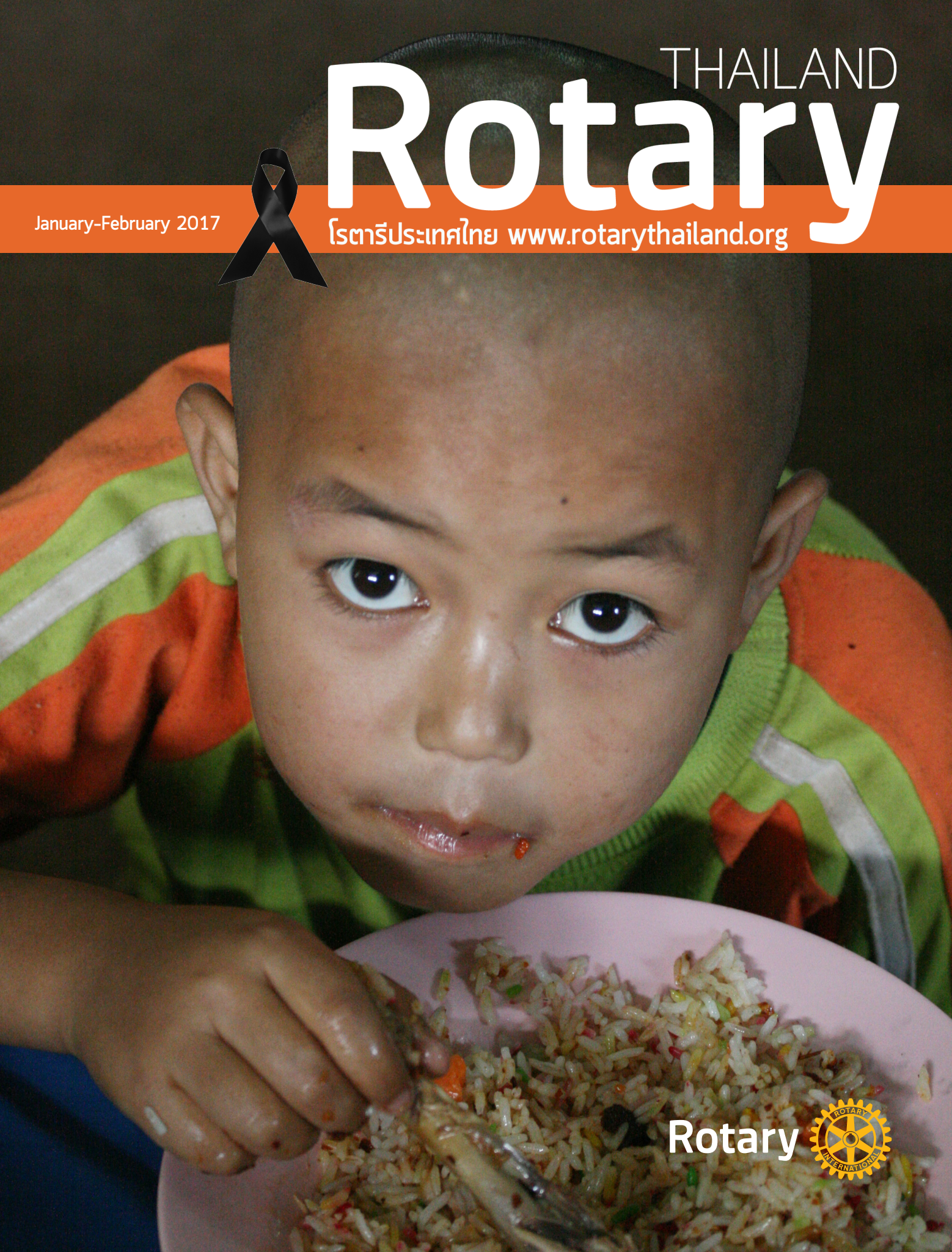


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What is Rotary? The Object of

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world”

The Four-Way Test

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Of the things we think, say or do

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster :

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business, and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

At a Glance

the rotarian (April 2017) As of 30 November 2016

ROTARY	ROTARACT	INTERACT	RCCS
Members : 1,227,217	Members: 226,389	Members: 483,230	Members: 210,500
Clubs : 35,263	Clubs: 9,843	Clubs: 21,010	Corps: 9,154

Message from RI President

John F. Germ, January 2017



Dear Fellow Rotarian,

As we enter 2017, we also enter the second year of the initiative known as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. These goals, usually referred to as the SDGs, pertain to a list of 17 areas where the people of the world can come together to address our most pressing economic, political, and social challenges. It is a hugely ambitious list, and it has to be. The ultimate aim of these goals is nothing less than peace, prosperity, security, and equality for all of humanity.

How do you even begin to tackle such a project? At Rotary, our answer is simple: one step at a time. These goals are nothing new for Rotary: They're already reflected in our areas of focus. We also understand that all of these 17 goals, just like our six areas of focus, are interrelated. You can't have good health without clean water. You can't have clean water without good sanitation. Good sanitation in turn helps keep children in school, which improves education, which improves economic prosperity and health. When you are talking about the advancement of an entire planet, no one indicator, no one goal, no one country, exists in isolation. To make real and lasting progress, we must all move forward together.

The idea of sustainability is key to the SDGs – and to our service in Rotary. Sustainability simply means making progress that will endure. It means not

just digging a well, but being sure that a community can maintain it. It means not just running a health camp for a week, but training local health workers. It means empowering families and communities to take charge of their own futures by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Sustainability has always been at the heart of our thinking in Rotary. We've been around for nearly 112 years and intend to be around for many more. We've already seen the difference our work has made: in health, in education, in water and sanitation, and of course in our efforts to end polio.

Polio eradication is the ultimate in sustainable service: a project that, once completed, will benefit the world forever. And those benefits will go far beyond the eradication of a single human disease. The estimated cost savings we will see once polio is eradicated are about \$1 billion per year. That is money that can be returned to public health budgets and directed to other pressing needs, carrying the good work of today forward for many healthier tomorrows.

John F. Germ
President, Rotary International

Message from RI President

John F. Germ, February 2017



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On 23 February, we will mark 112 years since the founding of Rotary. It is incredible to think about how much has changed, in our world and in our organization, since the first Rotary club met in Chicago with Paul Harris as its president.

Some things are easy to compare between now and 1905. There have been changes in technology, medicine, and society. When we look at a map of the world in 1905 and a map of the world today, we can see what's different. What we can't do is compare what is with what might have been. There is no way to compare our world as it exists now with the world as it would have been without Rotary.

Rotary has risen to so many challenges in its 112 years. We've answered conflict with peace, and poverty with education. We've responded to a lack of basic health care with projects large and small, from equipping clinics in tiny villages to eradicating polio across the globe.

We will never know how different the world would have been if Rotary had never been founded; if any one Rotary club had never been chartered; or if any single Rotarian had declined the invitation to join a Rotary club.

But I will say, with absolute faith and complete

confidence, that the world is a far, far better place now than it would have been without Rotary and that Rotary itself is stronger because of every one of you.

The world needs Rotary more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation, and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organization that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly, and in friendship.

None of us ever knows the full impact of our actions. None of us knows the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize, and those we let pass. But I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow; and that when we choose Service Above Self as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one.

No one can see the future. No one knows what changes lie ahead. But I have faith in Rotary, and in Rotarians, that with every passing year, you will make our world a better place through Rotary Serving Humanity.

John F. Germ
President, Rotary International

On the Web

*Speeches and news from RI President John F. Germ
at www.rotary.org/office-president*

Message from the Foundation Chair

Kalyan Banerjee, January 2017



Celebrate the New Year

January marks the start of a new year on many calendars, but in Rotary, we begin our year in July. That puts us at the halfway point – a good time to take stock of our progress and set goals for the remainder of the year.

An annual to-do list for The Rotary Foundation might include the following items:

- Contribute to the End Polio Now campaign to take advantage of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 2-to-1 match.
- Start a simple or large-scale project in your community supported by a grant and keep the community informed.
- Recommend a promising candidate for the Rotary Peace Centers program.
- Host a Rotary Scholar or vocational training team.
- Enroll in Rotary Direct for easy recurring giving.
- Include a bequest to the Foundation in your estate plan.
- Apply for a Rotary International credit card, which allocates a portion of each purchase you make to The Rotary Foundation.

As you can see, there are many ways to support our Foundation and carry out its humanitarian mission. This year, we have another item to add to our checklist: Celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial.

Here are some of the ways you can observe this milestone:

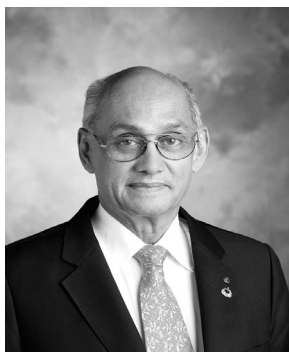
- Work with your club to plan a birthday party, fundraiser, or event in your community to let others know more about Rotary and its Foundation. Download a promotion kit from rotary.org/foundation100 for ideas.
- Promote your club's Foundation grant projects to local media.
- Dedicate club meetings to the discussion of Rotary Foundation topics.
- Read the history of The Rotary Foundation in *Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years*. Copies are available in hardback or e-book format at shop.rotary.org.
- Share your centennial plans and events on social media using #TRF100.

Of course, the biggest birthday party of all will take place in Atlanta from 10 to 14 June, when thousands of Rotarians will come together for the Rotary International Convention. I hope you will join me and the Foundation Trustees to make this the best party of the year.

Kalyan Banerjee
Foundation Trustee Chair, Rotary International

Message from the Foundation Chair

Kalyan Banerjee, February 2017



Our Foundation's long commitment to peace

This February, let's celebrate the success of our Rotary Peace Centers and the important work that graduates of the program are doing throughout the world to honor Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. I think it's also important to note that the launch of the peace centers in 2002 built on many decades of peacebuilding efforts supported by our Foundation.

In the 1930s, clubs in France and Germany formed the first petit comité, now known as an intercountry committee. Both countries were still recovering from a devastating war, but the former adversaries knew that peace, however fragile, was worth keeping. Although a second world war dashed their hopes, these peace-minded Rotarians reconvened in 1950. Since then, Rotarians have formed 250 intercountry committees to promote international friendship and service.

Rotarians have long believed that international understanding develops most quickly through personal relationships. Before study abroad programs and international business travel became commonplace, our Foundation sent scholars and young professionals to other countries to experience different ways of living and doing business. For many

participants, these life-changing adventures helped them view the world through the eyes of their hosts, who often became close friends.

Every year, our Foundation allocates millions of dollars for projects that attack the root causes of conflict – lack of access to education, health care, economic opportunity, clean water, and adequate sanitation. Our global grants have a unique requirement that moves the needle on peace even further: To qualify, project sponsors must include clubs from at least two countries. In addition to combining local knowledge with international and Foundation resources, these projects build friendships that often lead to long-lasting service relationships between the sponsoring clubs.

Of course, one of the best places to form international friendships is at our annual convention, where Rotarians from dozens of countries come together. This year in Atlanta, we will celebrate The Rotary Foundation's 100 years of Doing Good in the World. I hope you will join me and thousands of your fellow Rotarians for the biggest birthday party of the year!

Kalyan Banerjee
Foundation Trustee Chair, Rotary International

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Editorial

PP.Vanit Yotharvut, D.3360, RI

Fellow Rotarians,

A picture paints a thousand words.

Thousands of pictures are not the same as seeing them for yourselves.

In this digital age, the whole world is minimized into our hands.

A virtual world is still not a real world.

Meeting and talking with people is still necessary.

In Rotary, we have meetings at various levels including club, district, regional and international. Participating in these meetings is an important part of building relationships from which many other great things will follow.

This newsletter has gathered the experiences of the participants at the 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute held in Bangkok and would like to share them with you.

Yours in Rotary
PP Vanit Yotharvut

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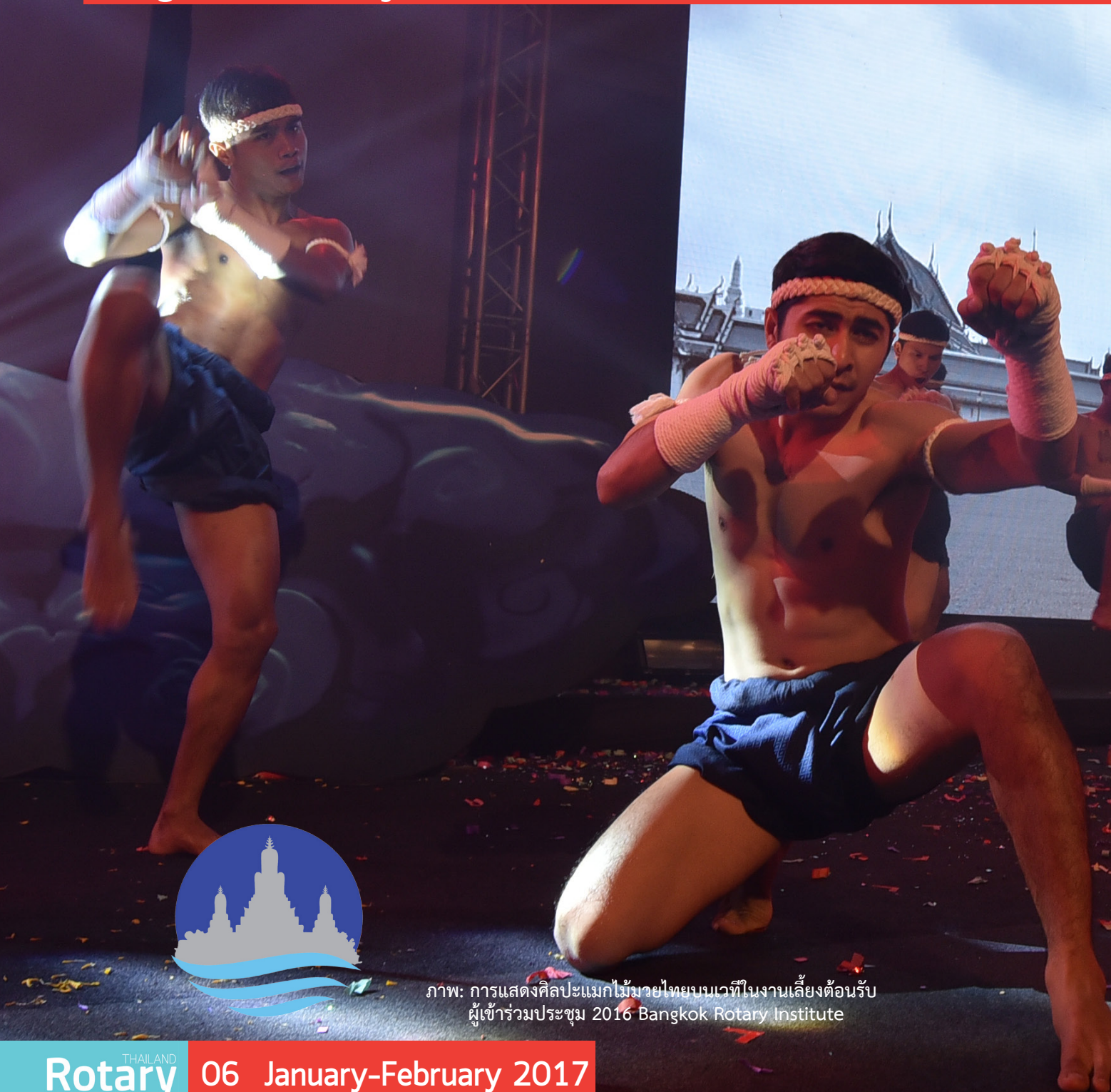
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Article



LIKE MOST thinking individuals, Ian Riseley is concerned about a broad range of global issues. But two of these-polio eradication and peace-will be topping his agenda this year, as he assumes his role as the new president of Rotary International (RI) for 2017-18.

He was in Bangkok last month to attend the 2016 Rotary Institute convention the brought together some 1,500 Rotarians from around the world to discuss the key goals that Rotary sets out to achieve during his term.

“The Rotary Institute in Bangkok is a gathering of Rotary leaderships from different Zones and regions. My role now is to tells our members what’s going to happen in 2017 and discuss the ways in which Rotary can better serve the world community,” says Riseley, adding that Bangkok come as a natural choice for a conference of 1,000-1,500 people.

The Australian is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co, a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own business, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia. He has served Rotary International as treasurer, director, and as member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees. Most recently, he was a trustee of The Rotary Foundation and the co-chair of the 2016 (Seoul) Convention Committee.

Peace has always been high on his personal agenda and he has been recognized for his efforts with the Aus AID Peacebuilder Award for his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

Riseley and his wife Juliet live on seven hectares at Moorooduc where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living.

Succeeding American John F Germ as RI’s new president, Riseley is confident that under his leader-ship, RI will remain as great as ever.

To achieve that though, there are three areas on which he will need to place emphasis, The first is for Rotary to quantify in telling the world what it is that Rotary does, the second, to improve its public image, and last

*IAN RISELEY, TALKS ABOUT THE ORGANISATION'S
DUAL MISSIONS OF ERADICATION POLIO AND
BRINGING ABOUT PEACE*

Speaking out for conflict resolution

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but by no means least, to tell the world what Rotary means.

Riseley is hoping to put an end to polio while extolling the virtues of peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary, along with partners like Unicef and the World Health Organization, has reduced polio cases by 99.9 per cent worldwide since its first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Ever since Rotarians have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. With polio left mostly in Pakistan and Afghanistan, it looks set to become the second disease after smallpox to be eradicated from earth.

“My major aim is polio eradication. The scale of what has been achieved has been so significant that from about 350,000 cases a day in the mid-1990s to this month, the incidence is down to 32 cases. The last few cases are proving to be more difficult to achieve, but we are hanging in there. We are close to eliminating polio.

“This has to do with the way in which Rotary has been able to form partnerships with Unicef, WHO, and, for the last 15 years or so, with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. They have provided us with hundreds of millions of dollars for polio eradication campaigns through the Rotary Foundation, he says with a grin.

Disease prevention and treatment is one of RI's six focus areas. The other are peace and conflict resolution, water and sanitation, mother and child health care, basic education and economic and community development.

Peace in the world is the ultimate objective, confirms Riseley, noting that his organization has been funding short peace studies programmes at Chulalongkorn University. Rotary also annually funds master's-level peace-related programmes at peace centres in Australia, Sweden, England, the United States and Japan.

“Peace is becoming more important for Rotarians around the world. We believe peace is a very important aspect of making life better for all sorts of people. Next July, we will be having presidential conferences discussing how each of the

six focus areas relates to peace. For example, how education impacts upon peace, and how disease prevention impacts upon peace,” says Riseley.

He adds that Rotary will be introducing cultural exchange programmes that will enable young Rotarians to spend some time overseas to learn new cultures, which he believes will augment the prospects for peace and harmony.

Riseley underscores Rotary's engagement with peace activities to highlight its clubs' substantial contribution to Europe's ongoing refugee crisis. A Rotary club in Sweden, for example, has been providing help and support to refugees who have been allowed into the country.

“I was in Sweden last month. Sweden has more refugees in the south of the country than any other European country except Germany. This small town in the south of Sweden has tens of thousands of refugees coming in. They wait there while they are being evaluated to determine whether they are refugees. What are the options? They could just sit there and do nothing all day and just be unhappy.

“But the local Rotary club utilizes their talents and skills. They take donated items and get the refugees to work on them, even making shoes. And once the refugees have had their status approved, they can go into the store where all of the items have been replaced and take what they need to set up house. This project was mind-blowing for me. The fact that a relatively small club of 50-60 members could provide help for people who had come from the other side of the world under very difficult circumstances, is a wonderful thing,” he says.

Rotary is in the best position to tackle these global issues thanks to a greater geographic spread than other similar organizations.

“We can do things everywhere with our 1.2 million members. That's a significant number, but we can have more,” he says, adding: “The best work of Rotary, apart from major global projects like polio, is where local Rotary clubs see a need and get involved. I sincerely believe that that's why our organization is as great as it is.”

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

Writers: RID Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich



The 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute was a great success attended by 1,670 participants (excluding over a hundred Rotarians who were on the organizing committee). This number was beyond expectation and broke the Institute attendance records of Zone 6B and 7A. The success resulted from close cooperation of the 19 participating countries. The countries with the highest number of participants were Bangladesh, Pakistan followed by Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and other countries.

There were 210 participants from Thailand, more than in 2010 when we were the host. As convener, I allowed Rotarians from each club to attend the conference. However, the number of attending Rotarians from Thailand was still low when compared with that of other countries. One reason might be English used during the whole conference. However, there was translation into Thai and Chinese during the plenary sessions.

Institute is very important to the current, past and future RI officers and they should attend no matter where it is held. The purpose of this meeting is to give Rotary information regarding the policy and changes in various matters. During the meeting, we have the right to listen and exchange ideas as they will be collected and sent directly to RI Board of Directors.

The format of the meeting is divided into the Pre-Institute comprising training for District Governor Elects, District Governor Nominees, District Trainers (DTTS) and Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar (RRFS). The Institute itself is composed of plenary sessions during which many important Rotary leaders such as RI President Elect Ian Riseley, Rotary Foundation Chair



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Summary of the 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute, 2-4 December 2016

representative, Past RI Presidents, current and past RI Directors, knowledgeable Rotarians and experts in a particular field shared their knowledge.

The contents of the Institute included membership and discussion on the changes as a result of the Council of Legislation 2016 led by 6 current and past RI Directors. In addition, there was an update on the Polio Campaign, Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary celebration, Signature Programs, Rotary Global Rewards which offer many privileges to Rotarians, RI's 5-year financial projection, and Rotary Peace Centers. Most important, there was an open forum which allowed Rotarians to make suggestions and ask various questions. The questions were answered by RI President Elect, current and past RI Directors as well as Rotary Foundation Directors. Examples of interesting questions and recommendations by RI Directors are:

- Should there be RI Convention every year or every two year?
- There should be more interaction among participating Rotarians during the Institute.
- Rotarians should invite new members who are at the same age as when they first joined to balance the members' age in each club.
- Global Grants are so complicated that many clubs and districts could not implement their project. The answer to this comment was that there are on-line Grant Application Tools which are user-friendly and will definitely make our work easy.
- Specific duties and responsibilities should be identified so that future leaders have knowledge and understanding about the various programs. For example, District Governors must oversee newly established clubs for 2-3 years to ensure that they become strong clubs, or District Governor Elects oversee Rotaract Program.
- New member orientation and training should be revised and implemented by all clubs in order to retain members. RI Directors recommended that there

is no need to form new clubs but retaining members is most important. The potential of each club depends on its membership recruitment and new members' participation.

- As for RI Districting, the Board of Directors does not recommend redistricting if the clubs are not strong. There are many clubs with fewer members than 25. In addition, districts with fewer members than 1,100 must improve by merging or increasing membership.

The breakout sessions which were conducted in English and Chinese covered RI and Rotary Foundation important matters such as membership, club and district administration, on-line tools including Rotary Club Central, leadership roles, Polio eradication, building sustainable projects, district planning and merging efficient club and district training. In each room, participants discussed and shared their experience, and all the ideas were summarized and reported during the plenary sessions. If you are interested, you can read about them from the Proceedings of the meeting which will be published soon.

This Institute received a lot of compliment from various participating countries. The rating was between 'Very Good' to 'Excellent' for contents during the plenary and breakout sessions, reception from the airport to the meeting venue, smooth registration, SAA work, various services offered by Thai Rotarians as well as excellent entertainment and cultural exchange. Most important of all was that participants gained a lot of knowledge and understanding from this meeting. RI Directors obtained a lot of information and used it at the meeting in January 2017. The ideas gained at the meeting were considered important resolutions from Zone 6B, 7A and 10B. Finally, the past Institute created long term relationships among Rotarians in these zones.



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Rotary partners with ShelterBox to aid devastated communities. Meet the members on the front lines.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

by Brad Webber
photography by ShelterBox





Typhoons and tropical storms are known to cause heavy rains and extreme flooding in the Philippines, causing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes. ShelterBox deploys prepositioned stock for a quick response.

Bottom left: 100 days after Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Visayan Islands in the Philippines, life starts to return to normal with rebuilding of homes, shops, and businesses.

Three days after Typhoon Haiyan smashed into the Philippines in November 2013, Derek Locke was tramping among the sinews of uprooted palm trees, downed power lines, and fragments of homes shattered by one of the region's deadliest disasters. As he delivered tents and other essentials in Santa Fe, a small community on Bantayan Island, he came face to face with the crushing need and finite resources of the eight-person response team dispatched by ShelterBox. The aid recipients had been identified as families most at risk, and as Locke assisted a young single mother and her toddler, he felt a sense of dread as two neighbors, with four children of their own in tow, approached.

"I turned around and they said, 'Thank you for helping our people,'" recalls Locke, a member of the Rotary Club of Dearborn Heights, Mich., who has spent 38 weeks as a ShelterBox first responder since 2012. He has traveled to 11 countries and participated in 13 ShelterBox response team missions, yet that moment sticks with him. "It was heartwarming, because despite their obvious plight, they were just grateful we were able to help somebody else." "That's the kind of thing you lie awake at night thinking about," says Bruce Heller, a veteran of seven ShelterBox deployments and a member of the Rotary Club of Allen Sunrise, Texas. "You're handing out that last box and you see that mom and her small baby waiting and you don't have any more to give. There's never enough aid."

Amid catastrophes produced by nature and mankind's cruelest impulses, ShelterBox teams of volunteers rush forward. From the earthquake that killed hundreds of people in Ecuador in April to the continuing refugee trail out of the Middle East, ShelterBox has sent aid to help hundreds of thousands of displaced households. Notable missions since the disaster relief charity was founded 16 years ago include the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and the 2010 quake in Haiti, where some 300,000 tents were supplied. In the United States, ShelterBoxes were delivered to those displaced by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Sandy in New York and New Jersey, and tornadoes in the Midwest.

In July, RI and ShelterBox announced the extension of a three-year project partnership to provide emergency shelter, a natural fit according to both organizations. Rotarians, along with Rotaractors and Interactors, have contributed \$48 million, or 40 percent of ShelterBox's revenue, from the UK-based nonprofit's inception in 2000 through 2015. (ShelterBox was founded by a Rotarian but is independent

of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.) The signature green boxes feature Rotary's logo and are adapted to fit the emergency before being transported on scant notice. Most boxes include family-size tents, though the contents differ depending on the disaster and climate. Many are packed with solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets, and cooking utensils. Depending on need, the organization may deliver ShelterKits, smaller aid packages that include tools, ropes, and heavy tarpaulins used to provide emergency shelter and repair damaged structures.

"The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives," says RI General Secretary John Hewko. Tapping Rotary's strengths, not just its funds, has nurtured ShelterBox, adds its chief executive, Chris Warham. "The partnership is absolutely fundamental to what we do," Warham says. "Ninety percent of our deployments involve working with local Rotarians. In almost every case, our first call is to the local Rotary club to see how they can help us as the teams start to deploy. We ask Rotarians everything from 'can you get us a truck?' to 'can you introduce us to a local or central government figure?' These needs are often crucial to the success of our deployment – and Rotarians invariably deliver."

Rotary has been a key player in ShelterBox's success, beginning with the adoption of the nonprofit by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, in 2000. "One of the most important elements of our partnership is creating opportunities for Rotarians to serve in countries hit by disasters," says Warham. "We just completed a mission in Sri Lanka, and Rotarians were fundamental." Members of the Rotary Club of Capital City spent five days using boats and kayaks to rescue villagers marooned by flooding in May. "We built temporary camps for individuals who had lost their homes as result of landslides" and housed 126 families in six camps. "Providing shelter is far more than just providing a tent," Warham adds. "It's helping a community start on the right path. ... There is a blurring of lines when the emergency phase ends and when the recovery phase begins. Rotary is involved in all stages of that. We've seen Rotarians who have helped people long after we have disappeared from the scene."

Shortly after the 7.8 magnitude temblor in Ecuador in April, local Rotarians met the response team at the airport and jointly attended coordination meetings. ShelterBox assisted more than 2,500 house-





Disaster...A matter close to Rotary

At present, many disasters occur in various countries around the world. It also seems that each time a natural disaster occurs, it is very serious destroying a lot of lives and property. The major Tsunami on 26 December 2004 severely damaged 6 provinces in the south of Thailand and other countries in the Andaman Sea and the Indian Ocean. At the same time, help from Rotarians around the world kept pouring in. The role of Rotary as a giver was great. The urgent mission to alleviate the sufferings of the people through the caravan of trucks loaded with food, medicine, clothes, drinking water, etc. donated by District 3330 members was led by DG Voravut Pongvittayapanu (District Governor at that time). The mission was completed in 3 days, and a total of 97.592 million baht was received from kind Rotarians and managed by PRIP Bhichai Rattakul. With 95.49 million baht, Rotary in Thailand helped those who were affected by building 328 houses, providing vocational training and carrying out many other projects. The remaining money was used to support other projects related to the Tsunami.

Not long after that, Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar. Over 80,000 people died and more than 50,000 disappeared. The District Governor at that time issued a letter requesting Rotarians to make donation to help the affected. As there was no Rotary Club in Myanmar then, PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, Project Advisor, tried to find a way to send or maximize the use of this donation. He believed there must be someone we could trust as traveling to Myanmar was not easy. In the end, with the help of a Myanmar monk named Gontanya who was the abbot of the Myanmar-Thai Fellowship Temple and taught Buddhism at a temple in Thailand, we could go in to survey the affected area. He led the working group to survey the needs of those affected in 2 villages. The trip by long-tail boats from Yangon to the Irawadi River took 5-6 hours. Finally, we could respond to the actual needs of the people. We built 8 new homes, repaired 162 homes (by giving out zinc sheets) in one village and built 44 new homes in another village using the donation of 1.092 million baht. The abbot was the one who purchased the construction materials and recruited the contractors. This disaster relief project was successful as a result of the cooperation from many parties including Rotarians, villagers and monks revered by both the villagers and the government. These monks helped prevent the misuse of the fund.

In 2011, there was a biggest flood in Thailand which caused a lot of damage to the homes and the economy both at the local and national level. During that time, Rotary Clubs in Japan donated a total of 16.454 million baht to PRIP Bhichai Rattakul. The working group surveyed the affected area and the actual needs of those affected through the Rotary Club in the area. Then, help was provided and this included repairing 434 houses, repairing schools and providing vocational training. The remaining money was used to prepare for future disasters such as buying boats and preparing Rotary kits.

After that, Rotary in Thailand played a role of giver when an earthquake hit Nepal in 2015. We managed to gather 2.196 million baht from Rotarians and passed it on to the District Governor of Nepal at the time. We worked closely with him and his team. Rotary in Nepal has organized many long-term restoration projects and has also built many homes for those affected by the earthquake.

The most recent disaster in 2016 was the earthquake in Kumamoto, Japan. Rotarians in Thailand once again gathered 1.762 million baht and sent it to Rotary District of Japan to support their long-term restoration projects.

We each hope that there will be no more severe disaster in the future. However, when we look back to the cooperation and the role of Rotary in Thailand as giver and receiver, we can believe that if there is another disaster, Rotary will help each other. We will continue to deal with all the obstacles together as we hold on to the motto of Service above Self. We will help alleviate the sufferings of those affected by the disaster with the urgent support and the long-term restoration projects.

Photos:

Photo 1-4: Project to Help Flood Victims

Photo 5-6: Rotary Spirit Project to Help Tsunami Victims

Photo 7-8: Project to Help Cyclone Nargis Victims



Convention

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Southern Food



Often called a city of transplants, Atlanta has a food scene that's suitably eclectic. Sure, you can find your share of traditional Southern fare. But the eateries that locals flock to put creative twists on the classics.

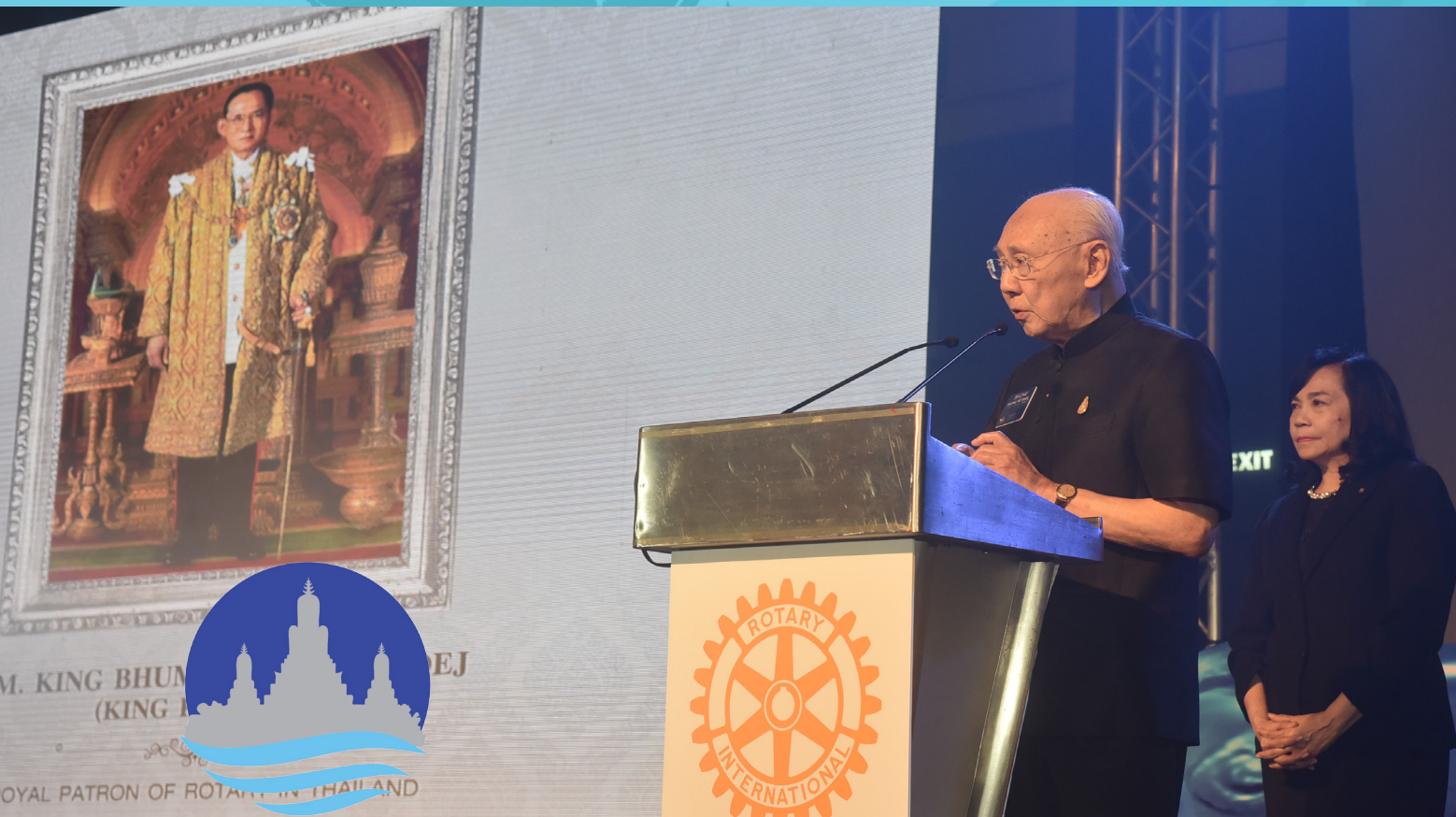
For example, if you're looking for straight-up barbecue when you're in town for the 2017 Rotary International Convention, 10-14 June, local standbys D.B.A. and Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q – each just a short car ride away – have got you covered. Heirloom Market BBQ offers a marriage of Southern and Korean flavors like a spicy Korean pork sandwich and ribs marinated in hot and sweet chili paste (closed Sundays and Mondays).

Just east of downtown, celebrity chef Kevin Gillespie – of Top Chef fame – has borrowed from Asian culture as well. Inspired by Chinese dim sum-style dining, Gunshow allows diners to choose dishes as they're passed around on carts and trays.

West Midtown's Miller Union and Decatur's Cakes and Ale use sustainable, Georgia-born ingredients as a foundation. At Miller Union, these building blocks transform into updated Southern staples, such as sorghum glazed quail with sunchoke, smoked beets, and grilled vidalias. At Cakes and Ale, the Southern influence may not be as heavy, but the farm-fresh food is fashioned so simply, it keeps Atlantans coming back for more. – Deblina Chakraborty.

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There were several interesting points at Rotary Institute held in Bangkok, Thailand, on December 2-4, 2016. It was like a mini - or Regional Convention of Rotary International. Normally, Rotary Institute is held in December of each year in hosting country in each zone. There are 3 Rotary zones in Asia : Zone 6B (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand), Zone 7A (Indonesia and The Philippines) and Zone 10B (Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia and Taiwan).

Around 1,800 Rotarian from more than 20 countries attended Rotary Institute in Bangkok. I had achance to interview Ian Riseley - Rotary International President-Elect, Dr.Saowalak Rattनाविच – Convener and Rotary International Director, PDG Dr.Chairat Prasertlum – Chairman of Organizing Committee, as

well as other Organizing Committee and participants. Many of them gave very interesting feedback. Some of them helped with planning and organizing the event using their experiences from having attended previous Rotary International events.

It turned out that this event went well with everyone's cooperation. Those who attended this event for the first time were impressed with the program, unique meals and entertainment from the very first day till the closing ceremony.

Below is what I would like to share with you.

Our Converner



PDG. Dr. Chairat Prasertlum , Chairman, Bangkok Rotary Institute Zones 6B, 7A and 10B

Purpose of the Event

To inform present, past and future Rotarian about the progress and changes in Rotary International policy, Foundation and other aspects, as well as to give a chance to Rotary Leaders to give suggestions to Rotary International Executive Committee and to provide a good opportunity to present, past and future District Governors to be acquainted and to exchange ideas so they are inspired to be leaders of continuous service projects.

Expectation and Success

Participants from 3 zones were informed about Rotary International and Zones' progress, Foundation, objectives, financial report, problems and solutions of actions in the past, especially Polio Plus Program – our signature service. We had gathered participants' ideas and suggestions as well as planning for the next 5 years in order to submit our report at the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Evanston later this year.

Impression Related to The Event

More than 1,800 Rotarian from over 20 countries attended 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute, as well as good cooperation from every single Rotarian, whether they were participants or committee, showed our great success. Moreover, we had a good chance to introduce Thailand and Thai culture to Rotarian from overseas so they can consider visiting Thailand again in the future.

To all Rotarian

Rotary taught each of us to be a lifelong giver without expecting anything in return. Thus, we need to cooperate and improve our clubs to become stronger in order to be able to keep giving good things to communities according to Rotary International's goals, as well as be an important and useful unit for our region and the world.



RID. Hsiu-Ming Lin (Frederick) , Co Convener

What do you think of this event?

Excellent than those in the past. It was comparable to Rotary Convention. It's a pride that an Asian country can organize such a wonderful event at a perfect venue that neither The Philippines nor Taiwan has.

What was your expectation?

The program was unique, full of interesting topics, each led by experienced speakers, such as Trustee from Rotary International, present and past RI Executive Committee from U.S.A., England and Denmark. It was done with higher standard of the meeting.

What do you think of Thai Rotarian Hospitality?

To our surprise, Thai people are so polite and helpful. All participants were impressed with warm welcoming and all the help they got. The meals were great. Rotarian from Taiwan were very satisfied with everything. 2017 Rotary Institute in Taipei

The number of participants this year was very high. Next year, Rotary Institute will be held at Taipei Grand Hotel which can host 1,400 – 1,500 participants. However, we are planning to be able to host more than that number.

What can one do for pre-registration?

We have a pre-registration point at this year's event. Each of those who register in advance will get a lower registration rate plus a special souvenir.



**PRID.Jackson
San-Lien Hsieh,
Taiwan**

What do you think of 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute?

I am very happy to be able to join 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute under the leadership of Dr. Saowalak Rattanaovich, Rotary International Committee, as Convener and Frederick Lin, Rotary International Executive Committee, as Co-Convener. I have attended several Rotary Institute including the one held in Bangkok years ago when I was Convener and Dr. Saowalak did the great job as the President of Organizing Committee. As far as I recall, around 1,000 participants attended that one. What a surprise ! 1,800 participants attended this year's event. That is superb ! Centara Grand at Central World is very appropriate place for the event due to its capacity, comfort and reasonable rate. My Rotarian fellows from Taiwan were very much satisfied with the convenience. It was very easy for them to get to the adjacent mall where everything was there for them at reasonable price. It's a shame that there is not a perfect place like this in Taiwan. I think this is one of the most impressive event for us all.

What was your expectation?

Besides the appropriateness of the venue, the organizing team and staff, including Thai volunteer, did the excellent job. Even though there were 1,800 participants, I still would love to see more participants so more people would get to know more about Rotary from various guest speakers.

As 2017 Rotary Institute Host, please extend your invitation to all Rotarian.

We take turn hosting Rotary Institute. 2015 – Manila, 2016 – Bangkok, and 2017 – Taiwan. Frederick Lin, Rotary International Executive Committee, is going to be Convener and PDG.Chi Tien Liu is going to be Organizing Committee Chairman. We look forward to welcome you all in Taiwan and expect to have as many participants as possible. See you in Taiwan!



**Rotary International's
Executive Committee,
Dr.Saowalak Rattanaovich,
Convener**

What are the purposes of 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute?

It's the event that we can inform Rotary International Staff, District Leaders, present Clubs Officers as well as those from the past and for

the future, about present situation, trend and movement of Rotary International. Furthermore, they can learn more about Rotary Foundation, Policy and changes within Rotary International. Besides, it's the chance that Rotary Leaders and their families to meet for exchanging ideas and experiences related to Rotary activities while creating friendship and network for future cooperation. It's also a chance that we can help promote tourism in Thailand which is one way of economical improvement to our country.

What were the expectations and goals of the event?

We expected that more than 1800 Rotarian leaders and their families from every country in Zones 6B, 7A and 10B - all in Asia and the Pacific- as well as other countries that have good relationship with us to join the event. We got the feedback from all the participants that they had been inspired and learned more about Rotary. They were proud to be part of the organization. They would bring what they got from the event to improve their clubs and Districts.

We also hoped to be able to gather as much suggestions and ideas as possible to report to Rotary International in order to improve and solve the problems of the clubs, Districts and the organization itself. Another expectation was happiness and good impression of participants through varieties of cultural activities, such as meals, performances and cultural exchanges. There were positive comments in e-mail and Facebook messages reflecting their satisfactory. Some said it was the best Institute they had ever attended. Every moment was impressive, started from arrival at the airport, welcoming session, transportation, registration, all well prepared despite minor error. The meeting content was excellent and useful for Rotary clubs. Every country had a chance to participate in each step. The opening was great. The performance was gorgeous and interesting. The party was impressive with delicious food and friendship in pleasant atmosphere. The teamwork was wonderful.

What impressed you the most?

Of course, the cooperation of Rotarian was the most impressive aspect. The number of participants was 40% greater than in 2010 Convention that we hosted. Several participants proposed to join us again in the future. Among the participants were many Rotary International Executive Committee as well as present, past and future Trustee. Most impressive was Thai Rotarian that worked hard with patience and true cooperation.

What would you like to say?

I'd like to request that International event to be held in the future should be better, filled with unity and cooperation. The only disappointment was less Thai Rotarian Leaders joined the Institute than what I expected. There is not much chance to join such a great event. I expected that Thailand will host the International event once again in the next 8 years or beyond.

I felt grateful toward all Thai Rotarian's cooperation. The money gained from this event will be used in each District's community development project. May all of you be blessed by all the good things you have done.



PDG.Ada Y.C. Cheng
D.3450, Hong Kong

What do you think of this event?

It was great. The main auditorium was appropriate. The workshop was well prepared. The participants were eager to participate. There were several interesting questions. The speakers were full of experience. However, the time was too short. The committee worked hard and successful. It was great. The appropriateness of the venue

It's very comfortable and right in the heart of the city. While Rotarian were at the meeting, their families can easily go shopping at the mall next door or the famous Pratu Nam.

What did you like the most?

Thai hospitality. I arrived several days ahead of the event. I found smiling people ready to lend a helping hand. The organizing committee and Thai volunteer created a great team that extended warmest hospitality to all of us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart !



PDG.David Anderson
D.9790, Australia

What would you like to say about this event?

This is the first Zone Institute I attended other than Zone 8 where I was from. It was different from the ones I attended. It was well done ! Thai Rotarian gave me a warm welcome full of friendship, just like the one I got from attending Bangkok Rotary Convention in 2012, the year that I was District Governor. I also had a chance to visit my friend in Chiang Kong of D.3360 and attended Intercity Meeting there.



PDG.Rathprateep Keeratiurai
(RC Nakornrajasima)
Hospitality Chairperson

How was your job?

It was great with cooperation from several department, such as TECB and AOT. Thanks to DGA Somchai Roongseesawat for providing airport transportation.

How was airport transportation ?

Providing transportation to 1,800 participants was not easy but with full cooperation from our team and related department, the work went smoothly. Thanks to all.



PDG.Chamnan Chanruang
(RC Chiang Mai North)
Registration Chairperson

What do you think of registration team performance?

Registration for this year's event was tough because of so many participants. Though some made pre-registration, we also provided onsite registration. By using technology and computer searched for needed information, people were satisfied with our work. I asked my colleagues to put all his/her effort to the work. Of course, we did our best for the convenience of all participants and for Thailand.

The good points of this year's event

I am glad that so many people attended the event. Good program, experienced speakers, skillful organizing team, all made up the good outcome. It was a good opportunity for Thai Rotarian who had never been to International Conference to learn how to organize the event. I think people learn more from Rotary Institute than at the Convention for there are more chance to talk to guest speakers.



DGND.Thanongsak Pongsri
(RC Buangkhum)
SAA Chairperson

What was your duty?

Our main job was to see that the meeting went on smoothly. 1-2 hours each day prior to the program commencement, we had to check the readiness of the room, audiovisual aids and other necessary stuff. We had to be ready to solve all kinds of problem that might occur during the meeting. What were your safety measure and control?

We had nurses and ambulance ready all the time. We also had safety insurance for all participants. Safety measure was set for any possibility, such as food or electrical hazard. Every committee were well prepared and worked hard in order to provide comfort and safety to all participants.



DGE.Pag Muhammad Aslam Chishti
D.3272, Pakistan

What do you think of this event?

I am very happy because I gained several useful experiences. I have liked Bangkok ever since I attended Bangkok Rotary Convention in 2012.

On your suit, there are lots of Rotary pins.
How many in total and how heavy are they?

I am not sure because I kept getting more and more. I used to weigh my suit and it was 10 kg. I started my Rotary pin collection in 1992 and will keep on collecting them because I love Rotary, an organization that serves mankind.

Our Voice



PDG. Wichai Maneewatcharagiat
(RC Samutpragarn)
Program Chairperson

What do you think of this event?

The topic was great but the time was very limited time for each session. Which topic was specially interested by participants?

COL, how to create a sustainable project, as well as other topics were interested. It was great that all the topic was attractive to participants.

What was your impression?

Good cooperation among the team and the success of the event. Superb!



PDG. Anurak Napawan
(RC Doi Prabaht)
Entertainment Program Chairperson

How did you plan the entertainment program?

Our theme was Thainess. We would like the participants to get to see Thai culture from 4 regions of the country with Himmapharn, a Buddhism related beautiful forest, as the background. We also added the songs composed by the Late King Bhumipol for the audience. We set a karaoke so all could enjoy singing at the party on the cruise and a Farewell Party.

How did you manage to add several entertaining program during the meeting?

It was great that Rotarian from some countries prepared their cultural shows for the event, such as a beautiful and joyful performance from Taiwan Rotarian as well as beautiful songs from others. Besides, we provided some cultural activities to be demonstrated at the party, such as umbrella painting, special way of making tea, food from different parts of the country. The House of Friendship was the place for those who enjoy singing and Thai massage.



PDG. Siri Eiamcharoonlarp
(RC Nakorn Rajasima)
Host for RI President-Elect Ian Riseley
How did you like your job?

I used to take care of several VIP so it was not hard for me. Ian Riseley was a plain and simple person. Taking care of him was not a problem at all. Whenever he had time, he would go to his room and respond to his mails.

Any good impression about 2017-2018 RI President-Elect?

He is an Australian with tight traveling schedule. Though some moment he seemed tired, he was still friendly and simple. That was wonderful.



PP. Somchai Rungsrisawat
(RC Nongkham)
Transportation Chairperson

How did you manage the transportation from Suvarnabhumi and Donmuang to the event site?

We prepared 3 buses and 10 vans for transportation during November 29 – December 2 and December 4-5. We had 15 Rotarian volunteers and 10 ROTEX in our team.

What did you like about the event?

We had a good team, good cooperation from all participants who were on time. Our work went on smoothly.



PDG. Angelito E. Colona (Lito),
Philippines

What do you think of the event?

Amazing! Perfect organized, good meeting topics and content, great meals, appropriate venue.



PDG. Suchada Ithijarakul
(RC Bangkok Vibhavadi)
Fund Raising and Sponsor Chairperson

The event with 1,800 participants needed tremendous amount of budget. How did you find sponsorship?

At first, I wondered if I could make it. Since it was an international conference, I should look for International firms to sponsor the event. That was not easy. However, it was a luck that I met Mr. George, Manager of Thai Nam Tip Coca Cola (Coke-Thailand) and told him that we were going to organize Rotary Zone Institute in order to find the way to improve the community and help people with less opportunity. Mr. George agreed to contribute 2,000,000 baht to sponsor the event for he knew that Rotary, like his company, serves the society. Another person, Mr. Charnwit, Chief Financial Official, also attended the event. Besides Thai Nam Tip Company, TCEB also sponsored the event.

I felt grateful for the support from Thai Governmental Offices as well as TCEB which supported 2012 Bangkok Rotary International Convention. TCEB would like to see International Conference held in Thailand so visitors from overseas can enjoy visiting Thailand. I hope that all sponsors will support us again in the future. Thank you so much.



DGND.Nakarin Ratanakitsunthorn
(RC Prakanong)

Venue Chairperson

What was your expectation as a Venue Chairperson?

As a Chairman, I firstly worried for my team had to be responsible for all the meeting rooms, VIP working room, secretary room, SAA room, First Aid room and dining room for 1,800 participants. The job was huge. We put all our effort so the work came out well as we got feedback from the participants that the venue met Rotary Convention standard. What you got from the event

We gained more skill in solving unexpected problem, such as temperature control in the meeting rooms, changes in seating, etc. I realized that Rotarian team worked tirelessly with their hearts for Thai Rotary and Thailand through all 6 days. However, the number of Thai Rotarian attended the event was quite low. I would like to see more Thai Rotarian attend international conferences for they are Thai Rotary Leaders in the future.



P.Piyabut Thannakan
(RC Sathorn)

How did you feel having attended the event?

This is my first time attended Rotary Institute after being Rotarian for a long time. I learned more about both District and International level. Though the time was limited for each session, I saw many participants paid strong intention to learn about new things, such as My Rotary, Rotary Club Central, etc. I think the outcome was great and could lead to Districts and Zones' mission to the same direction.

What was your impression?

Thai Rotarian Team, SAA team in yellow vest, appropriate venue, good parking space, pleasant dining area, the program and document, all helped me understand better about Zone Institute.



PDG.Chaivai Poonlapmongkol
(RC Patumwan)

Hospitality and Meals Chairperson

What did you do?

Besides 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute on December 2-4, 2016, several Pre-Institute sessions were held : Governors-Elect Training Seminar, Governors-Nominee Training Seminar, District Trainers Training Seminar and Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar. I had to make sure that all the session went well. Enough food for all participants was also important.

Preparation

As a Chairman, I would like to thank all my team and supervisors for all their support and effort. Everyone was satisfied with more than enough and delicious food from Centara Grand.



Rotary Ann Suneerat Poonlapmongkol
Spouse Program Chairperson

What was your job?

The first day, I was President of a Round Table Training. Ann Mary Ton and Ann Jintana Rojkajornnapalai were my Co-President. We took care of 30 spouse.

The second day, we took the spouse to see Wat Po, had lunch at Metawalai and went to Anantasamakom Throne Hall.

The third day, we took them to see Thai desert making at Saw Heng Noodles Factory, Nakornpathom.

How did you prepare the program and activities?

We sent out invitation letters, had brochure made, reserved the buses, tasted the food, visited the destinations, all done ahead of the event.

What impressed you the most?

It was my first time so I was excited and worried. However, with good cooperation from my team, the work went well. I was also impressed with the venue, the program,

the food and performances.

Special thanks

Most DGE spouses were well prepared and enthusiastic. I can tell this is going to be one of the good year for all. I am grateful to all my team, especially Ms. Oy, CP. Suwanna Wongsuragrai and Saw Heng Noodles Factory for the great support, hospitality, lunch and noodles for all of us. Thanks also to PP. Malee Amponwiput, CP. Supin Fooglin and Ann Sermsee Glingaew, for their advice and support. Thank you, thank you and thank you all!



Mai and Loog Tarn, D.3350 YES

Miss Atittaya Gitwong (Mai)

Miss Wetinee Roongseesawat (Loog Tarn)

How do you feel having helped with 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute ?

Mai: I was very happy to be able to help. When I was in Taiwan, I helped with Rotary activities there. I am so attached to Rotary and happy to be helpful.

Loog Tarn: Before I went on the exchange, my friends and I had a loose bond. After coming back from the exchange, we had more opportunities to work together. This is also the chance we can make ourselves useful and helpful. Some parents even give a green light for their children to help with Rotary activities.

What were you responsible for ?

Mai: I helped with transportation arrangement for participants. I told them what time they had to be ready and what to do. I had more chance to practice the language and meet those from other countries.

Loog Tarn: It was a great feeling to be part of success in providing airport transfer. Moreover, I had a chance to help my parents. I was very happy and proud to do so.

Our Voice



DGs from all 4 Districts attended GETS + Institute

What did you get from Governor Elect Training Seminar (GETS)?
DGE.Dr.Peera Farmpaiboon, D.3330

It was an important session because Rotary has a special training way to prepare future leaders. It was not just listening to the speakers but ideas exchanging among all attended was also worthwhile.

Which topic was your favorite?
DGE.Onanong Siripornmanut, D.3340

I enjoyed every topic. They were useful and I can implement other DGEs' ideas to the future work, especially those related to Rotary Foundation.

What can you make use of what you were trained?
DGE.Marasee Skunliew, D.3350

Similar to the other 2 above, plus I think we need to have stronger clubs as well as build more clear public image. What I have learned can be helpful to reach the goals.

What can all 4 Districts in Thailand do together?
DGE.Nithi Soongswang, D.3360

I have met other 3 DGE. several times. We talked and discussed about what should be done. We will try to have stronger clubs and expand our friendship. I admire DGEs from D.3330, 3340 and 3350 for their vision and strong intention to do good things for Rotary.

What did you like about GETS and 2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute?
DGE.Dr.Peera Farmpaiboon, D.3330

Good teamwork, appropriate venue, delicious meals, experienced speakers were all impressive. Compared to the Nominated District Governor Training in The Philippines last year, I think we did better in all aspect.

DGE.Onanong Siripornmanut, D.3340

I think our unique practice during the difficult period that The Late King just passed on made our friends from Zones 6B, 7A and 10B understand us better.

DGE. Marasee Sagunliew, D.3350

I was proud and happy that the event was led by Dr.Saowaluck Rattanawit, RI Executive Committee and PDG. Dr. Chairat Prasertlum. I felt a great honor that Thailand was chosen to host this year's event.

DGE. Niti Soongswang, D.3360

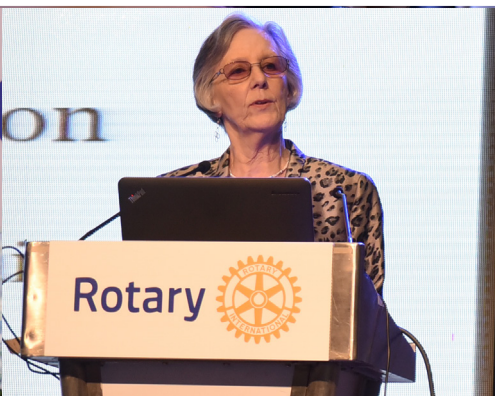
The event was great and well done. The participants from various countries were satisfied with the venue that was right in the city, good transportation, delicious meals, perfect organized event. They would like to visit Thailand again. I was happy to attend this world standard event.

2016 Bangkok Rotary Institute Zone 6B



3, 7A and 10B

Our Pride



D.3330 RI

By PDG Somphop Thirasan
RC of Kanchanaburi



Rotary Club of Krabi donated emergency survival kits for flood victims in Tambon Khodin, Amphoe Khao Phanom, Krabi Province.



Rotary Clubs in southern part of District 3330 helped flood victims in Nakhonsithammarat, Suratthani Narathiwat and Prachuapkhirikhan.



Rotary Club of Dontoom organized "Love Reading" Project and donated books to celebrate 100 years of Rotary Foundation.



Rotary Club of Songkhla donated books to 101 libraries under the project "Love Reading" in order to celebrate 100 years of Rotary Foundation at Thasaaan School, Songkhla



Rotary Club of Krabi donated 32 electronic air mattresses for elderly patients.



Rotary Club of Sanamchan opening ceremony of a Hand on Project, the club handed over a playground for BBL (Brain based Learning) as a gift of Children's Day at Y.M.C.A. HAPPY HOME, Nakhonprathom.



"One Project with Multi-Dimensions"

P.Ratchananthorn Taengjui
Rotary Club of Pra-Pathom-Chedi

Service Activity

Rotary Club of Pra-Pathom-Chedi made a need assessment of local areas in Nakhon Pathom province. The club found that nearly 200 disabled people were in troubles and they needed artificial legs to live normally. Therefore, the club contacted The Prostheses Foundation of H.R.H. the Princess Mother for services and artificial legs donation in Nakhonpathom and nearby provinces on 18-24 February 2017. The chairman of the ceremony was Nakhonpathom Governor, Mr. Adisak Thepart. Besides giving services and artificial legs donation, in collaboration with Social Development and Human Security Office of Nakhonpathom Provincial, the club provided professional training for disabled people and interested people. Professional funding assistance allowed these people to lend 10,000-60,000 baht for their future careers.

Other interesting training such as hairdressers and barbers was taught by Rtn. Kritsana Phaksiriwanit. Basket weaving profession was also taught by groups of disabled people. Participants learned how to create artificial flowers, and made cloth dolls from Nakhonpathom Skill Development Center.

This service project empowered community and involved with several organizations such as government sectors, private sectors, The Prostheses Foundation of H.R.H. the Princess Mother, Nakhonprathom Hospital, Nakhonprathom Provincial Public Health Office, Nakhonprathom Women's Association, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, and Nakhonpathom Skill Development Center. With kindly assistance, the committee of the Prostheses Foundation of H.R.H. the Princess Mother were going to help in finding markets. They would contact Tesco Lotus for displaying and selling the handmade products.

The artificial legs could help disabled people to live equally with normal people. These artificial legs would be modified to fit each person and his or her characteristics. Professional trainings were integrated for future careers which empowered people and communities to live happily, reduce unemployment, and sustainably develop community economy.

This service activity also helped promoting public image of Rotary Club of Pra-Pathom-Chedi through eyewitnesses, local medias, and social media. People could learn more about Rotary and our services from this event.

D.3340 RI

By PP. Puttiporn Pattanasintorn
RC of E-Club of District 3340



Rotary Club of Chantaboon led by P. Sineeporn Sawatdichai made a fundraising activity in local market of Chantaburi Province. The objective was to raise money and donate necessary life kits for flood victims in the South of Thailand. The fundraising achieved 196,006 baht. With Chief Executive of the Chantaburi Provincial Administrative

Organization and Mayor of Muang Thachang, the club delivered 2 fully loaded trucks to help flood victims. One truck was delivered to 9 Rotary Clubs in Nakornsrihammarat for distribution under their consideration. The other truck was delivered to Nakornsrihammarat Provincial Administrative Organization for distribution under their consideration as well.



Rotary Club of Muang Klung donated sets of Thai - Chinese - English Dictionary to 3 schools in Amphoe Klung, Chanthaburi. The project was supported by Rotary E-Club of Siam.



Rotary of Kantraluk led by P. Sunat Thongsalab donated 140 blankets and 2 wheel-chairs for people in Tambon Cham and Tambon Suankluay in Amphoe Kantraluk, and Tambon Pho in Amphoe Non-Khun, Sisaket Province



Rotary Club of Tharua-Trad led by P. Sasithon Khaokhom and Mrs. Somusa Surakitbovorn (Trad Deputy Governor's spouse) and local organizations donated wheel-chairs, foods and health kits for 2 needy persons in Amphoe Laem Ngop, Trat.

"STOP TEEN MOM"

Service Project: Maternal and Child Health



Youth are the future of the nation

This sentence was familiar with Thai people for a long time, as family was an important sector of society. However, with changes in many aspects such as foreign social values, new technology, and communication caused improper adjustment in people. Many social problems occurred and one of the severe problem was pregnancy in teenagers.

From the survey of 1,000 teenagers aged 15-19 of Chantaburi Province in year 2013 -2015, the pregnancy rate was 46.56, 43.91 and 44.44 per cents. Furthermore, the case of double pregnancy was 9.67, 9.22 and 12.50 per cents, and the statistics was getting higher each year. The main cause of the problem was education in birth control and these teen moms were afraid to consult the organization who looked after these cases as teen moms were not accepted by society. As a result, many teen moms left schools and being single moms.

From above reasons, Rotary E-club of District 3340 started a project called "STOP TEEN MOM". Chantaburi Provincial Health Commission invited the club to be one of the committee in making a provincial plan. Rotary E-club of District 3340 was the only organization from outside who was offered this chance.

Rotary E-club of District 3340 planned to do "STOP TEEN MOM" in 3 stages. The first stage was to raise fund by organizing a bicycle charity "Rotary E-Club Stop Teen Mom 1st" on 8 January 2017 in Chantaburi. More than 1,000 cyclists from all over country participated in this event. From this reason, "STOP TEEN MOM" project was broadcasted and accepted by public. This developed the public image of Rotary and Rotary E-club of District 3340.

After that, the club set up "STOP TEEN MOM

Foundation" with 100,000 baht from fundraising activity on 16 February 2017. The ceremony was held at Rambhai Barni Rajabhat University. Witnesses in the ceremony were from Chantaburi local presses, local organizations such as Chantaburi Provincial Health Commission, Office of Social Development Chantaburi, Chantaburi Shelter for Children and Families, high school students, and students from Rambhai Barni Rajabhat University.

The second stage was to raise awareness in youth. The club organized a debate competition on 16 February 2017. The topics were "Love in Working Age Surely Bring Happiness Over Love in School" and "Teenager Life is More Complicated Than Working Life". Students could learn and understand the problems better. The activity was supported by Rambhai Barni Rajabhat University and Chantaburi Shelter for Children and Families.

The third stage was to empower the foundation members. The club organized a profession training on 23 February 2017, called "A Day of Kindness and Love". The purpose was to make "STOP TEEN MOM" project more sustainable. The training was held at The Agricultural Occupation Promotion and Development Center Chanthaburi Province. Participants and students learned to do lemon farming, beekeeping, processing products from honeys such as soaps, shampoos, and body lotions. Rotary E-club of District 3340 planned to have networks with cooperatives and farmer housewife groups for sufficient and sustainably living.

Rotary E-club of District 3340 believed "STOP TEEN MOM" project could help relieving social problems and building a proper future for children under the Rotary theme "Rotary Serving Humanity"

D.3350 RI

By: PP Thanongsak Wiboonma
RC of Sathorn

Youth Exchange is one of the signature works of Rotary for a long time. This signature work offers teenagers from all over the world to learn different culture. I would like to share some of the monthly reports of inbound and outbound youth exchange students in December 2016.

(Thank you for the information from PP Napaskamon Promopakorn)

Outbound YE from Thailand D3350 to India D3131 Thanchanok Panyasiri



I had a chance to join a regular meeting with Rotary Club of Poona Downtown. The meeting was about their project to donate partial hand prosthesis for disable people. This month, I moved to stay with my second host family in Aundha. Aundha was a bit far from Pune. The second host family was nice and took good care of me. They were not vegan, I enjoyed the food and now I gained 4 kilograms already.

I joined the Christmas party at my friend house. At the party, my friends and host families surprised me with birthday gifts. I was born on the 6 December. Therefore, my first host family gave me a birthday cake and a set of sari, a female garment of Indian. YE committee also joined the party, we celebrated my birthday anniversary at a resort. We played Christmas games called "Secret Santa", played water sport games, enjoyed camping, and enjoyed homemade cakes.

Furthermore, I joined the regular meeting with Rotary Club of Koregaon Park to promote Youth Exchange Program of Rotary. After that, I joined the Sunburn Music Festival with my friends and my host families' friends. I celebrated new year at a farmhouse with my second host family and friends. They were Matt and Carmen from French, Brenda and Pedro from Brazil, Anna from the United States of America, and Kratai from Thailand.

At a present, my friends and I were practice dancing for the District Conference in January 2017. I had to dance for 2 songs, I enjoyed dancing and I believed dancing was not difficult.

Inbound Youth Exchange from USA Derek Hollihan



The most amazing experiences of me in Thailand was Loy Krathong Festival. I learned new festival, and had a chance to meet new people. For examples, I met new teachers and sang Loy Krathong song for the festival. My friend Max and I also had a change to dance in the festival. At first, I thought Loy Krathong was only something new to me, but in fact, it was beyond that.

I learned how to make original Krathong from banana tree and the new style edible Krathong which was made from bread for the festival. I celebrated the festival with my host family. They were big family so I met many people on this occasion. They were proud with the Krathong that I made. We enjoyed meeting and singing together until it was time to float Kathong to the river. I was the last one to float Krathong. Everyone kept an eye on me. I floated the Kathong made from bread to the river. Unfortunately, it could not float and sank in a few seconds later.

Even though my first Krathong was not successful, I could learn many things and had good impression with my friends and host families.



Rotary Day

The idea of Rotary Day or Thai Rotary Day has been mentioned for nearly ten years. The objective was to build public image and introduce Rotary to community with strong impact in each year. This is the “Re-Brand” of Rotary, public can learn what Rotary is and what Rotary has been doing? In the past, the main event used for public image is giving Polio vaccine, but the time and place has not been fixed consistently.

If Rotary can organize Rotary Day or Thai Rotary Day consistently like Red Cross Fair, Agricultural Fair, or Motor Shows which are belonged to commercial sectors, Rotary would be a successful organization in Re-Branding.

The idea of Rotary One Day was well formed by RIP Gary C.K. Huang. In Thailand, Rotary One Day has been held for 2 years now. In this year, Rotary One Day was held decentralizedly. Rotary clubs organized their own Rotary One Day activities on 23 February which was the date that the first rotary club charted.

These are the collections of Rotary One Day activities in this year.

(Thank you for information from Community Service Chair D3350 PP Sombat Kongsaksrisakul)



D.3360 RI

By PP Naratta Seemamgerm
RC of Phrae



Rotary Clubs in Chiang Mai celebrated “100th Year of Rotary Foundation and Rotary One Day” in remembrance of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.



“The Charter and Celebration of Rotary Club of Nakhonping Ching Mai” on 21 January 2017 at Chiang Mai Old Cultural Center.



Rotary Club of Kamphaengphet in collaboration with Kamphaengphet Provincial Public Health Office donated health care kits for 32 patients.



“The Charity Boxing” organized by Rotary Club of Doi Prabhat, Rotary Club of Mae Wang, and Rotary Club of Muang Kokha. The objective was to build a Dialysis Center for Khoka Hospital, Lampang.



Rotary Club of Phrae organized “Bike to End Polio Season 2” to support Polio Plus Foundation District 3360. The route was 40 kilometers between Phae Mueangphi - Mon-Maetang with over 500 participants.



"Follow the Path of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej"

Writers: PP. Asst Prof Supot Prugsawan
P. Chanyaorn Pongsombat
Rotary Club of Wangchan

Flip the Red Land of Drought to the Green Land of Fertility
Rotary Club of Wangchan Develops Economy Sustainability
At Rakthai Village

The objective of Rotary is to give community service without anything in return. Over hundred years, Rotarians follow the 6 areas of focus under the expertise and policies of their clubs. However, all Rotarians share the same intention, that is "Rotary Serving Humanity". Just like the Rotary Club of Wangchan, we focus on developing economy sustainability in community.

In June 2016, Rotary Club of Wangchan visited Rakthai Village, Tambon Chomphu, Amphoe Noen Maprang, Pitsanulok. The village has been supported under the projects initiated by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej since 1976. In the past, the village used to be colonized by groups of people who had different ideas of governance and politics after the 14 October 1973. These people escaped and lived in this area.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej introduced volunteers and soldiers to the village, built the roads, managed the lands for farming, and brought facilities to the village.

On 29 February 1980, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and Her

Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn officially visited the village. The royal residence was built at Rakthai village. The villagers were fulfilled with the royal grace. The members of Rotary Club of Wangchan were impressed when we visited the village and pay homage to the late King Bhumibol.

The village is in a national forest. However, farming areas are allocated for villagers with limitation in land development and water management. Villagers have community forest which they can do farming activities. Therefore, Rotary Club of Wangchan introduced Beechey Bamboo to the village. This kind of bamboo can grow very well, withstand drought, and can be sold for community income. Later, the Beechey Bamboo Project was started on 29 August 2016.

At a present, Beechey Bamboo was fertile and recognized as a friendship symbol of Rotary Club of Wangchan and Banrakthai Village. Rotary Club of Wangchan was very proud follow the path of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and flipped the red land of drought to the green land of fertility.

Today, Banrakthai Village is a famous tourist destination, the scenery and temperature is fine with nice natural resources and accommodations. Villagers are happy with their lives and fruitful orchards such as durians, Marian plums, longans, and star apples.



2017 MULTIDISTRICT

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Whether the President-Elect Training Seminar or PETS will be practical or not depends on:

1. Contents
2. Facilitators or Training Leaders
3. Participants or President-Elects
4. Environment, etc.

This year's contents followed the President-Elect Training Seminar Leader's Guide. It was divided into 2 sessions as follows:

1. General Sessions: There were 5 topics, but 3 were chosen.

- 1.1 Strong Club
- 1.2 Rotary Public Image
- 1.3 Foundation and Humanitarian Service

2. Breakout Sessions: There were 6 topics, but 5 were selected.

- 2.1 Planning Your Year
- 2.2 Club Administration
- 2.3 Leading Rotarians
- 2.4 Your Members
- 2.5 Your Projects

By Editorial

Our Guest

**PDG Yongvudhi
Jongkittipong
RI District 3350
Training Chair
2017-2018**



Besides the emphasis on Rotary Public Image during this year's training, there was no question & answer during the breakout sessions in order to allow more training time. However, a 50-minute panel discussion was allotted at the end on Sunday for questions and answers. (Every question had an answer.) The result was satisfactory as there were up to 40 questions which could not be answered in 50 minutes by the 5 facilitators on stage. The remaining questions would be answered by the experts and published in one of the media as Rotary Information.

The format of the training was the same as during the past 2 years. There was an exchange of ideas among the participants during the breakout sessions on the specified topics combined with workshops. This method was debatable by some facilitators at the beginning as most of them were used to teaching with PowerPoint more than using questions on the flip charts. In addition, some President-Elects were new and joined Rotary for only 5 to 6 months. Therefore, they did not understand Rotary enough to exchange ideas.

Recommendations:

1. Organize a Pre-PETS to prepare President-Elects on the basics of Rotary, the club management structure, community service, etc. Pre-PETS should focus on providing knowledge to prepare the President-Elects for the Multi-District PETS. There is no need to waste time on ice breaking activities.
2. Select and train facilitators to understand the training method using idea exchange. They need to adjust their attitude to adopt the change, and they should not act as a teacher during the training.
3. Encourage Club Presidents to distribute Rotary information and to persuade their President-Elect to study the Club President's manual. President-Elects should regularly attend seminars organized by the District.
4. Consider the budget as priority when choosing a location

Finally, I'd like to leave you with one message. Rotary will be sustainable or not depending on a strong club. Club members must understand Rotary's philosophy, legislation and by-laws in order to build Rotary public image and faith in this world.

Photo Contest

“Rotary Serving Humanity”

To win RI Director’s Trophy

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Our Contest

Rotary Centre Thailand and its Editorial Team are organizing a photo contest under the topic of “Rotary Serving Humanity”. The winner will be awarded with our RI Director’s trophy. The objectives of this contest are to promote the publicity of Rotary activities through photos and to inspire others to serve humanity for better understanding and peace in this world.

The photos entered into this contest will be publicized in Rotary Thailand’s newsletters and will be kept on the Centre’s website. It will also open opportunities for Rotary Clubs in Thailand to reuse the photos for publicity.

Photo contest rules:

1. The contest is divided into 2 categories:

1.1 Photos of Rotarians carrying out service projects or photos of Rotary projects that have served humanity

1.2 Photos of the nature or people’s living conditions which will inspire others to do good or create better understanding in the world

2. The photos to be entered into the contest must be in digital files, either in color or black & white. The resolution of the photos must be at least 5 million pixels. There is no limitation in the years the photos were taken. Each contestant can send no more than 5 photos per category with the original photos recorded on CDs and a completed application form. The form must include the photo name, the photo caption, the location, the date the photo was taken, the name and last name of the contestant, and the contact details.

3. The contestants do not have to be Rotarians, but they must send their photos via a Rotary Club in Thailand. The photos sent must be taken by the contestants themselves or the owner of the photos has willingly granted the right to the contestants. In the latter case, the contestants must be able to provide evidence.

4. The right to all the photos entered into this contest belongs to Rotary Centre Thailand. The Centre has the right to publicize them without expecting any commercial benefits in return, but will give credit to the contestant every time his/her photo is used.

5. Rotary Centre Thailand’s Judging Committee has the right to specify any selection method based on international standards, and its decision is considered final.

6. Members of the Judging Committee and the Organizing Committee have no right to enter their photos into this contest.

Prizes for each category:

Winner: A trophy of RI Director Dr.Saowalak Rattanaovich along with a certificate and 5,000-baht cash

First Runner Up: A trophy of Rotary Centre Thailand’s Director along with a certificate and 3,000-baht cash

Second Runner Up: A trophy of RI Zone 6B Public Image Coordinator along with a certificate and 2,000-baht cash

Complimentary Prizes: 5 certificates from Rotary Centre Thailand

Timetable:

Photo Registration: 1 April 2017 – 20 May 2017

Photo Selection: 28 May 2017

Announcement of Result: 31 May 2017

Prize Distribution: By 30 June 2017

Message from Rotary Center in Thailand

Message from Rotary Center Chair



PDG Kowit



PDG Prasart



PDG Peera

Fellow Rotarians,

After entering into the year of 2017, Rotary Centre Thailand and fellow Rotarians jointly mourn the passing away of 3 senior Rotarians. They are PDG Kowit Suwannasingh of District 3350 (1995-1996), PDG Prasart Euprasert of District 3340 (1998-1999), and PDG Second Lieutenant Peera Photipipith of District 3340 (2006-2007). May their soul rest in peace.

This Rotary Year is considered a special year for Rotary in Thailand because we will have an opportunity to welcome RI President John Germ who will attend our Multi District Conference. This event is jointly organized at the BITEC by 5 districts namely District 3350, 3340, 3330, 3310 and 3360 from 13 to 14 May 2017. I'd like to invite all Rotarians to join this conference. I myself and Rotary Centre Thailand's staff will also attend.

Yours in Rotary

PDG Charn Chanlongsawaitkul

With love to PDG Kowit

PDG Kowit Suwannasingh was the Director (ประธาน?) of Rotary Centre Thailand from 1998 to 2002, and he did so much for the Centre. During his term, the Centre moved from PRID Noraseth Patamanand's office to the present location. However, at the beginning the office still lacked a lot of equipment. PDG Kowit kindly donated computers as well as tables and chairs for the meeting room. This enabled us to work more efficiently. Most important, he was the one who helped solve the problems caused by Thailand's major economic crisis. At that time, we were in the process of paying debts on our office suite. PDG Kowit negotiated with the owner of the suite and obtained a discount of 4.5 million baht. In addition, he helped raise funds to pay off the remaining debt.

PDG Kowit managed Rotary Centre Thailand with carefulness and fostered good relationships resulting in Rotarians' better understanding of the Centre. He had a very strong tie with the Centre; therefore, even after his term he still came to visit. Once he said, "Happiness is strange. Even though we share it with someone, our happiness does not diminish at all. On the contrary, the more we share our happiness, the happier we are. Giving and working for Rotary Centre is the same."

Today, PDG Kowit is no longer with us, but his love and best wishes to us will always remain in our memory.

Rotary Centre Thailand

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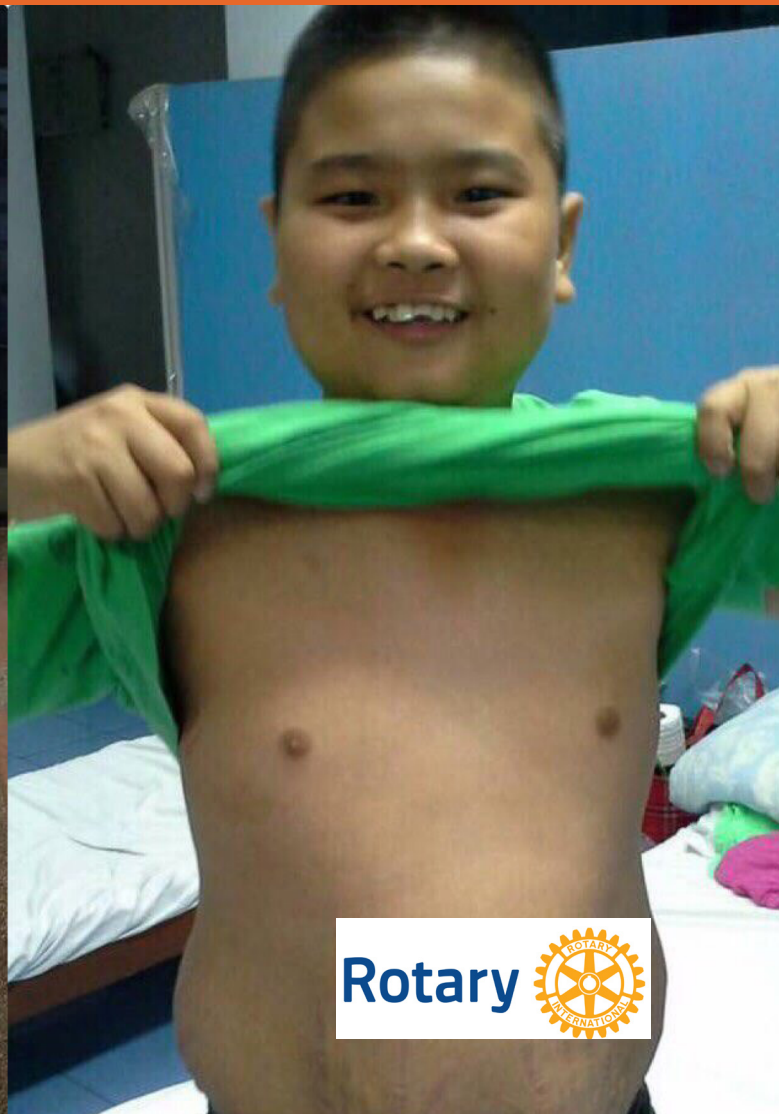
Those who joined the fun organized by Rotary Centre Thailand during the Multi District PETS in Ayudhya from 24 to 25 February 2017 received their prize. RID Dr. Saowalak Rattanawich drew the prizes witnessed by Rotary Centre Thailand's staff. The lucky winners were **PP.Dr. Jaree Srikulsiripanyo** from RC Plutaluang (D.3340), **PE. Thanyalak Kongthong** from RC Chiang Mai Sansai (D.3360), **P. Dej Wattanawitthayanukul** from RC Muang Loei (D.3340), and **PE. Nisakorn Thongkam** from RC Koksamedchun (D.3330). Please

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Members	2,569	1,835	3,056	1,467	8,927
Clubs	101	67	109	67	344

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Rotary Club of Chantaboon led by President Sineeporn Sawaddichai (2016–2017) organized an event on 27 December 2016 to raise fund for the construction of the Serving Humanity Building for patients suffering from Psoriasis. The construction budget for this two-story building with 40 rooms to be built in Muang Ta Chang Municipality of Chantaburi Province is about 7 million baht.



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