk II"

Gives proven successful retention techniques & proven ideas on how to reenergize a R.C.

You can buy or order both these books from your D.G.'s.

Let me suggest to our friends from the Philippines that they order this book in English from the India news, Rotary's regional magazine at a very attractive cost.

Remember all profits go to the Rotary Foundation.

Some of you might be asking yourself... just what does the Rotary Foundation do???

Why this campaign Every Rotarian, Every Year.

You will be getting a better understanding of the many things our Rotary Foundation has to offer & the why of E.R.E.Y. here at this session with the comments of distinguished senior leaders who will follow me.

As the incoming chairman of the Rotary Foundation, I want to remind you of the importance of our Rotary Foundation. It is the hope of the trustees that I represent that we can convince you today, that you make giving to our Rotary Foundation one of your priorities.

One of the best things about Rotary is the magic that happens when Rotarians come together. One Rotarian might not change the world alone, but with 1.2 million – now you're talking!

Our Rotary Foundation is an incredible example of Rotary magic. Most donations to the Foundation are not tremendous.

The Every Rotarians, Every Year campaign only asks for an average yearly donation of \$100 USD. But the actions that happen when all those contributions come together are invaluable.

Let's talk about some of those actions that happen because of your involvement in Rotary Foundation programs....Giving education to the girl child often overlooked in many countries; communities bettering themselves because a Rotary Foundation project gave them a needed water well; helping stop the spread of malaria in communities in Africa by giving them malaria nets; seeing persons getting a new lease on life because they received a needed heart pacemaker; Ambassadorial Scholars and group study exchange scholars spreading goodwill among nations...In India you see thousands who are blinded by cataracts seeing again because Rotarians such as yourself gave support to an avoidable blindness project..



Did you know that in the last 4 years almost 500 thousand yes, 1/2 million persons have had their sight restored or bettered because of Rotary involvement?

Yes family of Rotary, our Rotary actions do grow. Let's never forget that we have our crowning example where we learned to think big....

Thanks to -----Polio Plus....

Our foundation is what makes much of the great work that Rotary does possible.

This is why so many of us look upon our rotary Foundation as we look upon our university, our alma mater. We are grateful to it for helping US change our lives...Does not Rotary do likewise????

I personally look upon Rotary with more love than I do the universities where I received my education and I feel that many of you think likewise, which explains why we see more Rotarians giving more donations to our rotary Foundation every year.

Do you remember the moment when you were first turned on to Rotary? What project did it do for you? Was it PolioPlus, with its millions—literally, millions—of lives saved? Was it a local project, where you saw the shining faces of the people you helped? Was it the moment you learned how water pumps in a distant village could change the lives of a whole community? Was it when you give a wheel chair to a child?

Was it when you learned that in some parts of India 3 blind persons could have their sight restored with cataract surgery for approximately 100 dollars. Is the reason why you made a personal donation of 1000 dollars or convinced your club to do so?

I am sure that you like my wife Gloria Rita and me have heard or witnessed one of the many heart warming Rotary Foundation success stories changing lives, which encouraged many of you to make your first personal donation to our Rotary foundation. Later many of you heard more stories that convinced you to give those increased continual yearly donations we vitally need in our Foundation.

Whatever the story, whatever motivated you to support our Foundation----We can do it better, building a stronger foundation of which all of us as Rotarians are responsible.

I encourage you to make giving to the Rotary Foundation one of your major priorities in this centennial as well as the year ahead.

We need you to be our promoters in your clubs. We want you to be part of our Rotary Foundation team starting with president Glen Estess, Pres. Elect Carl-Wilhelm and myself, the RI Board, the trustees and your district governor who are all here to help you. You can also count on our regional Foundation coordinators, Foundation committee members and your district team including your club president and club Foundation chair. Some of you will find members of your clubs who are not fully aware of all the good work of our Rotary Foundation.

It is impossible for me with this distinguished panel to tell you this morning of all the programs of the Rotary Foundation. We can only hope that after this session you are encouraged to learn more about the great work of our Rotary Foundation.

We hope you learn about different fundraisers that help get the contributions for our R.F. that your club might also use.

We hope you learn about the different types of Paul Harris recognition you can receive for your personal contributions to our Foundation.

I want you to go out and tell those wonderful Rotary Foundation stories of how we have created awareness and taken action. Use our new 9 minute inspirational DVD that tells the story of the Rotary Foundation and its programs.

Let me suggest 5 ways that you might consider to help your club achieve the best year ever in giving to our Rotary Foundation.

) Make sure the members in your clubs know about our foundation, and how vital it is to the good work Rotary does. Some members think that we carry out the work of the Rotary Foundation with what they pay as dues. You have to remind them that is not the case.

Our Rotary Foundation supports many of the hundreds and thousands of projects that the public associates with Rotary worldwide. The scholarships, the univocational GSE teams, the orphanages, the malaria nets, the clean water, the wheelchairs, the cataract

surgeries, the local youth programs—you name it, our foundation is there. Encourage every member in your club to become more acquainted in our different rotary Foundation programs and projects. Help get local media interested in the work of the Rotary Foundation. This will enhance rotary's image in your communities. It might attract new members and will definitely make current members proud of our work.

2) The Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign is one of the best things that has happened to the Foundation in its 88 years. One hundred dollars may not be a tremendous amount of money, but multiplied by 1.2 million Rotarians, it's an amazing force for good. We in your Rotary Foundation hope that in your weekly meetings you might mention often our Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign. But first, make sure you make your donation yourself. Your example in giving will help others to do the same.

Remember that a dollar in your home community may not be as valuable as when spent on a humanitarian need in

3) Learn of new innovative ways to help our Foundation using a rotary affinity credit card where we receive a percentage for all purchases made. Robert Mintz will give all of us more details later.

4) We want you to help your incoming DG to form & promote the Paul Harris society. Most Rotarians are leaders in their fields and can make the \$1,000 or more contribution part of their annual giving so they can belong to this new Paul Harris society.

Many of you here today and other you know can belong to that ever growing number of major and significant major donors who make large donations to our foundation - \$10 thousand to one million dollars to our permanent fund.

Rotary dreams to get one billion dollars by 2025 and then use the interest to carry out hundreds of projects.

Rotarians are helping us by putting our foundation in their will's, some give outright gifts to become what we

call benefactors and those who promise more than 10 thousand belong to our bequest society.

Today we calculate having about 441 million in expectancies for our permanent fund.

I hope you share some of the wonderful stories of who these major donors whom we honored this morning and, most importantly, tell your club why they decided to give these large donations to our Foundation – trust being the key reason.

Would all of those who were honored this morning as major donors...as well as all major donors who have given over 10 thousand dollars to our foundation please stand up and be recognized.

We also have another group of significant major donors that belong to the arch klump society and they have their picture hanging at a special arch klump gallery at our rotary headquarters. These are persons who have given over 250 thousand dollars to our foundation. Here in Taiwan you have several distinguished Rotarians who belong to this select group of persons.

1. Jackson
2. Color
3. Archi

I remember one Rotarian from the South Korea telling past director, treasurer and trustee D.K. Lee and me that he was giving 250 thousand dollars to our Foundation because he felt that our rotary scholars for peace & conflict resolution might some day help unite his country.

Paul Elder, a Rotarian who donated 7.5 million dollars, the largest single contribution to our Foundation said & I quote... "The Rotary Foundation can do more good with my money than anyone else". His gift will continue to provide help for years to come.

5) Help us identify & convince those organizations who at present are giving money for special causes, projects who might want to partner with Rotary to carry out more of their humanitarian help....

I am talking about those Foundations, NGO's who at present without Rotary have available money to carry out some humanitarian cause who we might convince to turn that money over to our foundation to use our people power, our proven good stewardship to help carry out more of their humanitarian work. Let me stress.....I am referring to organizations that have available funds where we can be of help. I am thinking of those groups who might be investing 500 thousand dollars at present to help some worthwhile cause or project such as helping to educate the girl child, putting in water wells, malaria nets....you name it. We simply tell them if you give that 500 thousand dollars to the Rotary Foundation as a restricted gift we will get Rotarians to match that amount caring out the type of projects they support

I strongly feel that there are organizations out there in our world that will see the benefit of added enhancement, added credibility if they consider donating money to our Rotary foundation for whatever might be their pet or favorite project. They can use the good Rotary seal of approval.....

Look for added help to our matching grants outside of Rotary, There is a strong possibility that some government, NGO or business group with impeccable reputation might match the amount received from the Rotary Foundation.



Remember those cards I asked each of you to give to me at the end of this program.....Please hold up your card so I can see you understand me.

Now I want you to write down what new amount you will consider giving or promising to consider giving to our Rotary Foundation this year or next. You can also write down the name of a person or group who might give added help to our Foundation via partnering. We will follow up on them. –just make sure we get your card.

Finally my family of Rotary love the Foundation like you love Rotary itself. Keep in mind always that without our Foundation, the grandeur of Rotary as we know it, would not exist. Our Foundation is what brings Rotary from a network of service-minded individuals to something higher and greater—a bright and shining force for good in the world.

Let your personal proactive enthusiasm and dedication for our Rotary Foundation be seen by all the Rotarians in your club and I guarantee you that our district & club members will share in your excitement.

We are depending on you to create awareness and take action to celebrate Rotary by giving special emphasis to our motto service above self in your club and district by helping get more contributions to our Rotary Foundation.

My family of Rotary.....If we can depend on you to support our Foundation, stand up and say yes!!

Muchas Gracias.



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**Fumio Tamamura**, TRF Trustee

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President Glenn and our first lady Mary, incoming foundation Chairman Frank, Distinguished Rotarians and their family members. It is an honor and a privilege to be given the opportunity to speak to you as a trustee of the Rotary foundation. The Rotarians of Taiwan have been exceptionally generous in their support of the Rotary foundation for which we are deeply grateful. It is your money which pays for the countless service activities, which are being rendered throughout the world. The thousands of ambassadorial scholars who go abroad to study and to open new horizons for themselves, the hundreds of group study exchange teams which discover new worlds, new peoples and new cultures to enrich themselves enabling themselves to become citizens of the world. And of course, the greatest worldwide project ever undertaken by a private organization- polio plus for which Rotary has already spent more than 5 million US Dollars and today polio cases are down 98.2% from what it was 20 years ago. It was our last council on legislation last year which voted for conducting a \$100 A year campaign for the foundation. Our board of trustees acting on this decision.

Formulated an every year every Rotarian theme to be promoted to celebrate our centennial year. However this program will not end this Rotary year but hopefully will be carried on into future years by your enthusiasm and generosity. My Rotary club of Tokyo is not only the oldest club in Japan with 350 members but also its largest. Last June, I spoke to the incoming president of our club and he agreed to increase the annual \$50 collection which we had been doing for the Rotary foundation to \$100 or \$50 every six months when members pay their club dues. So our club is a 100% club. I hope this may give you an idea of what a forward minded club president can do. As you are aware, there still is much poverty, diseases and illiteracy among our brothers and sisters in foreign lands. If we are to hope for a better world for our children please help the Rotary foundation who is working night and day for this cause.



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David Linett, RID

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The every Rotarian, every year initiative will have a major impact on the future of rotary and combining these topics is very appropriate nothing has enhanced the international reputation of rotary as much as the ability of the rotary foundation to fund so many major projects around the world-especially polio plus.

The effort to have every Rotarian contribute to the rotary foundation is obviously not new. What is really new is the major campaign to make this effort a reality.

From my perspective as a representative of zones in the eastern part of the United States, where are some general principles we are applying:

1-directors, rrfcs, district governors and many club presidents are continually promoting the phrase EREY in many different ways-in speeches, at foundation seminars, in governors' newsletters, in club newsletters, at district conferences, PETS and other meetings, etc.

2-rotary leaders continue to emphasize deductibility of contributions to the rotary foundation for united states income tax purposes deductibility for taxes is not available in some countries.

3-rotary leaders stress that although there are many ways to contribute to the rotary foundation that the annual programs fund is critical to the ability of the foundation to carry on its year to year programs.

4-rotary leaders stress the tremendous needs throughout the world that can be attacked with increased funding of the rotary foundation.

5-rotary leaders give special recognition to clubs where every member has contributed to the annual programs fund.

How can a rotary club typically go about reaching its goal of EREY? Here's an actual successful method used by a rotary club in my home district the campaign that more than tripled the annual giving of that club to the foundation, was created based on advice by a professional fundraiser: develop a limited period campaign of one month or six weeks-preferably during foundation month in November. (a long, drawn out campaign produces much less impact and creates less impetus to contribute).



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Create written material to distribute to the members before the campaign starts emphasizing the need for every Rotarian to contribute and the general use of the funds. Announce the club goal and include a pledge sheet with the material. If possible have the club match the contributions with its own funds even if the club cannot match 1:1, any match is better than no match.

Emphasize that the campaign is asking every Rotarian to contribute whatever they can with the goal of an average contribution of us\$100 or more. If we overemphasize the US \$100.00 figure, it may induce those who can afford more, to contribute only \$100. to be successful we need many gifts over \$100 because, invariably some will give less than us\$100.

Argue that most Rotarians give to various other charities and should also consider giving to the rotary

foundation because the rotary foundation truly furthers world peace and understanding through educational and humanitarian projects.

Divide the club into small groups to personally solicit each member for a contribution during the campaign do not rely on general solicitations to the whole club one on one solicitations are much more effective ask for a small increase from each contributor each year consider enabling members to pay their pledges monthly or quarterly through the club.

If culturally appropriate, honor the larger contributions and announce the progress toward the clubs goals at each meeting during the campaign at least publicizing the names of all Rotarians contributing without amounts.

Celebrate the successful conclusion of the campaign.





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**Dong Kurn Lee**, TRF Trustee

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Good morning fellow Rotarians, Good morning Rotarians, 早安, it is a great honor and greater to have this opportunity to thank all of you on behalf of the rotary. At this time, I want to express my very special thanks to foundation chairman Frank, for kindly joining us here this morning at giving us a wonderful speech. As you know, the rotary foundation chairman Frank Devlyn, and also, at this moment, he is a honor counselor in Mexico, it is no doubt that, he has done a truly amazing work for our foundation. In addition, he is the writer of Frank Talk, as Gary Huang major's audience. The book told the story of how to overcome many objections coming into rotary. By writing this book, he has suggested, ways of how to improve the intention of our members. In his previous speech, he talked about the proactive member development, intention efforts. He claims that we could

be the best Rotarians by finding ways to have many concerns facing club, committees and our world. This morning, he has mentioned in his speech how to be proactive ways to raise funds for rotary foundation. This speech is a way makes our dream a reality. At this time, I would like to take a moment to share sympathy for his wife, Gloria Rita, who's recovering from a health crisis. Last week, we received a delightful email message from our chairman, we wish for her recovers and she continue gain full recovery in the near future. Also, we are going to thank those who have repeated sending major donors, especially co chairman Gary Huang and our director Minamisono. Their efforts make this special occasion possible. I also want to thank Tamaura for his great welcome remarks. Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful people not only from Taipei, but other part of the world. We thank you very much for your cooperation, and thanks to all of you.



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**William G.B. Gant**, RI Past Director

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Following PRIVP Gary Huang’s request that I serve on this panel, I contacted my successor director from zone 22, John Eberhard, to learn the latest about the **“Every Rotarian, Every year”** program. John reminded me that the program had two initiatives –to encourage every Rotarian to participate in a TRF humanitarian project that truly makes a difference in the world every year, and, to encourage every Rotarian to contribute to the TRF annual fund every year.

#### **John added:**

*“TRF of rotary international throughout its history has prided itself on being responsive to the challenges that confront humanity. Rotarians, through their spirit of volunteerism and generous philosophy, remain at the heart of the foundation’s mission to eradicate polio and further its humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs worldwide. As global leaders for doing good in the world, Rotarians work together to change lives in meaningful ways; they bridge the divide among people to foster world understanding and peace. We hope every Rotarian will take this opportunity to participate in their foundation and help to grow and sustain the foundation’s many wonderful programs. The generous support from every Rotarian to the annual fund rebuilds impoverished communities and nations by resolving conflict, championing human rights,*

*eradicating disease, feeding the hungry and educating children and adults.”*

To assist every cub and district in achieving success, periodically we will post new information and resources. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund ensures a bright future for all. Imagine how much more good we could do with the participation of *Every Rotarian, Every Year*.

2005 Goals and Progress:

2004/05 TRF Annual Program Fund Goal=US\$100.000.  
Contributions to 28 February, 2005-US\$43,637,220  
MILLION (43.64%)

THE THREE TOP DISTRICTS IN ANNUAL FUNDS  
PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS:

D 3690 (Korea) 179.60 / D 3640 (Korea) 168.06 / D  
2750 (Korea) 164.48



## 2nd Plenary Session



### “Every Rotarian, Every Year” Open Forum

#### Panelist

**Norbert Turco**, RI Past Director

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Dear Fellows Rotarians,

This is a great honor for me having been invited to participate at this open forum during this presidential celebration in Taipei.

And for me, this topic we discuss about today “Every Rotarian, Every Year” takes a special importance for the future of our foundation, and seems very consistency with our strategy for the new century.

Even if, in 2003-2004, the contribution to the Annual Program Funds (70M\$) well the most important of the history of our organization and that this year, the level would be higher, don't forget, few years ago, the Rotary Foundation was not able to finance all the matching grants: It did not mean that TRF was short in money, but only because our financial possibilities were not in related with the Rotarian's dreams.

To face this situation, do you remember, our trustee had decided moratorium about several programs, like 3H and a part of GSE; and these programs were reinstated last year, with the good results in contribution.

Indeed, TRF is like a bank account – without available funds, we cannot invest or withdraw them.

So what does mean this slogan “Every Rotarian, Every Year”? : Two things

- The first one, each Rotarian would be convinced by a donation of \$100 to the Annual Program Funds.
- The second: we need continuity in this funding and we cannot have volatility like in the financial markets.

The perception of the slogan is different according the part of the world we are. So, I suggest 2 or 3 ways, to improve the contributions, perhaps more appropriate in my area.

- You know, to realize a good investment in a hotel there are 3 conditions: location, location, location.

In our concern, I say transparency, transparency, transparency.

We must have a perfect transparency not only to communicate our achievements but also to inform the Rotary World, and the non-Rotarians of our financial statements.

Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation have significantly improved their financial communication on the past few years and aim at a better transparency. And audit like this requested by the Chairman T.... Carlo Ravizza will have certainly a position support.

Then, why not, an audit for example every five year and immediate communication of the results.

- If, in some countries the celebration to TRF don't allow taxes deductions, we have to imagine to visit Local organized associate.
- The use of the Rotary credit card should be strongly encouraged because it is a source of reverse for the Annual Programs Fund.

In total, if our TRF demonstrate that our contributions are well utilized, I am confident for a bright future. Then TRF will be in a position to rivet with other organization, in a market where the competition very strong today.



"Every Rotarian, Every Year"  
Open Forum

**Panelist**

**Masanobu Shigeta**, RI Director-elect

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Thank you Trustee Gary.

President Glenn, Chairman-elect Frank, Senior Rotary Leaders and my fellow Rotarians.

**[Slide 1]**

First, to make "Every Rotarian, Every Year" come true and ensure a bright future for Rotary, I would like to emphasize the importance of "Rotary Information", and then talk about the current actual situation of Rotary Information based on a questionnaire survey I did in Japan.

At the beginning of this Rotary year, President Glenn said, "Few organizations have survived the test of 100 years." As he pointed out, our Rotary has been very attractive. In fact, we can say the 1st Century of Rotary was based on its development.

I think, however, if we are to survive our Second Century, we need to attach great importance to how we can make Rotary ever more attractive. Times change and we must continue to change with them.

In Japan, and some other countries now, the membership of Rotary is decreasing. One of the main reasons is thought to be the lowering of the attractiveness of Rotary Clubs. So we should discuss "Every Rotarian, Every Year" from the point of view of the attractiveness of Rotary Clubs.

**[Slide 2]**

Speaking of clubs' attractiveness, it's practical to divide attractiveness of Rotary Clubs into two parts. One is inside attractiveness, that is, the attractiveness to current Rotarians, the other is outside attractiveness, that is, attractiveness to Non-Rotarians. The former is related to Retention of members, the latter is related to the membership development of New Members.

**[Slide 3]**

From this point of view, Club Service and Vocational Service support inside attractiveness. On the other hand, Community Service supports outside attractiveness. The Rotary Foundation promotes outside attractiveness and has won high appraisal for it. However, this kind of attractiveness is a little different from inside attractiveness. There might be some discrepancy between the two. Sometimes, even in an opposite direction.



In order to serve effectively, we must balance both inside and outside attractiveness by providing ample necessary Rotary Information. Especially, the very moving and touching information of the humanitarian programs of the Rotary Foundation.

**[Slide 4]**

To create awareness of the importance of Rotary Information and to discover how much information Rotarians receive, I chose 4 topics to use in the questionnaire I did at a District Assembly in Japan.

**[Slide 5]**

The four topics were:

1. the Four-Way Test
2. The four Avenues of Service
3. The Object of Rotary and
4. Resolution 23-34.

**[Slide 6]**

This is one of the questions I put on the Questionnaire: Did you receive this information before your induction into your Club?

**[Slide 7]**

This is the result of the question of whether or not Club leaders received information about the 4 topics before their induction into their clubs. The vertical axis represents "Yes" (green) or "No"(red), the horizontal axis shows the number of Rotarians and percentage who answered. The Rotary Foundation is related to International Service which is included in the 4 Avenues of Service. This is the rate they received the information before they joined their clubs. As you can see, that is only 25%. And this is only one example of my questionnaire survey!

Analysis of this survey revealed that many Rotarians will need more Rotary Information before they really trust the Rotary Foundation and realize supporting it as

part of the attractiveness of being a member of a Rotary Club.

In order for Rotary to survive in the Second Century of Rotary, Rotarians should be more educated with enough Rotary Information. While keeping inside and outside attractiveness balanced, let's make the vision of **"Every Rotarian, Every Year"** come true!

Thank you.



## 1 Plenary Sess



“Every Rotarian, Every Year”

Open Forum

### Panelist

**Moses Mo-Chi Cheng**, PDG, D.3450

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President Glen, trustee Frank, my fellow Rotarians and members of Rotarian family. Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. I am deep extremely honored to be invited to join this very distinguished event, and to speak after all those great senior leaders of rotary, after the elegant speakers, it is a definitely a good challenge for me. And I am conscious of the fact that I am standing in between the hungry you and lunch, so I try to be brief. Ladies and gentlemen, when the trustee decided to start the program, every Rotarian every year in April year 2003, in setting the target of trying to ask every Rotarian to contribute 100 dollars to the foundation by the year 2005. they have set out 2 very important principle objectives and this morning, we have heard a lot about encouraging the first objectives of encouraging every Rotarian who contribute to the foundation annual program fund every year. We must not ignore the second very important objective of this campaign, that is to encourage every Rotarian to participate in a foundation or educational program that truly makes a different in the world every year. And I am happy to report to you, that this 3450 where I come from, has earlier on in the year, has achieved the target of contributing per capital 100US to foundation in this continuing year. But under the great leadership of our

district governor Alex, we are shooting higher target, and hopefully by the end of the year we will be contributing more to the foundation. But when we look at our district, and ask our self, if every Rotarian has participated in 1 of the rotary foundation great program this year, I may not be as energetic as encouraging as the financial contribution result. So ladies and gentlemen, the traditional charitable spirit, in the Asian culture, has enable a lot of our Asian region or Asian district governor to achieve the contribution target much easier than the other objectives. But this last few years, were the Asian economic recession, and in particular our district since now we have clubs joining from Mongolia and from China, I think to ask every Rotarian to contribute 100 dollars US each to the foundation every year, may not be a realistic target for the district. But nonetheless, I feel that it is a great effort for senior Rotarian leaders in our district, who lead by example that will encourage the younger Rotarians to join them and help contributing to the foundation, those who can give, will give more. But I think it is very important for all of us, to encourage younger Rotarians to at least participate in 1 of rotary foundation projects and program every year. I will share my observation with you ladies and gentlemen this morning, first one is that

news and messages from the foundation must be disbursed effectively to the level of every Rotarians, I believe this will be extremely difficult and expensive for the foundation to do that previously. But now with the benefit of technology, the internet, the website of rotary foundation, we should encourage Rotarian to surf the net regularly. And with great email friend coming into the chair of the foundation trustee, I am sure that the Frank Devlyn's network of emails can be extended to cover lot more Rotarian, individual Rotarians, giving them first hand use, first hand program from the rotary foundation. The second point is I would like to make a little appeal on the behave of this region, since we have started the foundation sitting in this gathering this morning, that is to make promotion of material relevant to Rotarians in the different parts of or rotary. I think it is must easier for rotary leaders to go to the fellow

Rotarians and show to them promotion material of the foundation which carries projects and program. Funded or actually performed by Rotarians in the region. I am sure when we can better touch the heart, it will be easier to purse to make contribution to the foundation. And finally the third point I would like to make is really, I can not agree more, with director Coopter this morning. Tell me, I might forget, show me, I might remember, involve me, I will never forget. Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Rotarians, I am sure they will be touched to give, and give willingly and regularly to the foundation. To conclude, may I say this. In order to sustain the great work of the foundation, we need to keep the spirit of every Rotarian every year. And it will be incumbent on each and everyone of us Rotarian sitting in this room, to really get every Rotarians in our district to be involved in the rotary foundation. Thank you.





Taipei City Mayor  
Ma Ying-Jeou's Luncheon

**Introduction of Host & Speaker**

**Gary C. K. Huang**, TRF Trustee

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Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you Rotary. Allow me to introduce to you a fellow Rotarian, our host today. He is so popular here in Taipei, he has so much personal charm that many Taiwanese, both young and old, especially women, idolize you as a Rock Star! He is popular not only for his appearance, but also for his academic background and his achievement as the Mayor of Taipei.

He was born in 1950, in Hong Kong, after graduating from National Taiwan University with a Law Degree, he left for the United States and learned his master of call at New York University Law School and got his J.P. from Harvard University Law School. He worked as a lawyer for several large law firms in the US before returning to Taiwan. He spent 18 years working for the

National Government, first as Minister of Justice and then as Minister of State. In 1998 he defeated Cheng Sui-Bian, our current President during his pre election campaign for Mayor, so they put him first. I was told the reason he won the election was because most of the women in Taipei cast their vote for him.

He is not only a popular political leader, but a scholar who has written many articles and taught law. During his office, he has made Taipei a national cultural and artistic centre. His passion for running has motivated many people to be more health conscious. He is a member of my club The Rotary Club of Taipei, his Rotarian nickname is Rotarian Justice. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome our host and Mayor, Dr. Ma Ying-Jeou.





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Welcome Address

**Dr. Ma Ying-Jeou**, Taipei City Mayor

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Thank you Gary, honorable guests, rotary international president, members from rotary international president. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is really a very honor moment for me, as the mayor of Taipei City to welcome you all, to our lovely city. In addition to those who are English speaking guests. I also want to give my warmest welcome to Japan guests, (Japanese). For those from Korea, (Korean). And those from Mexico (Mexican). And from Thailand (Thai). And from Malaysia (Malaysian). Well, that's about it. And people from here (Taiwanese). Well, I think some of you might remember, I was here exactly about 3 years ago. Talking to you about the cyber city, and I am really honored to be here again, I should start my presentation right now, but after I heard what Gary said about me, I have to make little correction. I was born in Hong Kong, Correct, but actually, my parent came to Taiwan first, so I was actually concede in Taiwan. My parents wait to Hong Kong and I was born there. So quite a few people said, biologically, I was still made in Taiwan, well, in business terms, I was made in Taiwan, but delivered in Hong Kong.

Another little correction about my rotary club membership, actually, I am a honor member of the Taipei club, which is the oldest rotary club in Taiwan and first ever. And also the English speaking club, I was invited to join about 8 years ago. At the time, I just left my post as the minister of justice and at the time I was a

minister without portfolio. David Do asked me, what nickname are you going to use in our club? well I thought about it, and said, since I am a very active runner, why don't you call me runner? He thought, that's not right, try something else. Well I used to be minister of justice, and now I am a minister without portfolio, so when he introduced me, he seemed to have mixed up my two positions, he introduced me as, minister without justice. To compensate, he decided to call me, justice. That's how I got that name.

Again, he also mentioned, that 7 years ago, I joined the mayor race, and was lucky to concede the incumbent mayor, who a year and half later, became the president. So a lot of people blame me for conceding him.



The 4<sup>th</sup> correction, he said I have a lot women votes, but if you look at my records, you know, that my votes was equal either men or women. Well, we should come to business now.

I was asked to talk about what I have been doing last 3 years, actually, we have been promoting ideas of a healthy city, which was first aver gated by world health organization in 1986. In fact, the concept of a healthy city, from safe city, clean city, happy city, friendly city, sustainable city and so on. But all of those, in my view is a sharing city. In fact, rotary club, is a leader in this area. What does it mean by sharing? In the concept of sharing, it could have several items, if you want to share your time, your energy with some others, then you could work as a volunteer. So being a volunteer is to share your time and energy. It could be the easiest job in the world, it donates just 1 hour. But it could also be very difficult one. In our social welfare department, each year, we have many volunteers who have devoted more than 10 thousand hours. And that's sharing your time and energy.

Number two is sharing your property, that means you could donate money, property, stocks or antiques, again it could be very easy. You donate 10 dollars, or you could donate a billion. Number three, is sharing your health. What does that mean? Like blood donor. Donate with blood, so you share your health with other people. And number four, to actually share your life, what does that mean? You donate organ, organ donation. That has always been quite popular here in Taiwan. And there is Number five. You might wonder, what else is left? Well, your body. After you pass away, you can donate your body to medical schools, for medical research groups. Actually, I happen to have done all those, although some of the them are not done yet because god, has not yet to ask me to join him. I will do it when the time is right. I started working as a volunteer many years ago, until today, so I work as honor position in charity organization. I also donate a lot to charity organization, I was also surprised myself, because I have been working ever since about 25 years ago, so far I have been donated 1.5 million US dollars to quite a few organizations. I happen to receive

subsidies from central electric commission after participating twice in the mayor election. For each vote I receive, I will receive 30NT dollars as subsidy. So when I receive, for instance, 3 years ago, 870 thousand votes, so I got roughly 700 thousand US dollars. So far with 2 elections, I have donated all the subsidies to set up two foundations for cultural and social welfare. And for blood donation, I have donated 164 times, about 41000cc. actually in the last couple years, I have donated blood every two weeks, and unfortunately in the about last 6 months, I have to stop it because there's a restriction for those whom have been to a area which have been declared malaria, an affected area, and I have been to that area, so I have to stop donating for a year. I call that a blood jail, so I am actually in blood jail, I probably will be released by the end of the November this year. Unfortunately, I might have to go to similar country in that month, so I probably will be in jail again.



Well, for open donation, I participated in that program about 8 years ago. My serial number is about 20 thousand or so. Today in Taiwan, the number has reached more than 450 thousand. So there has to be a very positive, a popular plan, for organ donation. I have another little philosophy, if you were to donate your organ, when you pass away or about to pass away, you have to have relatively working, functioning organ. Otherwise, the receiver family wouldn't want to receive

it. So you have to keep your heart, you liver, your lungs in excellent condition that is why I work out a lot.

Just in case when God ask me to join him, then I will have a very good heart, lung or liver to be given to other needed people. And for body donation, actually in Taiwan, because of the social custom, it is still relatively difficult for medical school, for research purposes to get bodies, so they still hope, people in general will donate, and this is a content which have been in Taiwan for quite awhile. Well this is just for individual, but it is very fortunate for organization like rotary club, actually in Taipei city alone, the rotary club has donated more than 2 million US dollars to the city of Taipei. In the last three or four years, the rotary club of Taipei city have donated at least 2 parts and one is a new pool, and have helped more than 200 elderly people who lived alone. In addition to many other charitable activities, so we are really happy to have rotary club in Taipei city. They have tried very hard to share their time, energy, property and their health, with the rest of the other Taipei citizens. You know, after you have donated blood, it is a very fine feeling you have, when you walking down the street, looking at the people passing by, and you will think that, gee, in this country at least more than 150 people who have received my blood. You feel that, you contributed to somebody's health, that kind of feeling really tried to regular blood donors to keep doing that. It's funny how everyone competes to see how many times they have donated. Particularly in the end of the year they seem to want to report to their stock holders. This is a very interesting phenomenon, the blood donation community,

everybody asks each other how many times have you done so far? It is very encouraging. So this is an objective we are trying to achieve to make the city a sharing city. You always share with other people, I still feel quite impressed, and moved, two years ago, when SARS struck Taiwan. Many of you here, didn't have that experience, but that was a very scary experience. I know you know what SARS is, Sever Acute Respiratory Syndrome. There's a time when a businessman come into my office, said that he wanted to donate 100 million NT dollars. That's about 3 million US dollars. I was a little bit surprised. He said he didn't want his name to be known, and I asked why, he said about 10 years ago, his wife was seriously ill, and rushed to the hospital by ambulance, but she was turned down by that hospital, so she had to transfer to another municipal hospital, which was badly struck by SARS two years ago. But she was taken cared very well and she really recovered really well. The husband decided to donate 100 million NT dollar without releasing his name. I was really deeply touched, deeply moved. No matter how rich he is, he helped us a lot, to make emergencies purchases for materials for rescue and medical care. And this is something we have learned, we have undergone that process and understand that to make the city great it has to be a share city, we will continuo to do that with help. Not only rotary club, or other clubs but actually with every citizen of Taipei. Because we always something to share, with your neighbors or friends. If I am able to achieve my goal, by making Taipei city, a sharing city, I think 8 years of my tenure will not be in vent.



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Vote of Thanks

Glenn E. Estess Sr., RI President

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Your honor Mr. Mayor, it is a delight to have you join our group today and I want to present you with a memento of this occasion. Having been a Rotarian, you know that Rotary has been on a major project of eliminating Polio from the world. The Director of that program is Dr. David Seaman of the World Health Organization who headed the SARS epidemic program you mentioned earlier. This is a small token of remembrance to do with the elimination of polio that affects hundreds of children in the world to stop that transfer of that virus. We would like you to have this and take this gift in remembrance of this occasion and of this visit today.



## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum



### Presider

**Sakuji Tanaka**, RI Director

#### Panelist (5 min. each) :

1. Toshio Itabashi, RI Past Director
2. Kwang-Tae Kim, RI Director-Elect
3. Noraseth Pathmanand, RI Director-Elect
4. Paul C.K. Lee, PDG, D.3300
5. Chen-Yu Wang, Rotary World Peace Fellow, D.3510, Taiwan
6. Scott Stephen Thomas, Ambassadorial Scholar, D.5840, USA

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**Keynote Speaker** : Genshitsu Sen, RI Past Director



## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum

Keynote Speaker

Sakuji Tanaka, RI Director

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RI President Mr. Glen Estess, PRIVP Gary, Rotary International officers, all the Taiwan Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen,

At its 100<sup>th</sup> year, Rotary is a rare institution. Using the language of my Tea Ceremony profession, this is what we call a “once in a lifetime event.” I am honored to be invited and sincerely appreciate the opportunity today to speak on the topic of the “Future of Rotary” today.

Welcoming Rotary’s 100<sup>th</sup> year, the Weekly Bulletin of my Kyoto Rotary Club has this written “Another Hundred to Follow.” This is to imply that Rotary has completed its first 100 years and is now taking the first new step into the next 100 year. 100 years ago, Paul Harris and three friends formed the foundation of Rotary. Based on the ideals of “Charity, Forgiveness and Tolerance,” built fellowship among fellow men to make the world a better place. From Chicago, Rotary has expanded across the United States, Canada and then to the world. Today, Rotary is the world’s largest charitable organization.

The Future of Rotary:

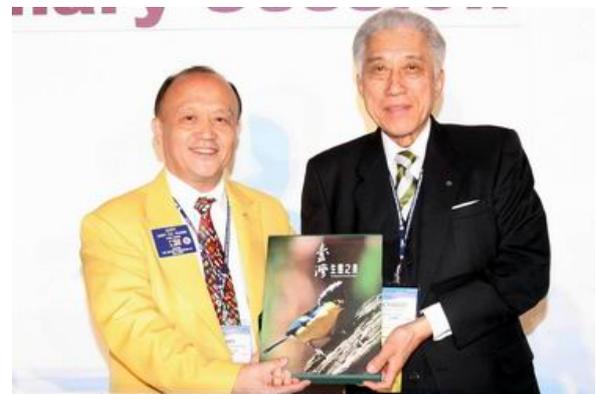
The ideal of peace—Before we discuss about the future we must first go back to the beginning, to the ideals of

“Charity, Forgiveness and Tolerance.” These ideals must be preached to the public.

The revival of the individual Rotarians—A Rotarian should be self-motivated. He or she should not only participate in club activities but also try to be active in district or inter-club events.

Reflection of the past—Increase our membership may be important but perhaps more meaningful should be our ability to attract like-minded, innovative members. Active pursuit of quality is more important than the increase in quantity.

Expanding the leadership—In the past, Rotary has been centered in the United States. In the future, Rotary in individual countries should become more proactive, more independent.



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The Unity of Rotary—If regional Rotary can become more proactive, the institution of Rotary then should then be reformed using the bottom up approach rather than then top down approach.

Contribution to World Peace and mankind—Rotary should work with the United Nations and other NGOs to further their contribution to the world.

In conclusion, hailing the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary, I would like to use one word to summarize my thoughts for the next 100 year of this great institution. This word is “together”. I have for this occasion composed a poem to express “Togetherness.”

### Together

By Juan Nakamori

Translated by Maya Koizumi

Together with you before you were born  
Together with you in your mother's body

Together with your father as he waited for you  
Till the world could finally embrace you

Together with you since you were born  
Together with you whatever your age  
Together with you wherever you go  
What's more, the world is always your friend

The light shines upon you, as birds serenade you  
As the wind rushes to you, the earth keeps you steady  
Flowers smile for you and water restores you  
While mountains protect you, clouds float with you  
Rainbows rejoice with you, as stars twinkle for you  
The sky watches over you, while others await you  
Together with you for as long as you live  
Together with you through sadness and hardship  
Together with you when you feel alone  
No matter, the world is happy to be “together with you”  
The World is vast and beautiful, and it holds you within

Let us go to meet the world, where together we will live  
within





## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum

### Panelist

Toshio Itabashi, RI Past Director

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Now we are celebrating the Rotary Centennial year. The President Glen Estess told that we don't only look back on those activities in the past 100 years and praise those results but also we have to learn many references to take a powerful step toward the next century of Rotary. It is very significant and we should consider it as a strong suggestion to us. Toward the next century of Rotary, I would like to mention the following three points.

In the first, we should enhance each Rotary club, To realize it, we should rethink the four avenues of service that are the basics of Rotary and conduct them certainly. First of all, for the club service, let's reconsider if our mutual fellowships are sufficient or not. And think about if the members in the ages of 70's, 50's and 30's are having plenty of discussion with each other. Relating to the quality of a new member, no one was an excellent Rotarian when they joined Rotary.

Let's make the members to participate in the service activities so that they act in harmony with each other and regard fellowships as important. By participating in the service activities and sharing their achievements and moving, the club will be definitely enhanced. To

do so, it will be necessary for each member to accept the variety of the senses of values and to have the spirits of tolerance and patience.

Next important thing is the new determination toward the vocational service. Rotary doesn't support the businesslike idea such as “Business is a business”. The unchangeable principle in Rotary is the action based on the ethics. So many big scandals have occurred in the world in recent years due to the lack of this ethics. Now the world needs Rotary.

In the second, we should think about the public relations from the new point of view. The most developed thing in the past 30 years must be the public relations. Reports by characters and reports by TV evolved into digital communications in recent 10 years and this communication means become popular more and more.

The receivers of reports also changed greatly corresponding to such changes. Especially the rise of young persons and women in this aspect is remarkable. Considering these points, our service activities that are

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taken into account the needs of the community need to be creative.

It doesn't become news with the stereotyped service activities year after year. Polio eradication is almost being attained since we started about 20 years ago and it is the immortal result by Rotary. We should convey our activities of water, health and literacy issues that President Glen Estess is emphasizing and we should also consider the means of public relations considering to whom we should convey these information.

As for the media of public relations, I recommend cable TV as it relates to the community very closely. Though the area is limited, it is watched well in the area and it is cheaper than other advertising media.



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In the last, we should consider woman as a new club member especially in Japan. Rotary must cover all vocations I the community. Many new businesses are establishing in recent years and woman managers have cut conspicuous figures in those fields. The number of women in Rotary is 12% in the world but it is only 3% in Japan. From my experience, woman members are enthusiastic about the club activities. I believe that woman members will have big effect to activate Rotary clubs.

I talked about the three concrete plans that become the big powers for Rotary in the future. In the last, let's step forward by realizing them and by being aware that Rotarians ourselves develop the second century of Rotary.





## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum

Panelist:

Kwang-Tae Kim, RI Director-Elect

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Rotary centennial achievements being celebrated just now in Taipei are fully showcased in the last one of 8 series of Presidential Celebration Conferences held under personal presence of President Glenn E. Estess, Sr. and under stewardship of Conference Chairmen, including Co-Chairman, Mr. Gary C.K. Huang.

The main theme of "**Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)/Future of Rotary**" in this conference immediately leads us to note that TRF Trustee, Gary Huang's idea of recruiting 100 new Rotary Foundation Major Donors, "in a significant way for centennial celebration," was materialized on 23 February, to reach 100 major donors. Now, 1.2 million membership fully deserves to claim for a right to stand high and proud to be the impeccable substance of the best and largest service organization in the global community.

The success of one hundred years started its initial year-after-year services to accumulate 100 times of annual efforts for humanitarian philanthropy at large. For its long-ranged interest, RI launched from 2001-02 and on, the development of a STRATEGIC PLAN to guide our association as it prepares to enter its second century of services. As to the important issues and challenges that Rotary faces in the coming decade, a list of 7 major goals was set as follows: Eradicate Polio, Sharpen program focus, Select new corporate program focus, Refine governance/leadership structure, Improve training and education at all levels, Expand and

integrate membership globally and Enhance public image.

I believe that educating Rotarians on the strategic plan will be the key to widespread understanding and acceptance of the direction that Rotary is taking. From 1965 to 1997 Rotary added some 62 countries, 16,600 new clubs, and 630,000 new Rotarians. And during 2002-03 year, 805 new clubs were organized, bringing 20,736 charter members. In that same year, the membership in existing clubs decreased by 36,000 Rotarians.

That resulted in net loss of 15,886 members. The net loss in 2003-04 was 8,013 members. We know that we cannot talk about membership development without talking about membership retention. It seems important now for all of us to try to devise a plan and a method that will ensure much higher rate of membership retention. Therefore, none will be more important to the future of Rotary International than the emphasis we place on membership recruitment.

As regards the future and programs of the Rotary Foundation, we cannot emphasize too much the enormous achievements so far yielded through the centenary history of Rotary. Almost 37,000 Ambassadorial scholars in 110 countries, nearly 20,000 Matching Grants for a total of some \$200 million, more than 11,000 GSE teams, 2,276 3-H Grants with \$71 million, and the Polio/Plus programs with committed

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\$537 million, are but some of many Foundation projects that have been arranged to help needy people. With annual RI due to be increased 4 dollars per annum for 3 years from 2004-05 and Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative for the Foundation supports, we are bound to boost our contribution support outreaching to the ongoing period of 21st century.

The future perspective for wide and deep dedication of Rotary to be provided for humanity is bright and promising. Our Foundation is destined to overcome and survive any obstacles or challenges that may invite us to encounter, as long as all of us here unite in one voice and act in harmony for the continuous services for mankind.

Thank you for your attention.





## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum

### Panelist

**Noraseth Pathmanand**, RI Director-Elect

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Mr. Moderator, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to share with you my thought about the future of Rotary in Zones 5 and 6. There are 12 countries namely: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bruni, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. A total of 40 districts. India alone, there are 29 districts, accountable for 72.5%. In terms of number of Rotarians, India has more than 90,000, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the world and it is growing at relatively fast rate.

Should this trend is continued, my prediction, which might be wrong, ten years on, the numbers of Rotarian in India, could become the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest. Looking at the other countries such as Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan which has only one district in each of them. If redistricting took place, into two, the growth rate in these countries then would be at a higher rate.

In terms of support to TRF, India has been number one in the world as a recipient of Polio plus grants and Matching grants and this condition would continue. On the other hand, India is the top 10 giving countries to RTF. With economic and memberships growth potential, India could be in the top 5 in giving in the future.

Polio virus transmission will be disrupted in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Thailand has been serving as CLE Literacy Lighthouse Center for many years.

Bangladesh is now a Lighthouse. Nepal will become one in few years time. Attempts have been made to introduce CLE Literacy projects in India, Pakistan and other countries in the Zones.

In Summary, the future of Rotary in Zones 5 & 6 is promising indeed.

Thank you.





## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum

### Panelist:

**Paul C.K. Lee**, PDG, D.3300

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President Director Sakuji Tanaka, Rotary International leaders and my Rotary friends

As we celebrate 100 years of Rotary's existence, we often discuss on what will happen to Rotary in the next century or what are the challenges of Rotary in the years ahead or what will be the Future of Rotary. The first question we may want to ask is “Is Rotary still relevant in the future?”

Rotary had played a very significant role both in alleviating the sufferings of the people and promoting better world understanding and peace in our first century of service. Rotary had been relevant then. Rotary is relevant now and I strongly believe that Rotary will still be relevant in the future.

Even in the early years, Rotary had been relevant and beneficial. Our own founder Paul Percy Harris acknowledged the relevance and importance of Rotary as he once said “Hundreds of small cities and towns, all but dead so far as civic consciousness was concerned, took on new life after they organised Rotary Clubs. Professional organisers were not necessary. Every Club had the impulse to pass on the idea which it found so beneficial in its city”.

Back at our district 3300, Malaysia, in one of our Centennial Celebrations this year, we honoured our former Prime Minister the Honourable Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his visionary leadership. When the honourable Tun Dr Mahathir was asked about what he thinks of Rotary, his answer was “Community needs Rotary”. What a profound statement. What an encouragement to Malaysian Rotarians. A statement

short, simple and apt. A statement that sums up the thoughts and appreciation of a national leader about Rotary. That Rotary is relevant. That Rotary has a vital role to play now and in the future. That Rotary is still needed by the community.

Through our World Community Service and Matching Grants programmes, Rotary clubs are able to garner more financial resources to alleviate these sufferings in their communities. The noble objective of providing financial assistance to bring the relief for the sufferings of the less fortunate by rotary clubs in another country and it often in another continent shows “Rotary Cares”. That Rotary clubs are prepared to work together for the common good of their communities demonstrates that “Rotary Brings Hope”. That Rotarians and Rotary Clubs continue to persevere and toil to implement humanitarian projects for the benefit of their people showed that “We Believe in Rotary” and that “Real Happiness is Helping Others” as we “Take Time to Serve”

Our humanitarian programmes crossed national boundaries. Our beneficial assistance reached people of all races and political alienation. We have made our world a global village. We therefore must continue this good work of humanitarian service through our WCS and Matching Grant programmes and continue to build bridges of friendship and peace through our Rotary Volunteers, Group Study Exchanges, Youth Exchanges, Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarship programmes.

I would like to propose two issues for your consideration as we deliberate on “The Future of Rotary”

The first is what I call “Rotary’s Future Manpower”. It could be Rotary’s future members or Rotary’s future supporters of our programmes. I refer this to the numerous youth program of Rotary. Programs we carried out so successfully for this one hundred years. Our youth programmes like Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholarship Programs are providing fertile training grounds for our future leaders. Rotary must place more emphasis on these youth programmes if we hope to achieve a better world, a better tomorrow. As the great Brazilian footballer Pele once said and I quote “If we want to have a better future, we must be prepared to invest in the future. The future of our world is the children of our world” unquote. My Rotary friends, our Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholarship Programs are at our doorstep in our common endeavour to create better leaders. Let us invest in them.

The second is our image or our identity.

We are all proud of the great humanitarian services of Rotary. We are all proud of our Polio Eradication Gift to the world. We are proud to be known as Rotarians. We are proud to wear our Rotary lapel pin. The question is how many of our 1.2 million Rotarians wear the Rotary lapel pin every day. I dare say that it is *not even one percent*.

How then can our Rotary Image be enhanced and promoted when we ourselves are not bothered about it? It is said that if we Rotarians do not care, then who cares? If we Rotarians do not wear the lapel pin, then who will wear it? The challenge is how are we to inculcate that change in mind-set?

Rotary needs an identity if the Future of Rotary is to achieve greater participation, more support and larger membership. *I place our Rotary Image as our greatest challenge in this new century.* We need to look deeper within and re-evaluate our own actions to check our own hindrances that retard our Rotary Image. We need unity. We need solidarity. We need a common identity.

May I humbly submit two areas that Rotary needs to look into to enhance our identity.

One such common identity is the dire need for Rotary to have a common Rotary blazer or Rotary jacket. We just cannot go on having different colour jackets every Rotary year. We need to achieve a status when the community sees a group of people wearing a standard colour jacket, they know that Rotary and Rotarians are at work.

Our second identity for solidarity is to have a Rotary song. Every nation has a national anthem where the citizens sing *with pride and reverence*. Many social and public organisations also have their own song or anthem. Rotary boasting of our 100 years of existence is still without an anthem. We need to have a Rotary anthem that will not only inspire our members but also create oneness and unity.

Let me close by stating that whatever will be for the Future of Rotary rests with us Rotarians.

I leave these with you and wish you a pleasant deliberation.





## “Future of Rotary” Open Forum

### Panelist:

**Chen-Yu Wang**, Rotary World  
Peace Fellow, D3510, Taiwan

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When talking about Rotary’s future, we can not forget its history. Back to 1905, Rotary’s founder, Mr. Harris, Paul, formed the world’s first club in Chicago, Illinois. From his simple intention to recapture a friendly spirit in a professional club, to today Rotary’s network around the world, we have witnessed the growth of Rotary Clubs globally and Rotarians’ efforts to build a better world by serving the communities. Rotary’s principal, “Service About Self,” is putting into actual projects and programs in every small township, cities, across boarder, and all over the world. Through servings, Rotarians are helping people in poor and hunger, children who need education, via exchange groups, Rotary is promoting understandings among people in the world.

I, myself, am also a receiver from Rotary’s kind support of Rotary World Peace Scholarship in 2002. I went to the Rotary Center for International Studies of peace and conflict resolutions in Japan, International Christian University in Tokyo for my master degree. This two-year program has brought me very precious experiences to broaden my eyesight and deepen my knowledge. Through my daily life with Japanese people, and several Rotary events, I become aware of the core

value of Japanese culture. Also, in many occasions, I interact with students, scholars, and professors from Korea, Bangladesh, China, Uzbekistan, Switzerland, Finland, Malaysia, Thailand, America and so on. These all contributes to my deeper understanding toward different culture and people. I, myself, although not a Rotarian, am actually practicing what Rotary believes everyday. Therefore, as a student in peace studies, together with my personal characters, many conflicts do not constitute conflicts to me, because I put ideology and politics aside, simply look at the people themselves, respect them, just like myself.

I have been to several international conferences, for example, UNU’s Global Seminar in Seoul and Tokyo, meeting students from Korea, Japan and China; we, the young generations, all think we need to look at the future, and there is no issue for us to sit down to talk about problems in the past.

I wrote my master thesis about Taiwan people’s ethnic complex, by weighting their Japanese consciousness and Chinese consciousness. I have been trying to approach the root of cross-strait conflicts in today’s Taiwan and China, by “knowing ourselves better.” In the end, I realize that people’s identities formation is from their personal experiences in time. In

Taiwan, there are so many people living in different time horizon with different cultural, political influences from outsiders; if by manipulating identity issues intentionally, a sharp national identity could be easily formed. But, national identity is not everything, but only part of people's identity recognition. We still have cultural identities in a wider sense. Moreover, in today's globalization era, the national boundaries are diminishing with internet access, multinational business network, and fast and convenient transportation. Same idea applied to the Northeast Asia, I think there are too many unnecessary conflicts resulted from misunderstanding and history.

Today, we are talking about Rotary's future. I think Rotary's future is with us, the people—the young generations. We should look forward in the future, instead of looking back in the past. We learn lessons from history. We should transfer those bitter experiences, unpleasant memories, and manipulated politics into a humanitarian act, peaceful solution, and love toward people.

We've seen many rotary clubs in Japan, Korea and Taiwan, serving the communities locally and internationally, however, in China, there are still limited

clubs. As far as I am aware, there are only two provision clubs in Beijing and Shanghai. I hope, in the future, we, especially for Taiwan's Rotary, can conduct more humanitarian assistance to the poor in China, and try to find a peaceful way, more than politicians capacity and doing, to promote mutual understanding in the grass root level. I believe, this bottom-up method, shall be the most effective way to promote peace, because it makes people understand the others' goodwill from the bottom of their hearts, and it connects people's hearts.

If there is any project Rotary is going to start with, I would love to be the pioneer and volunteer to participate in it.

Thank you very much!!



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### Panelist:

**Scott Stephen Thomas**, Ambassadorial Scholar,  
D.5840, USA

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## Lady's program

### Welcome Speech

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International Reception Room, (1st Floor)

First Lady Mary Estess, Guests and Friends:

On behalf of Taiwanese Rotarians and their spouses, I want to welcome you again to Taipei. There is a famous Chinese saying: "It is a great pleasure to welcome friends from far away places." It is indeed a pleasure to see you in my hometown. During the next few days, I hope you get the opportunity to visit Taipei's museums, try different Taiwanese and Chinese food, and shop in the night markets and department stores.

Today, we have arranged two very special programs for you. The first is the tea ceremony, which is an important part of Taiwanese culture. As you know, Taiwan is famous for its tea, such as oolong tea. It is a Taiwanese custom to serve the best tea to their guests. We want to show our appreciation and hospitality. During the tea ceremony, our host will teach you various ways of tea making and tasting. Through their

help, you will not only get to enjoy the tea, but also experience a sense of relaxation of both your mind and your body.

Another special program is the magic art of napkin folding. Over 20 well-trained Rotarian spouses will teach us nine different ways of folding napkins. We hope you can use what we have learned today to help your private parties at home.

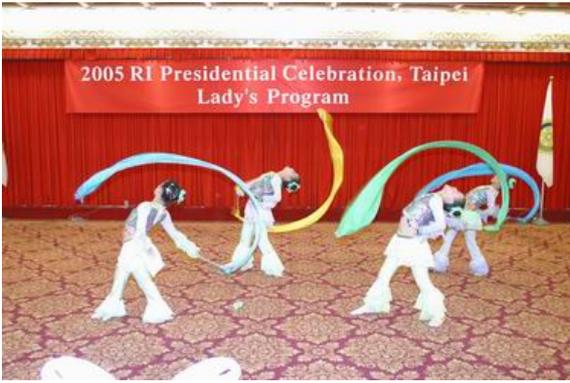
I hope you enjoy the program we have prepared for you today. I like to thank PDG Archi's wife, Betty. She has been working very hard to make this happen. Let's give her a big hand.

Once again, have a good time in Taiwan.

Thank you.



Native Dance Performance



The Beauty of Chinese Culture – Chinese Tea Art



The Art of Napkin Folding DIY



Ceramic Franz Fest





## Closing Remarks

**Glenn E. Estess Sr.**, RI President

Closing Plenary Session  
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Today marks a milestone for Mary and me—the end of our last Presidential Celebration.

I feel tremendously privileged to be serving as your president during Rotary's Centennial Year. Like Paul Harris, I had a rural upbringing, and like him, I used Rotary to make new friends in new places. Through the many moves Mary and I made at the beginning of our marriage, Rotary helped us settle in and put down roots. Everywhere we went, my first stop was the local Rotary club. We were always warmly welcomed, and we immediately felt at home. Wherever there was Rotary, a real community awaited us.

I have felt this warmth all through my year as President. Rotary is a truly international organization, with a presence not just in a few countries but in 168 of them. Yes, that is 168—we have just welcomed both Tajikistan and Equatorial Guinea to the Rotary family.

It's hard to believe how much Rotary has grown in such a relatively short time—from one country to 168, four members to 1.2 million. It's grown because of all of you here today, and people like you, year after year in every one of Rotary's clubs.

You are Rotary's present, and you are also Rotary's future. What you do today in your clubs, through your projects, and through the Foundation, continues to strengthen Rotary across the world. Not only through your work and the help you give, but through the example you set to others—and the reputation you build for Rotary International as an organization of ethical,

responsible, and volunteer-minded individuals. Because of you, people around the world know that Rotarians are people that they can trust.

Trust, as all of you know, is something that cannot be bought or sold, or given away. It must be earned. With every generous act, with every ethical act, with every example of kindness and honesty that you show the world, you earn trust for all Rotarians. We build that trust, little by little, with everything we do.

I hope that, over the last year, I have continued to earn your trust. Now, in a little over a month, I will pass the presidency of Rotary International to President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, who will ably guide Rotary into its second century.



But first—there's going to be a birthday party.

It's not too late to make plans to come to Rotary's Centennial Convention in Chicago. And if you can possibly make the trip, I urge you to consider it. As

wonderful as these Celebrations have been, the Convention promises to be the highlight of this Centennial Year. We're expecting record numbers of Rotarians from around the world, and have planned a number of events that you've never seen before at a Rotary convention—including a centennial parade through downtown Chicago.

The best reason to go, of course, is the incredible opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the world, and form lasting friendships and club partnerships.

There is so much to celebrate about Rotary's first one hundred years. We have brought food to the hungry, medicine to the sick, and education to the illiterate in every corner of the world—in thousands of ways, in thousands of communities, every single day. The difference that Rotary has made to the world is truly incalculable.

And if we had done no other work, PolioPlus alone would be a great source of pride for all Rotarians.

What is there to celebrate about Rotary's work in the elimination of polio?

- The 99-percent reduction of annual polio cases from one thousand a day to one thousand a year.
- The five million children who are today walking and playing normally, largely through Rotary's efforts.
- The 70 percent of children who now live in polio-free countries, compared with 10 percent when Rotary began the campaign.
- The decline in the number of polio-endemic countries from over 125 to 6.
- And the promise of a polio-free world, not just in our children's lifetimes, but in our own.

Rotary gives so much to so many. But as much as Rotary gives to the world, it gives back to every one of us. Through Rotary, I have had experiences and opportunities I could never have had in any other way. I have met Rotarians and their families, been welcomed into homes and communities, with a warmth of welcome unknown outside of the Family of Rotary.

Rotary is a wonderful organization. But it is nothing without its clubs and their members—all of you. Thank you, all of you, for your essential part in Rotary's first century of success. And thank you for giving us so many wonderful ways to *Celebrate Rotary*





## Recognition and Thanks

**Gary C.K. Huang**, TRF Trustee  
Co-Chairman, 2005 RI Presidential Celebration, Taipei

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A good Rotary conference is like a grand symphony. We need all the different music instrument to make it happen. Everyone of you is like a musical instrument. Your participation and your contributions are important. All of you have made this presidential celebration a very successful one.

Thank you and please give yourself a round of applause.

Like a grand symphony, all good things must come to an end.

Before we say goodbye, I would like to thank The Rotary Foundation Chairman-elect, RI past president Frank Devlyn. I understand that you have to make major changes of your plan to grace the conference, and to give personal recognition to our major donors. That means a lot to us. Thank you.

At the same time, I also want to offer my thanks to all our current; incoming and past directors, members of the Trustees for your continued support. You are my true friends. We appreciate your input and your contributions to the conference. Your dedication to Rotary inspires everyone of us in Taiwan. Thank you.

Since the theme of this conference is "Every Rotarian, Every year, the future of Rotary," I want to give my heartfelt thanks to the 106 centennial major donors. Your generosity and your participation have made the conference more meaningful. Your contributions will enable the Rotary Foundation to do more good work around the world. I would like to ask all the centennial

major donors. Please rise and to be recognized once more.



I want to thank the organizing committee members, who have volunteered countless hours in preparing for the conference. Your hard work has enabled us to run the conference smoothly. PDG Jackson Hsieh and all the Organizing Committee, please stand up. Let's give them a round of applause.

Of course, we can't forget our Sergeants-at-arms. Your tireless efforts have ensured the orderly procession of the meeting.

During the past two days, people have come up to me and told me how much they enjoyed the food and the wonderful entertainment programs. Let me tell you: These are the meticulous work of the fellowship committee. Ladies Committee Chair Betty and all the Committee members, please stand up.

I would also like to thank three RI staffs for their assistance and support: Robert Mintz, Larry Shawver, Howard Chang, Wen Huang.

Last, and most importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the man whose vision and guidance, and whose attentiveness to Asia have made this conference possible. Thank you, President Glenn for choosing Taipei as one of the seven cities to celebrate the Rotary centennial. As you can see from the conference, you have the full support of Rotarians in Taiwan, and Asia. We cannot claim that your last

celebration is also the best, but I hope the unity and high spirit of Rotarians in Asia have left you with good memories.

Now, on behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to invite President Glenn and Mary to come up to the podium.

Thank you and have a good night. See you all in Chicago !





## Welcoming Remarks

### At Minister of Foreign Affairs' Banquet

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Amb. Y.C. Chen

President Glenn Estess and Madame Estess, Co-chairs Gary Huang and Yoshikazu Minamisono, Rotary Foundation Chair-elect Frank Devlyn, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: Good evening!

On behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, it gives me great pleasure to host this dinner party in honor of all our Rotary International friends from around the world. I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you tonight. This is a wonderful opportunity to nurture fellowship and mutual understanding, and to raise awareness and publicize the good work of Rotary as we jointly celebrate the centennial.

Thanks to the unrelenting efforts of Rotarians all over the world, the service projects of Rotary International have flourished in the global community and become universal symbols of love and service. Through your organization, accomplished individuals in all corners of the globe, inspired by their love for others, have come together to serve the community and make lasting contributions to the development and progress of society.

I want to especially single out the success of the "PolioPlus" program that was launched in 1985 by Rotary International to protect children worldwide from the cruel and fatal consequences of polio. Since that time, Rotary's efforts and those of partner agencies

have achieved a 99 percent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide. Polio was officially declared eradicated in Taiwan in the year 2000. We are proud to contribute our successful experience and be a "PolioPlus Partner" to assist those who are working to prevent the disease in their communities.

Taiwan's achievements in health go beyond this. For example, since 1995, we have implemented the National Health Insurance Program, offering comprehensive coverage to our 23 million people, including those with serious diseases, chronic ailments or critical injuries. Besides, Taiwan's modern medical services and advanced biotechnologies are certainly world-class. We are ready and willing to contribute our knowledge to the international community, and to share with other countries our successful experience. That's why Taiwan has the honor and privilege of holding the 23rd Quadrennial Congress of The International Council of Nurses from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Ladies and gentlemen, we all know that health concerns are focus points of Rotarians around the world. In this era of globalization, we are all interdependent. This is particularly true in terms of disease control and prevention. Diseases have no regard for political or geographical borders. The outbreak of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the avian influenza (AI), for example, have taught us a great deal about the importance of working together to prevent and contain

the spread of infectious diseases. However, Taiwan's absence from the WHO since 1972 constitutes a critical missing link in the global network of health and medical care. For the sake of our 23 million people, the government launched in 1997 a campaign to gain observer status in the WHO. We have made some progress, including the support of the USA, Japan and other friendly countries, but we have not reached our goal yet.

We hope that the 1.2 million Rotarians in 166 countries can kindly lend their support to this important endeavor. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by the 23 million people of Taiwan.

I am proud of the great strides Taiwan has made in the past 50 years. Taiwan is a small island with limited natural resources and vulnerable to earthquakes and typhoons. Nonetheless, we have been able to achieve economic growth from per capita of USD 100 half a century ago to USD 14,032 in the year 2004. The main reason for this is our success in educating our citizens, and developing a democratic system, a market economy and the respect of human rights.

Looking back over history, Taiwan has experienced successes and setbacks, as well as opportunities and challenges in the development of its foreign relations. But we have never given up our hope of actively seeking to participate in international cooperation, and to fulfil our obligations as a member of the international community. In December 2004, an earthquake and subsequent tsunamis devastated several countries in South and Southeast Asia. Our government took the earliest opportunity to convey condolences to those countries and announced a US\$50 million donation package to assist affected countries with relief and reconstruction efforts. In addition, both the public and private sectors in Taiwan pulled together more than NT\$2 billion in donations and over 355 tons of relief supplies, sending around 500 people to Aceh and Phuket to participate in relief efforts. Such efforts reflect

Taiwan's humanitarian spirit, which I believe, resonates with the good work and humanitarian mission of Rotary.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, let me wish you a happy centennial and a pleasant stay in Taiwan.

Thank you and enjoy this beautiful evening.

