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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

I had just joined my Rotary club, and the club organized a limb camp. Here we were, distributing calipers, artificial limbs, and hand cycles. Every member was given some responsibility and so was I. I was to check if the beneficiary of the hand cycle had enough strength in his hand to ride the tricycle by his hands. And I was to do this by asking the beneficiary to pull my hand, so that I could fathom the strength in his hands. As I stood in my designated spot, waiting for the beneficiary to come, I saw him crawling towards me. He had no legs, so he had to crawl towards me. I stretched my hands to hold his, and I'll be honest, in that moment, I was thinking about me and not about him. I was thinking about my cleanliness, my health. I did not want to hold his hand. But I did it and kept thinking of myself for the second and third set of hands. But suddenly after the sixth, seventh set of hands, my empathy towards their plight grew and soon enough I could feel their pain, their challenges, and I was thinking more about them than I was thinking of myself. It was at that moment, friends, when from being just a member of my Rotary club, I became a Rotarian.

Soon I started attending more club projects. As a Rotarian, when I had first gone out to the rural areas of India 35 years back, I truly understood the plight of my brethren. They had no toilets in their homes, the water they drank was from the same pond that they bathed in, the schools were in the shade of a tree, and the black painted wall was the only blackboard in the school. The nearest health center was a few miles away with basic facilities. And then, through my Rotary club, we helped set up toilets, provided clean drinking water, enhanced the education system, and set up world-class health facilities, not just in my community or my city, but in my country.

Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity. Service became a way of life for me, and my life's guiding philosophy became, "Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth." And I want to be a good tenant of this earth. I am sure each of you also has found your opportunity to serve. You too may have provided eyesight to the blind, food to the hungry, homes to the homeless. They may have been small opportunities for service or large projects. More than just the size, it is the attitude that defines service.

As we all serve, we change the lives of not only others; we change our lives, too. Vivekananda, one of India's greatest philosophers, said, "When you help someone, do not think that you are obliging him or her. In fact, it is he or she who is obliging you by giving you an opportunity to give back something to this world from where we have received so much." Also, he added beautifully, "In life, take the position of the donor or the server, and yet be so humble in giving and serving that let the donor or server kneel down and ask: 'May I give? May I serve?'"

Friends, to live for others, to care for others, to serve others and change their lives is the best way to live our own lives. Just as Albert Einstein said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

And friends, as we go about our service initiatives, our special focus this year will be on empowering girls. One of Rotary's core values is diversity. We have a public statement that outlines our belief in DEI — diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is important that we empower the girl as we all find that more often than not, the girl is disadvantaged. We will serve all children, but our focus will be specially on the girl. There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try and mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have.

At this moment, I urge you, wherever you are seated, to put your hand on your heart and pledge with me:

WE HAVE THE POWER AND THE MAGIC
TO SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Shekhar Mehta
RI President 2021-22



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

IMAGINE ROTARY



Jennifer E. Jones
RI President 2022-23

A few years earlier, Pat Merryweather, one of our Rotary International directors, introduced me to a peace fellow who held the kind of position that could perhaps influence this type of situation. Now it was my long shot. I reached out, and that certain Rotary magic that we all know so well took over.

It's the Rotary Peace Fellow who's the hero of this story. I don't know everything that happened, but in less than 24 hours, the young woman was on an evacuation list. Two days later, we learned she was safely en route to Europe for further processing. Imagine her thoughts that day as the plane launched into the sky. This, my friends, is the power of Rotary. When the right connections are made, the world aligns and our stories merge. Our differences dissolve, and the only limit to our impact is the barrier of our imagination.

Only when we live in shared experience like this can we create world peace through understanding. And that world can only manifest when we commit ourselves to equity, human rights, and fairly allocating community resources. Or perhaps, as we all best know it, being fair to all concerned.

As we strive to weave diversity, equity, and inclusion into Rotary, removing the barriers is the key to inclusion. And inclusion is the key to membership. While this may seem like a new call to action, it is not new thinking. I want you to listen to the actual recording of our founder, Paul Harris, in 1933 at our 24th annual convention:

Rotary is thrown open to representatives of all walks of life, to representatives of all countries and all forms of religion. ... Herein lies the genius and the glory of Rotary. ... While Rotarians differ in many respects, in two respects they are in perfect accord. We are all in perfect accord.

President Shekhar [Mehta] launched our Empowering Girls initiative last year, and it has resonated around the world. We will continue this bold effort, recognizing that empowered girls become empowered women.

We have less than a year and a half to achieve the board-set target of 30% women in Rotary. We've come a long way, and already more than 110 countries have achieved this goal. That said, we have a long way to go — and 30% is the next stop on the way to 50%. And you know, our members in Rotaract have already achieved this distinction.

Speaking of embracing the different and unique, new clubs — and especially new club models — are vital to growing Rotary. I need your help with this, and I am asking each of you to help form at least two new innovative or cause-based clubs during your term as governor. Then, and perhaps most importantly, instill in them, and your existing clubs too, our comfort-and-care philosophy. Let's make sure we engage our members so they love their clubs and their Rotary experience.

While we work to innovate Rotary from within, we're going to also place a special emphasis on raising Rotary's profile in the world, holding a global impact tour that celebrates our achievements.

We're going to actively connect with thought leaders and world leaders in dialogue about how we can work together to address the world's most pressing challenges.

Rotary opens these doors, and we need to harness our connections to deepen these relationships and create new partnerships. And the best part is, this can happen at every level of leadership.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us. Now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others.



An Excerpt of FOCUS FOR THE YEAR

Mother Teresa once said, “I cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters and create many ripples.”

To align with the Rotary Action Plan and help us expand our reach, The Rotary Foundation has set three priorities for the year ahead.

Our first priority is, of course, to end polio. Those of you that know me personally understand how hard it is for me not to speak more about this topic, but you will hear more about it later in this session.

Our second priority is to increase contributions to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus while building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025. To that end, we have set a comprehensive fundraising goal of \$410 million with the following component pieces:

- \$50 million for PolioPlus, which is then matched double by the Gates Foundation to bring the total to \$150 million. If every club contributed just \$1,500, we would surpass this goal. Encouraging your own district to contribute 20% of its available District Designated Funds would also provide leadership and set the pace for this program.
- \$125 million for the Annual Fund. Many of our newer members have yet to be introduced to Rotary’s strong culture of philanthropy as embodied in our “Every Rotarian, Every Year” slogan for the Annual Fund, so we need you to encourage every club, and every individual in every club, to contribute to this fund.
- We also aim to raise \$95 million for the Endowment Fund in outright gifts and new commitments.
- And then \$40 million for other outright gifts adds up to a grand total of \$410 million.

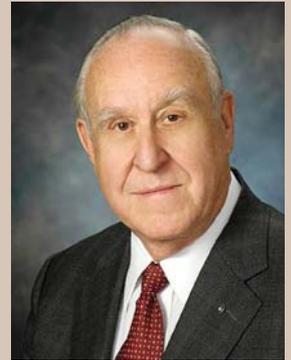
By achieving our fundraising goals, we’ll help meet the increased demand for our global grants and fund our other programs. Most importantly, remember, it’s not about the money; it’s what the money can do.

Our third priority is to improve the measurable impact of our grants. Increasingly, Rotarians, prospective members, philanthropists, and partners want to know the measurable impact of our programs. While the impact of PolioPlus commitments is clear, we need to move to the next level of quantifying the impact of our other programs.

And, with this priority in mind, Programs of Scale was introduced this Rotary year. It’s a competitive grant program to fund promising, Rotarian-led, evidence-based programs that have already demonstrated success in effecting change. These grants support longer-term activities that last for three to five years and align with one or more of our areas of focus. They integrate strong monitoring, evaluation, and cooperative learning systems into their implementation. The grants support implementing programs that will reach an expanded number of participants with proven interventions on a scale large enough to effect positive community change. Through these Programs of Scale, we want to find new ways to learn together, accomplish our mission, and demonstrate Rotary’s power to create real change.

The Rotary Foundation provides endless opportunities for Rotarians to do good in the world, to provide Service Above Self, to make the world a better place for future generations. Yes, the Foundation is the heart of Rotary, and each of you are the intelligent heart of the Foundation.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of our Rotary Foundation. God bless.



John F. Germ
Foundation Trustee
Chair 2021-22

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An Excerpt of FOCUS FOR THE YEAR



Ian H.S. Riseley
Foundation Trustee
Chair 2022-23

In Sri Lanka, about 2,000 children are born every year with a congenital heart defect that needs an operation so they can survive to become adults. Treatment existed, but it was not always available or effective. So local Rotarians put together a plan to solve this urgent problem. Seventeen Rotary districts from around the world contributed District Designated Funds [DDF], matched by our Rotary Foundation, to provide a total global grant budget of US\$365,000, and they created the first and only human heart valve tissue bank in the entire country.

I'm sure you are aware of our first Programs of Scale grant, which was awarded to Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia, a program led by Rotarians that is building more capacity in the health system to protect 1.3 million people in Zambia from malaria. It is already over halfway to its goal of training and integrating health workers into the Zambian health system to provide effective diagnosis and treatment for communities heavily impacted by malaria.

I am a huge fan of our Endowment Fund, which will provide the long-term certainty that our Rotary Foundation needs to sustain itself.

You know that we have a goal of \$2.025 billion by 2025, and we need an inflow every year to take us toward that target. This is made up of cash and what we call expectancies, which are bequests.

For annual giving — and remember, this is the figure that comes back for grants and programming in three years' time — we are aiming for \$135 million, a slight increase on this year's goal.

To take our total contribution for PolioPlus to \$50 million, we need to have transfers, including DDF, etc., to polio of \$15 million to add to our cash of \$35 million. That \$15 million is not cash, so let's put it below the line here and put our \$35 million cash and the \$100 million Gates Foundation grant that we receive up here in the cash inflow section.

This gives us cash inflow of \$355 million.

This gives us a fundraising target grand total for 2022-23 of \$430 million. An exciting figure!

The disruption to all societies around the world caused by COVID-19 makes budgeting difficult, but I am confident that the Rotarians of the world, under your leadership, will meet these targets and ensure the great work of our Rotary Foundation continues to flourish.

In the 2019-20 Southern [Hemisphere] summer, a combination of prolonged drought, global warming, and adverse weather conditions meant that much of Australia was threatened with wildfires — what we call bushfires — and the impact was catastrophic. Images of the fires appeared on television screens around the world, and the need for assistance was obvious and substantial. In Canada, themselves no strangers to wildfires, Rotarians wanted to help, so they made contact. Of course, as we all know, the best way to help in a substantial way is through The Rotary Foundation, and clubs and districts in Taiwan, India, and several other countries joined in. As a result, three global grants totaling over \$280,000 were undertaken to improve the economic resilience of farmers affected by fire and drought.

We are waiting to learn the final outcome of these three projects, but I want to share with you one of the many letters we have received from the farmers helped by these grants:

Our farming community members who have received help were so grateful that a Rotary Foundation global grant supplied funding for our remote rural farming districts. They were in disbelief that Rotary clubs from Canada and other countries abroad would step up and help our relatively small farming region.

They were very grateful and honored to be considered worthy of such aid.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Riseley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Message from PRIP Gary Huang

Affected by the COVID-19, unfortunately, many Rotary activities are not able to be carried out smoothly as before. Although we have encountered sudden tests and are still facing such severe difficulties, we shall not be discouraged. As Rotarians, we cannot let the pandemic stop us because at this moment, there are more people in need in the world. It is the good opportunity for Rotarians to “Lend a Hand” and “Serve to Change Lives”. Rotary International has resources and experience in the area of focus on “disease prevention and treatment” that we can use to help people around the world fighting against the COVID-19. Equipped by the resources of The Rotary Foundation, we are also able to make a difference in thousands of communities throughout the world. Through the connection and strength of Rotarians around the world, we can demonstrate the Rotary’s spirit of “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”. We can help the world to bring hope and peace through Rotary service.

Currently, there are 12 Rotary districts in Taiwan. Along with D.3450 (Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia), and D.52 (China), a total of 14 districts constitutes Rotary Zone 9. As of February 28, 2022, the Rotary global membership is 1,194,356, and the membership of Zone 9 is 36,974. The membership of Taiwan is 34,200, ranking the eighth in the Rotary world. When I served as RI President in 2014-15, the Rotary’s global membership was increased to nearly 1.23 million, the highest record in its history. Unfortunately, the membership has been declining in recent years. Membership is the lifeline for a successful Rotary organization. Membership growth is an important mission for every Rotarian, because with more members we will be able to provide more service and increase our impact. And Rotary will become stronger. Therefore, we must do our best to invite more leaders in our communities to join Rotary and involve them in Rotary services.

Taiwan with its largest number of Mandarin-speaking clubs in the world, has become one of the most important regions in Rotary since its extraordinary membership growth and financial gifts have been making tremendous contributions to Rotary International. Especially when I served as RI President in 2014-15 and TRF Chair in 2019-20, the annual achievements are outstanding. And this would be impossible if without the support from Taiwan Rotarians. I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of you! As the Mandarin-speaking Rotary clubs more and more actively participate in service projects around the world and share the spirit of Rotary, the impacts provided by Chinese Rotarians in the world has grown rapidly. Through their increasing strength in doing good in the world, Chinese Rotarians has become an important role in connecting the world. Since March this year, Editor-in-chief of Rotary’s flag monthly magazine “Rotary” is a Chinese, Wen Huang. He is professional in Chinese language. I believe that there will be more opportunities for us to show the achievements of Mandarin-speaking Clubs and Taiwan Rotary.

I deeply appreciate all the Rotarians and spouses in Taiwan for your great service and contributions. Though no one knows how long the COVID-19 epidemic will last, I hope that in the current difficult situation, everyone of us will continue to follow the object of Rotary and work hard. Through the spirit of “come in to learn, go out to serve”, a variety of methods and service projects, we will continue to take action and spread the love of Rotary to the world. Together, we can bring the pandemic to an end. We can do good in the world. Let’s “Light Up Rotary” together, look forward to the future, and make the world better!

I pray for all of you! Wish you safe and healthy!



Gary C.K. Huang
RI President, 2014-15
TRF Chair, 2019-20

A handwritten signature in Chinese characters, which reads "黃文" (Huang Wen), written in black ink.

Message from RID Surgeon Liu



Surgeon Liu
RI Director 2020-22

I am the Rotary International Director for 2020-22.

As the fourth RI General officer from Taiwan and an important bridge between RI and the fellow Rotarians from Zone 9, I would like to make the Rotarians to know what is happening at the Rotary International, and its Foundation and what Rotary would expect us to do.

Regarding to Rotary International's position statement on COVID-19,

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants.
2. Misinformation has become an "infodemic" that hinders the fight against COVID-19.
3. Rotary staff at One Rotary Center were required to be vaccinated by 10 October 2021, as a criterion for employment after that date.
4. Globally, Rotary is actively engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people.
5. Those children for whom vaccines are not currently available are at significant risk.
6. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services.
7. Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to
 - a. set good examples by being exemplary role models;
 - b. redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 treatment, prevention, and vaccination efforts.
8. Vaccines have proven to be one of the greatest advances of modern medicine.
9. The eradication of polio remains a goal of the highest order for Rotary.

The important information during the year we talk about in Board meeting,

1. DEI; 2. Empowering Girls; 3. Shaping Rotary's future

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive. We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong. In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

Regarding to The Empowering Girls Initiative, It is important that we empower the girls, as we all find that more often than not, the girl is disadvantaged. We will serve all children, but our laser focus will be specially on the girl. There are many issues that the girls face. In different parts of the world there are different issues, and you will ensure that we try to mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have.

Regarding to Shaping Rotary's future, this item comes before the Board at the recommendation of the Shaping Rotary's future Committee. The committee was formed by the Board at its July 2018 meeting with the Board requesting the committee to among other things consider;

1. Regional leaders and structure including a regionalization model, and
2. The volunteer leadership layers below the director level including the District leadership.
3. RI Board just approved in principle the pilot proposal for a new regional governance structure for Zone 8.

Taiwan Rotary Publication and E-information Association is the organization to publish Taiwan Rotary magazine. Thanks to Chairman of TRPIA PDG Horace, through his dedication and leadership of its committee members, there is a substantial and fruitful impact on this regional magazine.

These two recent years will be the year for 34,000 Rotarians in Taiwan to feel a very proud year. A lot of service projects have been performed by the 12 Districts in Taiwan. Some of them are for the local and some of them are for the international. All of them are very fruitful even under the threats of COVID-19 pandemic.

Taiwanese Rotarians have worked hard to the service projects in the Districts and in the world. We ought to let the people in Taiwan to see the Rotary projects and achievements. All in all, Taiwan is an island full of Rotary love. Because of the involvement, all kind of service projects of Taiwan, the world become better.

Taiwanese Rotarians have their duty to play the role of opening the opportunities and serving to change lives.

Message from Chairman of TRPIA



PDG Horace Cheng-Hsi Wang, District 3522

Chairman and Publisher of Taiwan Rotary magazine for 2020-22

Ideally, every Rotarian shall receive monthly a copy of a Rotary magazine, which may be “Rotary” (the official Rotary International flagship magazine published in English), or a regional Rotary magazine certified and prescribed for his/her Rotary club by Rotary International and published in other language. So, what role does a Rotary magazine play to promote Rotary and the lives of Rotarians?

Over the past two years, I have been trying to systematically give an idea to the Rotarians in Taiwan about the role of Rotary regional magazines, especially our “Taiwan Rotary” monthly magazine (TR) for which I serve as its board chairman and publisher in 2020-22. I also have been exploring and reviewing that question when each issue of the TR magazine was editing and publishing in these two years. Finally, TR may have created some sorts of features that I would like to share with you and that is a wonderful memento for me as my term is approaching to an end.

Firstly, TR is a regional Rotary magazine officially authorized by Rotary International (RI). It must be run according to certain RI policies and be re-certified every few years. It was certified again on 22 June 2020.

In terms of the four functions of the media: 1. surveillance, 2. education, 3. inheritance, and 4. Entertainment, TR has performed well and created some features through the articles published in each issue in these two years.

Among these articles, some are selected and translated from the “Rotary” published in English by RI, some are the works contributed by Rotary members in Taiwan, some are the research results from various committees, and some are the marvelous pieces produced by the Editor-in-chief Marine Po-Shin Lee. These seemingly unrelated articles are wrapped up in each issue of TR according to the principles and functions of media, and are the most important factors that determine the role of TR.

After a period of exploration, the editing team of TR decided to make this magazine not only a publication for Rotarians, but also a popular one for the public. Then, we choose and edited articles on the base of attractiveness, topicality, and Rotary’s five core values. As a result, the readers can indirectly relate him- or her-selves to what Rotary members have committed to environment protection by reading the reports on the restoration of butterflies in America and the protection of white rhinos in Africa. They can also get ideas about the diversity and modernization of the Rotary clubs by checking the articles that introduces innovative technology and emerging new professions. We hope that all Rotarians in Taiwan become subscribers to TR magazine so that they will be benefited with the latest information from Rotary International while learning from the experiences of other Rotarians who exemplify Rotary’s core values, and that the non-Rotarian readers can discover the charms of Rotary after their joyful, relaxing, and informative reading.

Thumbing over Taiwan Rotary magazine, you may be amazed by its articles that they are consistent with each other while having various contents and are from authors with different backgrounds. If giving a further look, you may find that they all reflect our five core values and the pulse of our communities. In all, TR is a magazine edited by the standard of our values and with the refined and the popular tastes. It is a publication designed both for Rotarians with some mandatory and exclusive Rotary materials and for the public with many positive and inspiring contents.

Currently, the content of “Rotary Taiwan” monthly magazine are roughly classified into three categories: “Rotary World News”, “District Reports”, and “Special Articles”. In “Rotary World News, there are “monthly messages from RI President and Rotary Foundation Chair”, “Rotary projects around the globe”, and selected pieces from Rotary magazine and Rotary website; in “District Reports”, there are news of service activities and events of Rotary districts in Taiwan and a column “Clubs in action” containing the reports contributed by Rotary clubs; in “Special Articles” there are non-Rotary articles contributed by Rotarians across Taiwan.

Aiming at a higher reading rate Editor Marine Po-Shin Lee and his team have greatly expanded the “Special articles” section with more informative and interesting columns, such as “Comics on Rotary”, “Culture in Taiwan”, “Candidate sites in Taiwan for world heritage”, “Artists”, “Great masters in ancient Chinese literary”, “Historic buildings in Taiwan”, “Stories with faded photos”, “Gourmet talks”. Articles in these columns and those from other Rotarian contributors are proved very popular.

By adding up these new columns, TR is trying to offer its readers with more diversified and knowledgeable information in areas of life, history, art, culture, and other topics that may inspire Rotarians for a more creative and colorful lives while enjoying updated Rotary information.

In addition, TR is also a bridge between Rotary members and various Rotary organizations in Taiwan. Through the platform of the Rotary magazine, Rotarians can learn more not only about what these Rotary organizations are, what they do, but also how to join in them to promote Rotary. Hopefully, TR will be able to function more and provide better service to more Rotarians and readers in the future.

TR is traditionally published in a print version, and recently it has achieved impressively in its digitalization. The magazine began to publish an electronic version (e-books) and downloadable PDF file of each issue since July 2019 to facilitate the readers who prefer different way for reading. In 2020 it created a Facebook fan page and has been providing the real-time information since to meet the needs of the new-generation Rotarians. In the same year it began to distribute its e-newsletter weekly with selected articles that have published in the monthly magazine. In 2021 it established a new and more attractive website to replace the old one. Both the website and Facebook page not only enjoyed steadily increased pageviews, but also received universal praises from our readers. The magazine is now planning and working to establish a cloud database to store digitalized articles and important information from TR magazine to facilitate data searching of its subscribers and Rotarians in Taiwan.

In the past two years, the good articles produced by our Editor Lee and his team have inspired and encourage more contribution of the valuable pieces from Rotarians and have enriched our “Taiwan Rotary” monthly magazine making it more interesting and readable. I sincerely thank them for their fruitful efforts. I also thank the chair and members our Advisory Committee of Optimization for Website and the relevant staff member for their hard work in achieving digitalization of TR magazine and making our website, Facebook page and e-newsletter a truly important media platforms that provide the most updated information from Rotary International in a real-time manner to Rotary members in Taiwan.

During my two-year term of chairman that will expire on June 30 this year, our TR magazine and association have been progressing as planned, though COVID-19 pandemic has caused some disturbance. This is credited to: 1) all directors, supervisors and committee members and their strong support; 2) the article contributors and their excellent and timely works; 3) all the staff members of the association and their tirelessly efforts. In addition, the encouragement from Rotarians from time to time is also an indispensable driving force.

Finally, I would like to thank PDG Kambo Yi-shen Kang, the founding chairman of the association, for inviting me to participate in the operation of the association, which enable me to step into a whole new world both in my career or Rotary journey and brings me a totally exciting chapter in my life.

AKS Members from Taiwan

2020-21



D3461
(RC of Taichung Formosa)
PDG Eyes 劉禮修
(RC of Taichung South Gate)
PP Ears 賴仁淙



D3462
(RC of Taichung Nantuen)
PP Sports 沈文振
Mei-Hua Shen Gan 甘美華



D3470
(RC of Tainan Phoenix)
PDG Jennifer 張美貞



D3470
(RC of Hsin Ying East)
PDG Pipe 陳清鏗
Jennifer 王櫻蕙



D3470
(RC of Chia Li)
PDG Thomas 陳東初
Li-O Lin Chen 林麗娥



D3470
(RC of Tainan Northeast)
PP Culture 鄭啟驊
Ying-Tzu Tsai 蔡震澤



D3470
(RC of Shan Hua Lan-Hsin)
PP Lucky 王淑美
(RC of Tainan Central)
Fong-Mu Cheng 鄭楓木



D3481
(RC of Hsintien)
PP Cary 游忠德
Kathy 游陳鳳嬌



D3490
(RC of Panchiao North)
PP City 胡睿鈞
Ching-Yu Tseng 曾靜妤



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan Fountain)
PP Clock 范炎強
Li-Hua Fan 謝麗華



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan East)
A-Jin 李承晉
Xin-Ling Wang 王馨翎



Chair's Circle
D3510
(RC of Pingtung East)
PDG William 曾秋聯
Melody 高鳳珠

2021-22



Chair's Circle
D3522
(RC of Taipei Ricardo)
PP Judy 黃錦梅



D3461
(RC of Taichung Harbor East)
PDG Five 童瑞龍
A-Jung Chen 陳阿絨



D3462
(RC of Taichung Huanzhong)
DG CO-OP 謝漢金
Angela 陳一瑄



D3462
(RC of Lukang East)
DGND Dental 楊躍聰
Joann 莊璧禎



D3482
(RC of Taipei Yenping)
PDG Jimmy 李啟銘
Amy 李陳慧美



D3490
(RC Of Panchiao East)
DG Wood 黃文龍
Jia-Shiow 簡家秀



D3501
(RC of Miaoli Sunshine)
P Candy 劉芸姘
Leo 楊順發



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan)
PP Case 陳昌
Chao-Ti Lin 林招弟



D3502
(RC of Pa-Te Hsu-Te)
CP Tung 童寶環



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan Ford)
DGE Metal 高志明
Phoebe 江瓊文



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan Kinghawk)
PDG Johnson 林黃彰
(RC of Taoyuan Phoenix)
Diana 王美雲



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan Fu-Jen)
PP Fay 游錦華



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan Southeast)
DG Water 吳淑華
(RC of Taoyuan Golf)
CP Super 詹前煥



D3502
(RC of Taoyuan Golf)
Abu 吳嘉隆
(RC of Taoyuan Ford)
Candy 劉月琴



D3521
(RC of Taipei Yang-Te)
DG Dennis 簡承盈
Penny 彭純惠



D3522
(RC of Taipei Songzhi)
CP Joseph Chen 陳澤民
(RC of Taipei Songren)
Ilona Liu 劉姿伶



D3523
(RC of Taipei Prosperity)
DG Michael 曾東茂



D3523
(RC of Taipei Hwa Nan)
CP Goshen 曹國賢



Chair's Circle
D3523
(RC of Taipei Hwa Yueh)
PP Sophie 郭淑惠

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GIVING COUNTRIES in 2021 - 2022

| Rank | Country | Rotarians | % of All Members | Clubs | % of All Clubs | Total Contributions |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | United States | 297,809 | 25% | 7,486 | 21% | \$188,433,405 |
| 2 | Korea | 60,225 | 5% | 1,659 | 5% | \$22,688,390 |
| 3 | India | 148,231 | 13% | 3,940 | 11% | \$22,388,908 |
| 4 | Japan | 85,096 | 7% | 2,238 | 6% | \$17,174,563 |
| 5 | Taiwan | 32,080 | 3% | 892 | 2% | \$14,832,635 |
| 6 | Canada | 21,242 | 2% | 711 | 2% | \$8,756,564 |
| 7 | Germany | 56,625 | 5% | 1,094 | 3% | \$7,519,954 |
| 8 | Australia | 25,295 | 2% | 1,037 | 3% | \$5,855,298 |
| 9 | Italy | 38,650 | 3% | 909 | 3% | \$5,395,130 |
| 10 | Philippines | 25,285 | 2% | 922 | 3% | \$5,350,308 |
| 11 | Brazil | 52,328 | 4% | 2,403 | 7% | \$4,684,563 |
| 12 | UK | 39,962 | 3% | 1,616 | 4% | \$3,719,735 |
| 13 | France | 29,099 | 2% | 1,072 | 3% | \$3,690,199 |
| 14 | Switzerland | 13,108 | 1% | 219 | 1% | \$1,902,706 |
| 15 | Nigeria | 10,361 | 1% | 400 | 1% | \$1,760,968 |
| 16 | Thailand | 7,458 | 1% | 334 | 1% | \$1,757,040 |
| 17 | Singapore | 771 | 0% | 23 | 0% | \$1,673,243 |
| 18 | Mexico | 9,375 | 1% | 605 | 2% | \$1,608,661 |
| 19 | Belgium | 9,711 | 1% | 270 | 1% | \$1,196,420 |
| 20 | Bangladesh | 11,157 | 1% | 400 | 1% | \$1,125,978 |
| 21 | Austria | 8,282 | 1% | 158 | 0% | \$958,161 |
| 22 | Netherlands | 16,165 | 1% | 491 | 1% | \$907,244 |
| 23 | New Zealand | 6,823 | 1% | 230 | 1% | \$884,647 |
| 24 | Nepal | 4,922 | 0% | 125 | 0% | \$817,477 |
| 25 | Hong Kong | 2,010 | 0% | 78 | 0% | \$814,620 |
| 26 | Denmark | 9,019 | 1% | 253 | 1% | \$796,804 |
| 27 | Turkey | 5,655 | 0% | 228 | 1% | \$644,417 |
| 28 | Uganda | 4,308 | 0% | 131 | 0% | \$630,542 |
| 29 | Pakistan | 3,298 | 0% | 258 | 1% | \$605,906 |
| 30 | Spain | 4,373 | 0% | 229 | 1% | \$605,067 |
| | Total 30 Countries | 1,038,723 | 88% | 30,411 | 84% | \$329,179,553 |

*U. S. contributions include \$7.5 million from the RI Board (Annual Fund) and \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (PolioPlus Fund).

Data as of 8 March 2022

Source: Rotary International

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Annual Fund Giving Countries in 2021 - 2022

| Rank | Country | Rotarians | % of All Members | Clubs | % of All Clubs | Annual Fund |
|------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | United States | 297,809 | 25% | 7,486 | 21% | \$51,985,511 |
| 2 | Korea | 60,225 | 5% | 1,659 | 5% | \$16,602,265 |
| 3 | Japan | 85,096 | 7% | 2,238 | 6% | \$12,598,570 |
| 4 | India | 148,231 | 13% | 3,940 | 11% | \$7,857,479 |
| 5 | Taiwan | 32,080 | 3% | 892 | 2% | \$7,038,965 |
| 6 | Germany | 56,625 | 5% | 1,094 | 3% | \$4,910,406 |
| 7 | Canada | 21,242 | 2% | 711 | 2% | \$4,081,350 |
| 8 | Philippines | 25,285 | 2% | 922 | 3% | \$3,764,929 |
| 9 | Italy | 38,650 | 3% | 909 | 3% | \$3,759,157 |
| 10 | Brazil | 52,328 | 4% | 2,403 | 7% | \$3,305,159 |

*U. S. contributions include \$7.5 million from the RI Board

Data as of 8 March 2022

Source: Rotary International

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Annual Fund Per Capita by Country in 2021 - 2022

| Rank | Country | Rotarians | % of All Members | Clubs | % of All Clubs | Annual Fund Per Capita |
|------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Singapore | 771 | 0% | 23 | 0% | \$383.62 |
| 2 | Korea | 60,225 | 5% | 1,659 | 5% | \$275.67 |
| 3 | Hong Kong | 2,010 | 0% | 78 | 0% | \$275.22 |
| 4 | Taiwan | 32,080 | 3% | 892 | 2% | \$219.42 |
| 5 | Canada | 21,242 | 2% | 711 | 2% | \$192.14 |
| 6 | Thailand | 7,458 | 1% | 334 | 1% | \$191.40 |
| 7 | United States | 297,809 | 25% | 7,486 | 21% | \$174.56 |
| 8 | Philippines | 25,285 | 2% | 922 | 3% | \$148.90 |
| 9 | Japan | 85,096 | 7% | 2,238 | 6% | \$148.05 |
| 10 | Australia | 25,295 | 2% | 1,037 | 3% | \$127.19 |

*U. S. contributions include \$7.5 million from the RI Board

Data as of 8 March 2022

Source: RotaInternational

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PolioPlus Fund Giving Countries in 2021 - 2022

| Rank | Country | Rotarians | % of All Members | Clubs | % of All Clubs | PolioPlus Fund |
|----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | United States | 297,809 | 25% | 7,486 | 21% | \$114,733,336 |
| 2 | Japan | 85,096 | 7% | 2,238 | 6% | \$2,289,959 |
| 3 | India | 148,231 | 13% | 3,940 | 11% | \$2,000,016 |
| 4 | Germany | 56,625 | 5% | 1,094 | 3% | \$1,710,500 |
| 5 | Canada | 21,242 | 2% | 711 | 2% | \$1,531,472 |
| 6 | Italy | 38,650 | 3% | 909 | 3% | \$1,089,746 |
| 7 | Taiwan | 32,080 | 3% | 892 | 2% | \$1,069,368 |
| 8 | UK | 39,962 | 3% | 1,616 | 4% | \$975,648 |
| 9 | Australia | 25,295 | 2% | 1,037 | 3% | \$913,599 |
| 10 | France | 29,099 | 2% | 1,072 | 3% | \$858,288 |
| 11 | Philippines | 25,285 | 2% | 922 | 3% | \$584,603 |
| 12 | Korea | 60,225 | 5% | 1,659 | 5% | \$551,998 |
| 13 | Brazil | 52,328 | 4% | 2,403 | 7% | \$476,247 |
| 14 | Switzerland | 13,108 | 1% | 219 | 1% | \$393,297 |
| 15 | Nigeria | 10,361 | 1% | 400 | 1% | \$377,366 |
| 16 | Belgium | 9,711 | 1% | 270 | 1% | \$287,629 |
| 17 | Netherlands | 16,165 | 1% | 491 | 1% | \$216,959 |
| 18 | Mexico | 9,375 | 1% | 605 | 2% | \$162,432 |
| 19 | New Zealand | 6,823 | 1% | 230 | 1% | \$154,328 |
| 20 | Spain | 4,373 | 0% | 229 | 1% | \$149,612 |
| 21 | Pakistan | 3,298 | 0% | 258 | 1% | \$128,149 |
| 22 | Denmark | 9,019 | 1% | 253 | 1% | \$125,352 |
| 23 | Bangladesh | 11,157 | 1% | 400 | 1% | \$104,087 |
| 24 | Singapore | 771 | 0% | 23 | 0% | \$101,598 |
| 25 | Thailand | 7,458 | 1% | 334 | 1% | \$77,141 |
| 26 | Hong Kong | 2,010 | 0% | 78 | 0% | \$74,120 |
| 27 | Uganda | 4,308 | 0% | 131 | 0% | \$69,272 |
| 28 | Austria | 8,282 | 1% | 158 | 0% | \$55,622 |
| 29 | Turkey | 5,655 | 0% | 228 | 1% | \$52,707 |
| 30 | Nepal | 4,922 | 0% | 125 | 0% | \$17,636 |

*U. S. contributions include \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (PolioPlus Fund).

Data as of 8 March 2022

Source: Rotary International

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Endowment Fund Giving Countries in 2021 - 2022

| Rank | Country | Rotarians | % of All Members | Clubs | % of All Clubs | Endowment Fund |
|----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | United States | 297,809 | 25% | 7,486 | 21% | \$14,572,314 |
| 2 | Taiwan | 32,080 | 3% | 892 | 2% | \$4,427,976 |
| 3 | Korea | 60,225 | 5% | 1,659 | 5% | \$3,854,083 |
| 4 | Japan | 85,096 | 7% | 2,238 | 6% | \$1,972,351 |
| 5 | India | 148,231 | 13% | 3,940 | 11% | \$1,780,904 |
| 6 | Singapore | 771 | 0% | 23 | 0% | \$1,151,765 |
| 7 | Canada | 21,242 | 2% | 711 | 2% | \$993,401 |
| 8 | Australia | 25,295 | 2% | 1,037 | 3% | \$830,826 |
| 9 | Philippines | 25,285 | 2% | 922 | 3% | \$702,538 |
| 10 | Brazil | 52,328 | 4% | 2,403 | 7% | \$529,026 |

Data as of 8 March 2022

Source: Rotary International

AKS Members from Taiwan

| District | Members |
|--------------|------------|
| 3461 | 7 |
| 3462 | 5 |
| 3470 | 7 |
| 3481 | 9 |
| 3482 | 11 |
| 3490 | 24 |
| 3501 | 16 |
| 3502 | 20 |
| 3510 | 9 |
| 3521 | 6 |
| 3522 | 17 |
| 3523 | 8 |
| Total | 139 |

Data as of 17 May 2022

Source: Rotary International

ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY MEMBERS

| Top 10 Member Countries | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| United States | 595 |
| Taiwan | 137 |
| India | 134 |
| Korea, Republic of | 122 |
| Japan | 52 |
| Canada | 42 |
| Australia | 26 |
| Philippines | 26 |
| Brazil | 16 |
| Bangladesh | 15 |
| Nigeria | 15 |

Data as of 20 February 2022

Source: Rotary International

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Countries of Rotarian Members in 2021 - 2022

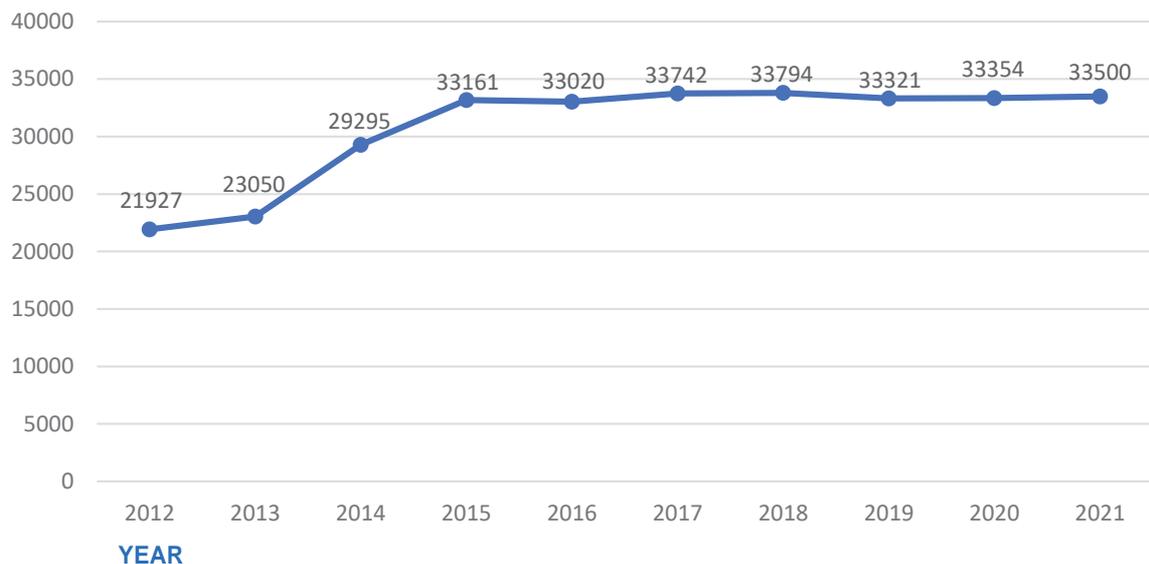
| Rank | Country | Rotarians | % of All Members | Clubs | % of All Clubs |
|------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | United States | 297,809 | 25% | 7,486 | 21% |
| 2 | India | 148,231 | 13% | 3,940 | 11% |
| 3 | Japan | 85,096 | 7% | 2,238 | 6% |
| 4 | Korea | 60,225 | 5% | 1,659 | 5% |
| 5 | Germany | 56,625 | 5% | 1,094 | 3% |
| 6 | Brazil | 52,328 | 4% | 2,403 | 7% |
| 7 | UK | 39,962 | 3% | 1,616 | 4% |
| 8 | Italy | 38,650 | 3% | 909 | 3% |
| 9 | Taiwan | 32,080 | 3% | 892 | 2% |
| 10 | France | 29,099 | 2% | 1,072 | 3% |

Data as of 8 March 2022

Source: Rotary International

GROWTH OF TAIWAN ROTARIAN MEMBERS FROM 2012 TO 2021

MEMBERSHIP



District 3461 Taiwan - Zone 9

65 Clubs 2,926 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



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Over 3,000 Rotarians joining Rotary Day of District 3461 in Taichung Metropolitan Park

With the theme "Serve to Change Lives" in mind, District 3461 and Social Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government co-hosted Rotary Day on December 11 in 2021, which Taichung City Government served as the adviser. On that day, more than 3,000 participated in this event venue "Taichung Metropolitan Park" in order to promote Rotary's belief "Service above myself" with the public.

To connect social welfare and to raise Rotary Public Image, Rotarians of District

3461 had conveyed the sign of anti-drug and presented their effort to End Polio through Rotary Day. At the beginning, those government officials including the City Mayor, the deputy director of Social Affairs Bureau from Taichung City Government, RI District 3461 governor "Trading" Chiu-Hsiung Hsueh, and the chairman of Rotary Day handed in hand with 150 Rotarians and spouses to initiate the opening ceremony, filling in each letter in turn to make "END POLIO NOW"





covered with yellow cloth, and then making an announcement to show their commitment to "END POLIO NOW".

After the opening event, all Rotarians were invited to participate in an anti-drug walk, combining with point collection and check-in activity. Along the way, a total of 11 locations were set for participants to check-in, take a photo, and tag #Rotary International 3461 Rotary Day. And those who collected 5 points could exchange the exquisite gifts as reward.

At the same time, in addition to the anti-drug walk, there was a fair where nearly 100 booths were set up with different functions. The one was for DIY activities, which was best



for parents and children, including sketching, photographing, potted planting, and so on. The second was entertainment such as "Squid Game". The third was for vocational service. The booths set up by those merchants were not only for selling food or goods, but also for public welfare such as the charity booth, which funded outstanding college students with their income through this fair.

Finally, with the coming end of Rotary Day, totally 1,800 entrance tickets of this fair were sold out and all the Rotarians had lots of fun. This Rotary Day, titled with "Family fun Happy day", really made everyone enjoy themselves from the opening event to the lucky draw. It seemed like a carnival day, which brought more than 3,000 Rotarians a joyful and meaningful day.



Supporting the special education in Fengyuan Elementary School in Taichung City



Rotary Club of Fengyuan supported the 35 children who received special education in Fengyuan Elementary School. To enhance their learning efficiency and provide them more sensory experiences, the club donated Perceptual Motor Equipment and replaced new computers for their classroom. During the school year, with the hope that those children could interact with other people without difficulties, the club also hosted outdoor activities for them to increase additional knowledge and life experiences.

On October 15, 2021, to support the project of assisting kids with special education

needs, led by the president of Rotary Club Fengyuan, Rotarians and spouses went to the local school to initiate the donation ceremony. The donated items including adaptive sporting equipment including treadmill, bouncing bed, Sticky Ball Target, and so on. Then, all the participants and those kids played together, which brought happiness for them on the whole morning.



For all the Rotarians, the most important of all was to improve those kids' health and prevented them from infection disease through physical fitness exercise and games.

District 3462 Taiwan - Zone 9

66 Clubs 2,633 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3462

The Journal of Rotary Day of Service of District 3462

After cooperating with R.I. District 3462 on breast cancer screening in remote rural areas and seeing the report about bone marrow donation and blood test activity hosted by Buddhist Tzu Chi Stem Cells Center, the Rotary Club of Taichung Situen came up with a plan to arrange the Mobile Mammography vehicles on Rotary Day of District 3462 and invited the charity groups to participate in the activity. Under the warm invitation of the president "Amicus" and his spouse, their fellow Rotarians made promise to attend the event. First, the secretary of RC Taichung Situen "Win" and his spouse, serving as the chairman and the vice chairman of the Taichung Houli Branch of Taiwan Drug Free World Association, agreed to promote the awareness of antidrug on Rotary Day by telling all participants the ways to identify the drug packaging which would be disguised as coffee bags, candies, jellies, biscuits, and so on. Second, the Rotarian "Yanger" and his spouse promised to attend to



teach DIY aromatic alcohol spray cleaner for the purpose of achieving the effect of disease prevention. Third, Dajia Lee's General Hospital and Taichung Blood Center also agreed to serve in the event, which would make the Rotary Day even more grand, and encourage more people to take part in there.

At the beginning, with the hope that more young people know and further participate in Rotary events, District 3462 finally selected Lihpao Resort in Taichung City to host the Rotary Day on February 20, 2022. Although



the day of the event happened to the coldest day since the beginning of winter, under the leadership of the district governor "CO-OP" Han-Kin Shieh, all participating Rotarians still attended with passion. At the beginning of the event, the marching band from Taichung Girls' Senior High School stood the cold and made their big effort to give their performance during the wind and rain, winning full of praise and applause from the audience. Next, the district director "CO-OP" invited the deputy mayor of Taichung City to give an opening remark and then contributed NT\$1,000,000 to the project of helping disadvantaged women and families to be free from period poverty, which was initiated by Social Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government. And local legislators were also invited to reward the students for winning the essay competition with the theme of "Antidrug" and "Serves to Change Lives". Finally, led by the marching band from Taichung Girls' Senior High School, the event came to a successful conclusion.

Before the event was initiated, those Rotarians faced with some problems due to the unfavorable weather conditions including the strong wind and heavy rain, which messed up the original positions of the items and wetted the tables and chairs that had been placed. However, 133 staffs from Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation and the Golden Bell

Award winner who was also the marrow donor still volunteered to assist in the promotion of the "Bone Marrow Donation and Blood Test" activity. And 33 volunteers and a group of medical staffs from Dajia Lee's General Hospital also attended to help with health check and cancer screening, placement of mobile X-ray vehicles, Mobile Mammography vehicles, computers, printers, and medical equipment for the need on Rotary Day event. Everyone worked together to find the solution to the problems brought by the rainy day, so that they finally overcame the difficulties and the event could be carried out as scheduled.

Therefore, the president and his spouse of RC Taichung Situen would like to express their gratitude for the support of their district governor "CO-OP" and the full engagement of the chairman of organizing committee of the Rotary Day during 2021-22 year, who was also the past president "Sauce" of RC Taichung Situen. Moreover, Education Bureau of Taichung City Government assisted in the essay competition, and the secretary of the club worked hard to promote the importance of antidrug. They all participated in this 6-hour Rotary Day event at their own expense, which the time of the activity was lasting from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. With "Serves to change lives" in mind, they all jointly created another story for the history of the Rotary Day of Service.

Service project for the aboriginal students in the rural elementary school

Led by District 3462, its Rotary Clubs were encouraged to initiate a project that focused on caring for aboriginal schoolchildren. Before the project was implemented, RI District 3462 was responsible for inviting those accomplished aboriginal people to film their stories of struggles into videos as teaching materials for the use of the project.

RC Taichung Peitun's service target was Wen Shuei Elementary School, which was a small rural school in Tai'an Township, locating in Miaoli County. There were 55 children, including 7 from the Baguali tribe which Saisiyat aboriginal people lived in, and other 16 kids studied in the attached kindergarten. Nearly 80% of the elementary school students belonged to Tayan. As result of lack resources in remote area, the school was in urgent need of support by the society.

Thus, through the project, Rotarians of RC Taichung Peitun's visited Wen Shuei Elementary School and served as teachers to share inspiring lessons to those aboriginal kids. The first time was taught by the spouse of the past president, Major, on November 10, and the second was the past president, Yama, on December 22. During the class, those children



viewed a film about aboriginals' success story, and then Rotarians would teach them ways to plan their future and then encouraged them to try hard to realize their dream. And the Q&A session was also given for those kids to share more excellent experiences of someone's story, which had been making all of them feel relaxed and enjoy themselves. With the approach of the Christmas Day and it was their second time to teach, under the leadership of the club president, ATC, all the Rotarians and their spouses dressed up as Santa Claus to hand out gifts to those children. In this way, through this project, even those children studied in rural school, they still could get a lot of meaningful learning experiences and gradually create their own future.



District 3470 Taiwan - Zone 9

69 Clubs 2,472 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3470

Sponsorship of reflexology vocational training program

The Rotary Club of Tainan Central supported the reflexology vocational training project with the Global Grant (GG No.2122984), with the cooperation of Yeast Social Care Association of Tainan, Taiwan.

The co-organizer of the project, Yeast Social Care Association of Tainan committed itself to cooperating with government and other social units to promote social welfare, provide the counseling service and family care services



for disadvantaged young people, children, and elder homeless persons, especially in single parent family, extended family, aboriginal family, immigrant family, and abusive family. And the old and the infirm who are left unattended during the day were also on the relief list of the association.

On August 7, 2021, as the sponsor, "RC Tainan Central" was invited to the donation ceremony by Yeast Social Care Association.



Rotarians of the club and staffs of the association who attended and witnessed this activity all hoped to convey the important belief "It would be better to teach someone to fish than to give him a fish" to the society. And all the participants expected to expand the good influence on those project beneficiaries and make a difference in their life.



3470 Dental Equipment Donation for Remote elementary Schools in Tainan

To upgrade the dental service quality for the remote elemental schools in Tainan, RC Shan Hua of District 3470 initiated the project of dental equipment donation. The five schools, listed as under-resourced areas by Taiwan's National Health Insurance in 2020, were the focuses in this service project, each

of Dongyuan Elementary School, Gang Dong Elementary School, Chonghe Elementary School, Ansi Elementary School, and Nanhua Elementary School.

In those target schools, many children grew up in skipped generation families, and their oral health usually had been neglected,

resulting in many dental health problems. Thus, RC Shan Hua embarked on donating modern dental equipment to those schools, where children could get a regular dental check-up more conveniently. And the donation ceremony was hosted in Tainan City Xigang District Gang Dong Elementary School on December 8, 2021.

The plan was successfully completed due to the support of Rotary Districts and Clubs from Taiwan and foreign countries including



District 3470 Rotary Foundation Committees and D3670 of Korea. The application of the Global Grant was assisted by RC Shan Hua, RC Chia Li, RC Yung-Kang, RC Nan-Ke, and RC Tainan Diamond. And joint donation was funded by RC Chishan East of District 3510, RC Changhwa Southeast of District 3462, and the Sister Club of District 2730 from Japan. Moreover, a doctor from Wei Kang Dental Clinic also sponsored a dental chair. So far, a total of five sets of dental equipment were donated through this Global Grant project.



District 3481 Taiwan - Zone 9

90 Clubs 2,788 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3481

Donating telehealth equipment for using in mobile health care in remote mountain areas

Camillians Saint Mary's Hospital Luodong located in Yilan County. The hospital had been providing mobile health care for two remote indigenous townships, Datong and Nan'ao, for nearly 70 years, and those indigenous residents were benefited a lot from this medical service supported by mobile device. However, due to long-distance Diagnosis, there were often many restrictions in the case of insufficient equipment, which led to delays in medical

treatment, and failure to rescue within golden hour. To raise the medical quality, the project "ENT Disease Prevention and medical improvement" was implemented by the Rotary Club of Taipei Luckystar, with the great support of the district governor "APPS" Yung-Hui Huang and sponsorship of Rotary Clubs of District 3481, District 3490, and Korea.

The donation ceremony was initiated on January 5, 2022, with the combination of



Media Interviews. The funding of this project was more than \$2,000,000, which was used to purchase portable diagnostic sets, funduscope, and other essential telemedicine equipment as donated items, helping doctors to enlarge the lesions during diagnose and improve the accuracy of preliminary screening. And the recorded digital information also could be used as a basis for doctor's online consultations.

Thanks to the mobile health care and additional donated medical equipment, those who lived in the remote areas could get effective treatment as those in the cities and they were also significantly less at risk of



delays in seeking care. Also, it was expected that if other advanced equipment like digital otoscope, Dermatoscope, Dental mirror, and Video laryngoscope could be sponsored for this project, which would assist doctors in recording more clearly medical images for the use of follow-up appointment after surgery. On the other hand, those recorded database could be applied in AI learning that will support the medical diagnose in the future.

Finally, the Global Grant project (GG No.2229720) satisfied local people in need of out-of-patient care and achieved the goal of prevention healthcare.



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Sharing of experiences on the participation of the Community Service Project "Early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease"

Many people are familiar with the terms "Alzheimer's disease" or "Dementia". Most of them think that Alzheimer's disease is a memory loss disease that occurs in the elderly.

To better understand the disease and provide services for Alzheimer's patients in need, with the partnership of Taiwan Association for Preventative Aged Care Instructors, the Rotary Club of Taipei Fu Jung launched the "Early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease" program through the Global Grant (GG No. 2120753), a sustainable

community project that began in September 2021 with a total of NT\$2,584,000.

Through the story of the Rotarian of the club "Mei-Juan" who participated in this project, people could learn to empathize with Alzheimer's patients and provide more support to their families. "Mei-Juan" who is an energetic, confident, and warm nurse had been committing herself to the dementia service location since she was hired at the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan Upward church in 2017. The Dementia Café in the Rehab Center, one

of the service locations, where "Mei-Juan" served with different roles such as a teacher, a waitress, or a family member of those patient. Unlike other cafés, the café in the Rehab Center is unique in that there are dedicated instructors who could assist those Alzheimer's patients with exercise and rehabilitation and give them useful important information.



On the other hand, through her own experience with Alzheimer's patients, she shared that the initial signs of Alzheimer's disease include memory loss, unusual behaviors, and more rapid mood swings, which are difficult to be detected because of their normal self-care ability. Thus, if their family members are unable to understand the reasons of the change in mood, they will conflict with the patient and will not be able to provide appropriate assistance in the first place.

Therefore, the dementia service location was set up not only to provide the patients with the assistance they deserve, but also to give the accompanying family members a breathing space. Patients could participate in a variety of activities designed specifically for them, such as strengthening exercises for lower back and leg, singing, walking, watching movies, and playing board games or card games. They could even take part in food and art festival, which enhance their sensory experience and

help them delay the onset of Alzheimer's symptoms. Through this café, family members or caregivers are allowed to express their unpleasant feelings and negative emotions in a timely manner, so that they can take a calm view of every sudden shock or surprise while caring for the Alzheimer's patients.

Because the café in the Rehab Center was such a haven for patients and their caregivers, the preparation of the program continued despite the suspension of operations in May 2021 due to the severe COVID-19 pandemic, which halted many activities. On September 14, 2021, the first group of 26 trainees completed their training and had been serving as instructors at the dementia service location. In the future, it is expected that the number of the instructors could increase up to 50 and then the long-term services could be provided in 25 districts to help slow down the brain degeneration of elders in each community.



Finally, through the description of the participant "Mei-Juan", we learned that the service project "Early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease" outlined items including prevention screenings and establishing Rehab Centers to provide adequate support for patients and caregivers, thus forming a complete care network and goodness-based service for Alzheimer's patients.

District 3482 Taiwan - Zone 9

77 Clubs 2,528 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3482

Joint Donation of medical tents from Taiwan and Japan in the fight against COVID-19

RI District 3482 of Taiwan and RI District 2730 of Japan cooperated to donate medical tents to four hospitals in Taipei, each of National Taiwan University Hospital, Tri-Service General Hospital, Taipei Medical University Hospital, and Taipei City Hospital Zhongxing Branch. These negative pressure medical tents have multi-functions of negative pressure, isolation, light weight, convenient storage, and comfortable air conditioning, and especially of the negative pressure device,



which could prevent the spread of infectious diseases in the hospital and protect medical staffs in the safe environment.

To carry out the project of donating four medical tents, RI District Governor of 3482 "Frank" Ling-Yu Hsu embarked on raising more funds by calling for those Assistant Governors from nine divisions of District 3482 and their fellow Rotarians. Also, Taiyo Kogyo Corporation sold those medical tents with special offer to express its gratitude to Taiwan



for the help in the past, such as donations during 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami happened in Japan. Under the partnership, the donation of medical tents was finally completed on 8 July, 2021.

Through this project, more than 2,000 fellow Rotarians of District 3482 in Taiwan united their effort to fight against COVID-19 and the cooperation of Taiwan and Japan also promoted its interaction of international Services and world peace.

District Governor "Frank" Ling-Yu Hsu said that with "Service" in mind, Rotarians from different countries will be more united to face with the epidemic and try hard to prevent

the disease from continually spreading, which really realize 2021-22 presidential theme "Serve to change lives".



3482

The community service of beach cleaning

After viewing the video "Plastic Ocean", the chair of environment protection committee "John" from RC Taipei Harmony of District 3482 realized that more and more marine lives will increase risk of death resulting from plastics, abandoned fishing nets, and so on. The film showed the death of two animals because of ocean waste: the sea lion died of suffocation after being entangled in a discarded fishing net; the seagull died of indigestibility



after eating plastics. And inspired of learning the waste people discard in the ocean must return to humanity, the chair "John" thought about how to host the activity during the severe Covid-19 pandemic by inquiring of the district governor "Frank" Ling-Yu Hsu, the chair of the community service committee, the former chairs of environment protection committee, trustees, and consultants. Then, he and the trustees of his committee decided to focus on

promoting beach cleaning education.

On September 29, the committee and a lot of diving lovers co-hosted beach cleaning activity near Gueishan Island, which was an important fishery in northeastern Taiwan. All participants dived in groups to clear the discarded fishing nets. At the end of the day, each person used four diving cylinders after disposal of those nets, whose amount is as much as a bow of the boat. This event was recorded by a diver in charge of underwater photography, and then the film named "Taiwan Dive Sites" was posted on YouTube for people to search and watch.

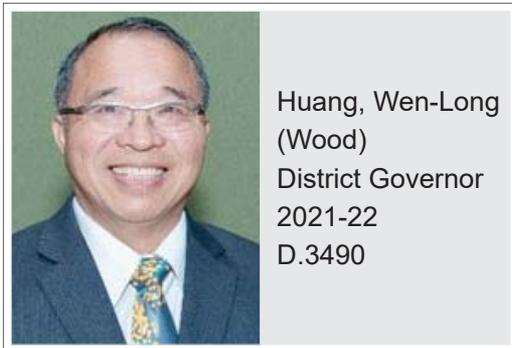
On October 16, another beach cleaning activity was hosted in Chaojing Park, which was locating in Keelung City in the northeastern part of Taiwan. They regarded this activity as a beach cleaning course, and the main goal was to promote the related knowledge and concepts to the public and find a place that was suitable for the whole family to take part in learning clear-up together. So, the learning classroom of the activity was chosen in 8K theater of the National Museum of Marine Science & Technology (NMMST), which a professor taught those participating Rotarians there. Then, all participants were divided into 15 groups and evenly distributed to different areas, and each group was guided by a teaching assistant while cleaning the



beach. In this way, everyone could understand the process, division of labor, tasks of beach cleaning.

Finally, it was hoped that through this beach cleaning and sea cleaning service activity, more people could understand that too much packaging will bring a huge burden to the earth. And everyone must start to change their living habits, enhance environmental awareness, and make their big effort to protect our earth.





3490 Sponsorship of donation project of marrow stem cells to save more lives

Through the Global Grant (GG No. 2125546), the blood test files in the database were strengthened, increasing the opportunity to save more lives due to successful transplant resulting from the close match of bone marrow stem cells of patients and donors. And the project that reached up to US\$87,350 was launched at the 60th anniversary of RC Hualien in 2021.

The project originated in the story of Zhu Yi who was suffering from blood cancer in 2017. But the boy recovered after finding matched stem cells and receiving the marrow transplant. Then in December 2017, he expressed his gratitude to his donors and impressed countless people through a "T-Pad" wall of light on Taipei 101, which was displaying the text "Thanks to my marrow donors, so that I can be reborn."

Zhu Yi's father is the 47th president of RC Hualien "Niwa". Because of Zhu Yi, the club understood the benefit of marrow stem



cell donation to those with blood diseases. Even in the end, before he passed away from lymphoma in December 2019, he still hoped that someone could make his wish come true, which is recruiting 100,000 young people to be donors of marrow stem cell and gathering their blood test filing into database. Then, the Rotarians of the club actively contributed to the fulfillment of Zhu Yi's wish after a memorial gathering.

The Rotary Club of Hualien embarked on preparation of the donation project in 2019. At the beginning, those Rotarians came to

visit Buddhist Tzu Chi Stem Cells Center to learn about the concept and the process of marrow donation, and the ways of recruiting donors. In 2020, the club invited the Stem Cells Center and the blood center to host the event to promote blood donation and collect documentation of blood test into a database. In 2021, after the Global Grant was approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF), the club began to implement the project and hosted the donation ceremony.

Regarding to this project, the meaningful opening remarks were given by the important leaders from Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital, RC Hualien, and RI District 3490 in the donation ceremony.

First, this project will be used in the promotion of donation education, electronic operations in blood test filing activities, and expansion of laboratory equipment to strengthen the blood test filing, said Deputy Director of the Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital. And he expected that the filing of the blood test of 100,000 donors into database could be carried out indeed because that each matching used to match patients and donors

for blood transplants means one more chance to help them recover from blood cancer.

Then, the 60th president of RC Hualien thanked to the district governor "Brian" Hsiang-Wei Chen, Rotary Clubs of District 3490, and the past president "Cilin" for his professional assistance in this project.

Finally, the 2020-21 and 2021-22 district governor "Brian" Hsiang-Wei Chen and "Wood" Wen-Long Huang both used the 2020-21 Presidential Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities", "People of action", and then 2021-22 Presidential Theme "Serve to Change Lives" to bring a perfect explanation for this project.



3490

The combination of the charity concert and the donation ceremony of the mobile medical vehicle

The charity concert had been hosted by RI District 3490 for 13 years. The main purpose of the event was to provide those disabled a stage to show themselves so that they could develop their abilities in musical performances and promote their self-reliance. It is expected that they embrace their individualities and bravely strive towards their own goals through the concert.

This year on February 18, even though the scale of the concert was reduced and hosted in

Multi-Functional Auditorium of New Taipei City Government due to the severe COVID-19 pandemic, a lineup of big casts was still invited there such as Golden Melody Award singers, Best Vocal Group of folk music, the Best Female Taiwanese Singer, the famous band, and so on. And the difference from the past concert hosted by District 3490 was the combination of the donation ceremony for sponsoring a mobile medical vehicle worth \$3,000,000 to New Taipei City Hospital. Through the event,

both the importance of home care services and the belief of the support for the disabled were conveyed to Rotarians who attended the charity concert.

Those who attended the charity concert expressed their thought, including the Preparation Committee Chair of the concert, the president of RC Wu Kung, the government official, and the medical leaders of New Taipei City Hospital. Then, summarized what they said as follows:

At the beginning, the president of RC Wu Kung "Panel" found that it was difficult for many vulnerable groups with limited mobility and bedridden patients to go to the hospital, leading to delays in diagnose and treatment. To help them solve the problems, he came up with the idea of donating mobile medical vehicle that could sent the medical team to the patients' home to provide the social care. And the scope of medical service could be expanded to the remote areas through this medical vehicle. Thus, to encourage more people to participate in the social welfare events and make them focus on the issue of home care, R.I. District 3490 combined the charity concert with the donation ceremony of mobile medical vehicle, noted the Preparation Committee Chair of the charity concert.

Through the event, the mayor of New Taipei City Yu-ih Hou praised the Rotary Club for the support of the disabled and the elderly. And he emphasized that because the medical



vehicle could be driven to the homes of every citizen with home medical needs, it had been improving the quality of long-term care at home and providing more complete medical service for them.

The beneficiary, New Taipei City Hospital, thanked to RC Wu Kung for the donation of the mobile medical vehicle equipped with a portable ultrasound machine. In this way, when traveling to the remote areas, the medical group could use the ultrasonic machine to serve those disadvantaged people for immediate examination and preliminary diagnosis. Moreover, the intervention of home care through the vehicle with the ultrasonic machine could maintain the better quality in medical service and the medical team could also provide effective and necessary home-care guidance for the patient to follow.

Finally, the Past RI President "Gary" strongly affirmed District 3490's contribution to the hospital and this social welfare activity. And the district governor of D3490 "Wood" Wen-Long Huang also added the Rotary Club is a public welfare organization, and its principle is to take care of those disadvantaged groups who need to be cared for. On the other hand, the New Taipei City Hospital takes care of all patients as its responsibility. With the same belief "Serves to change lives" in mind, they cooperated to make differences of those people with disabilities and benefited more people in the society.



District 3501 Taiwan - Zone 9

85 Clubs 2,933 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3501

Rotary club enhances culture and health centers for the indigenous seniors

There is a total of 19 culture and health centers set up by the government in Taiwan to provide daycare service for the senior indigenous people in Hsinchu area, including 10 centers (Shuitian, Yixing, Meihua, Naluo, Yufeng, Tianpu, Shilei, Mati, Jinping and Taigang) in Jianshi Town, 5 centers (Taoshan, Huayuan, Qingquan, Shibaer and Leorah) in Wufeng Town, a Shanguang center in Hukou Town, 2 Wujian and Metropolitan centers in Chudong Town, and a Mawudu center in



Guanxi Town. These centers serve nearly 548 tribal elders from at least 365 local indigenous families almost every day, and indirectly help around 1,456 family members, approximately 4 in each family.

To give a better and healthful environment to these daycare centers, Rotary Club of Hsinchu Eastmen in Rotary District 3501 sponsored a services project for the third consecutive year in 2021-22. Working with other 10 Rotary clubs in the same district, it





donated the supplies in need, and ensured the senior participants enjoy a fun, healthy and fruitful program every day in these centers that they called as their "second home."

At a ceremony of donation, heartfelt thanks were sent to District Governor Medico,

Assistant Governor Brank, Past Assistant Governor Danny of Rotary District 3501, club presidents, past presidents and members of Rotary clubs of Hsinchu Eastmen, Hsinchu Southeast, Hsinchu Northwest, Hsinchu Southwest, Hsinchu Sunlight, Hsinchu Jing Hua, Hsinchu, Hsinchu Silicon Valley, Hsinchu Tian Yi, Chung-Li North, Jongli Dongshan, and town chief and Legislator Liu for their valuable contributions and hard work to change the lives of the indigenous senior people and their families.

PP Jason, Club Secretary Iggy, PP Alen, Thomas, and Stanley were especially appreciated for their coordination and big support in the service project.



3501

RC Hsinchu Downtown donates pitching machines to Hsinchu Hulin Junior High

Rotary Club of Hsinchu Downtown in District 3501 had been sponsoring projects for years to promote tennis among the young students from the schools in its community in Hsinchu area. With a dream of taking the roots of the sport in next generations, club member Rubber and his fellow Rotarians spared no

effort to make the resources and funds available for training those students who showed their outstanding gift in tennis. Gradually, the community service projects with a focus on tennis had become one of the priorities of the club.

In this Rotary year, the Hsinchu Municipal

Hulin Junior High School is targeted as the beneficiary of such kind of service project. After a preliminary assessment of the school's needs, Rotarians sponsored a project of repairing the tennis court, along with a donation of four tennis ball machines. Now, the young players of the school tennis team can practice in a better field with better gears.



When Rotarians were undergoing the tennis-machine project they learned that the baseball team of the school also needs new baseball pitching machines, and they

immediately responded. 16 members including Rubber and club President Cobra, made generously contributions.



On November 8th, 2021, a donation ceremony was held at Hsinchu Hulin Junior High with a kick-off of tennis and baseball games. Rotarians interacted with the young players, believing that some of these students would become dazzling stars in Taiwan's sports community, and were glad they could "Serve to change lives" through Rotary.



District 3502 Taiwan - Zone 9

70 Clubs 2,625 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3502

Join in supporting medical teams to fight COVID-19

At 9:00 pm on June 23, 2021, an extremely hot night, a group of Rotarians were busy monitoring two mobile PCR test booths that were being assembled by workers in a factory. After 7 hours of inspection and coordination works, forgetting their dinner, sweating and being tired, PP Building Kao and a half dozen Rotary members were excited that the booths donated by their Rotary District 3502 were completed and would be set up in their communities to support medical personnel to fight against a fatal virus.



In fact, the Rotarians in District 3502 had been taking actions since early May 2021, when the COVID-19 cases were surging up in Taiwan and frightening the citizens. At first, a team of 28 Rotarian volunteers in the district who have medical expertise risked their health and lives by serving in PCR screening works. After the central government started general PCR screening measures in hot spots and the medical professionals pitched in to stop the pandemic, District 3502 immediately worked with the rest 11 Rotary districts around the



Island to launch a joint service project to offer 135 booths for PCR screening to 115 hospitals and health departments in different cities and counties in the country within just one month.

DG Water, her outstanding district team members for RY 2021-22 of District 3502 donated a large PCR test station worthy of NTD 2.1 million. They then cooperated with the Taoyuan City Government and other partners in setting up this in a park in Pate, Taoyuan on June 5, where nearly 200,000 people, including 110,000 foreign migrant workers who live in Pate, Dashulin, and Guishan of Taoyuan City and Yingge of New Taipei City were screened.

Under the leadership of DG Water, the Rotarians in District 3502 completed 9 mobile positive-pressure screening stations and donated them to Department of Public



Health of Taoyuan City, Linkuo Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Saint Paul Hospital and Taoyuan Veterans Hospital. Rotary members in the district have showed their strong support to medical community in fighting the COVID-19 and bringing the impact in changing lives through service.

3502

Rotary charity carnival gains support to charity organizations for mentally and physically disabled

Rotary District 3502 sponsored a charity carnival on November 20 in 2021 at the outdoor plaza of Taimall in Taoyuan City. It collaborated with the Department of Social Welfare of Taoyuan City Government, 8 local charity organizations for the disabled, electronic media agencies, popular singers,

and groups of art performance to sponsor the event by hosting various programs, including a charity concert, a fundraising fair for Ending Polio Now, games of disability simulation, a QR Code quiz on Rotary awareness, and promotion of Rotary vocational service E-partners.





The major goal is to support the local non-profit charity organizations for physically and mentally handicapped which have been suffering the growing impacts and dramatic decrease of donation since the first breakout of COVID-19. The organizations invited to participate in the carnival were offered opportunities to perform at the event and hold charity sales at free booths so that the need for their visibility and financial support for them would be enhanced.

During the event, the Rotary district also hosted a ceremony for donation of the "COVID-19 Screening Stations in Bade Sunshine Vitality Park " and "Mobile PCR Screening booths". At the same time, all Rotarians in the 12 sections of the district flocking in a polio charity sale with a net revenue of nearly 700,000 NTDs (including 170,000 NTDs from Section 11) contributed to Rotary's Polio Eradication Fund and an increased public understanding of how Rotary International have been helping eradicate polio in the world. There was an outstanding saxophone performance by Rotarian Clony Tuan in the charity concert, in addition to the great performances by famous Jungle Voice

singer Xu Jing-chun and others.

More than 3,000 people participated in the carnival, and the event become excited extremely when the winners were announced for a lots-drawing for 30 home appliances and bicycles awards. Even more, in 649 valid questionnaires received in the carnival there were 55 persons extended their wishes to join Rotary club.

The event was covered by more than 10 media interviews and reports, including Beijing Cable TV, North Taoyuan (Kbro) Cable TV, Yahoo (Kimo) News, Department of Public Information Taoyuan and major Facebook groups in Taoyuan. Rotarian Sara in RC Taoyuan East Trust, sponsored advertisements on the event and service project of Rotary District 3502 that was showed on 18 outdoor TV walls in Taoyuan for a month, reaching more than 100,000 individuals. It was a big success in Rotary's public image promotion.

The event was mainly organized by RC Taoyuan East Trust, its club president Andy, members and spouses, and were actively supported by DG Water, his district team, 67 Rotary clubs and many Rotaract clubs in District 3502.

District 3510 Taiwan - Zone 9

97 Clubs 3,257 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3510

12 Rotary districts in Taiwan co-sponsor project for native trees reforestation

More than one thousand Rotarians from the 12 Rotary districts in Taiwan collaborate in a joint service project for White Popinac removal and native trees reforestation. Braving the scorching sun, Rotary members planted trees along the Guishan Trail in Checheng, Pingtung County on March 14, 2022. All the

governors of the 12 districts were present at the event, which was hosted by DG Wonderful of D3510 and Club President Internet Wang of the local Rotary Club Hengchun. "This 300,000-US-dollars project will show that Rotary Taiwan really cares the environment we live in," said DG Wonderful "the 3-year



planting and maintenance work supported by the all the Rotary districts in Taiwan, and a ten-hectare Rotary park of native tree species restoration would write a new chapter and set an example of how non-profit service organizations treasure our natural environment and take actions in reforestation."



The event was also supported by governmental agencies and leaders, such as 5,000 native tree saplings were contributed by Mu-sheng Chu, Deputy Director General of Pingtung District Office of Forestry Bureau, and a working team led by Deputy Director General Shu-guo Hsu of Kenting National Park also joined to help. In addition, many important community and civic service leaders participated in the whole process. President Internet Wang customized special name tags and distributed to the participants, reminding them to come back after three years to check the native tree saplings they planted.

DG Wonderful noted that *Eucacacia Japonica* is among the top 100 harmful invasive plants in the world. This woody, fast



growing and tough species are difficult to stop its spreading and they damage and hinder the growth of other native species. The pure bushes of this invasive species have covered many parts of Taiwan, especially in Hengchun Peninsula, and changing and impacting original environment and native flora.

More than NT\$ 8 million has been jointly raised by the 12 districts of Rotary International, and RC Hengchun has served as major sponsor club to carry out activities in Hengchun Peninsula to remove *Eucacacia Japonica* and to plant trees for restoration of native species, including *Acacia*, *Formosan Aglaia*, *Melia azedarach* Linn, *Hengchun Loquat*, *Fraxinus formosana* Hayata, *Pistacia chinensis* Bunge, *Hibiscus tiliaceus* L., *Terminalia catappa* Linn., *Aquilaria pentandrum* Blanco, *Palaquium formosanum* Hay., *Kleinhovia hospita* L., and *Rose Wood*.



At an opening ceremony of a seminar, PP Sting of RC Mei Nung shared tips on bee-keeping and honey production. The seminar was a service project in an area of focus on community and economic development sponsored by a group of Rotary clubs in District 3510 to help the mental disabilities in their neighboring communities. A former pharmacist and currently a successful honey-production business owner, PP Sting was the major coordinator and a lecturer of this "Honey Talk" project.

Through a community assessment, Sing and his fellow Rotarians learned that people with mental disorders are usually economically disadvantaged and need help for steady medical resources and access to proper vocational training to learn skill for self-supporting. Without help, the mental-handicapped would shy away and lose their connection with others and require for additional cares from their families, resulting in even worse in their



economic life.

In view of this, Rotary members of RCs A-Kong-Dien, Kangshan, Luchu, Kaohsiung Swallows' Nest, Kaohsiung New Town, Kaohsiung Da Ai, Kaohsiung Elite in the district and sister club RC Bangkorlaem in Thailand, and Big Gangshan mental Rehabilitation Association jointly apply for a Rotary Global Grant. The project would help 200 mentally disabled by teaching them about beekeeping and honey production business.

In his speech at the ceremony, club president Kawai of RCs A-Kong-Dien thanked everyone who involved in the GG project for their contribution, even though it was finally approved after the proposal revised for 10 times. Then, they and the partners met in Lokan Hospital every Wednesday morning to check the progress, engaging in grading land, paving roads, drilling wells, digging reservoirs, planting fruit trees, building classrooms under the scorching sun. Rotarians are glad that through service they change lives of those mentally handicapped who can now learn the needed skills, be self-reliant, live a quality of life, making their families members work without worries and bring in their community a better economical development.



District 3521 Taiwan - Zone 9

61 Clubs 2,261 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3521 Rice Donation and Kidney Disease Prevention for isolated communities

The Rotary Club of Taipei Chungshan completed two service projects in December:

1. Heart-warming rice donation in winter:

As Rotarian Zhi-jian Tsai realized that members of an isolated tribal community in Hualien in eastern Taiwan needed help he planned and coordinated a project to support them. On December 9 and 10, 2021, his club president Yuan-fang Tian and past president Zhi-xiong Jin, his spouse Xiaoqiu, past president Guo-shuo Gao, and past president Mei-yi Li traveled from Taipei to Hualien for a ceremony to distribute gifts of rice to the deprived indigenous families. After the ceremony, they immediately took to the road to visit tribal communities of Fuxing, Baliwan, Jingpu and others for assessments on sequent projects of tribe development and making more employment opportunities. The goal is to attract young people returning to their tribes and preserving their beautiful culture.



2. Kidney Disease Prevention and Treatment Project in Yunlin:

RC Taipei Chungshan partnered with RC Taipei Chi-Shan to sponsor a medical service project in Taixi Township, Yunlin County. On December 18 and 19, they offered free tests of kidney disease screening and public forums on kidney disease prevention and treatment at the square of Temple Annan in Taixi. Like other

remote rural communities, Taixi was suffering higher kidney disease cases due to lack of information on and access to the resources for prevention/treatment of the disease.

The project was supported by a total of 30 Rotary clubs, and more than 100 Rotarians rendered their hands-on service, to help people in the isolated community to have better concept and care of kidney health in advance to prevent from the disease and the need for kidney dialysis. The club members Ming-sheng Zheng, Wu-quan Zheng , past president Wen-jin Zhang and his spouse Min-ling Chen

were among those participants of the service activity in Yunlin.



3521

Supports Saint Theresa Sanctuary in its after-school tutoring to help children

According to club president Ricky Xing, his Rotary Club of Taipei Hualing in Rotary District 3521 is a "localized service club" in Wanhua area in the capital city of Taiwan. His club have been supporting its neighboring communities by organizing various service activities and projects, such as blood drives at Longshan Temple, donating sport gears to a baseball team of Taipei Dong Yuan Elementary School and learning materials to the disadvantaged students, and so on.

In recent years, even though RC Taipei



Hualing also participated in some service projects in remote communities jointly sponsored by other clubs in same Rotary district, its club members are always ready to serve their own neighborhood when opportunities come. President Ricky found such an opportunity at a lunar-year-end banquet of his friend. After a conversation about Rotary and its service activities, he learned at the banquet from a lady sitting beside him that Saint Theresa Sanctuary of Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (or known as



Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae) helped people in need and the lady was one of the beneficiaries when she was a young girl.

As the sanctuary is also located in Wanhua, President Ricky immediately contacted and visited Fr. Marcel Goffart, the pastor of CICM. Inspired by the stories of Fr. Goffart's life-long commitment of helping the disadvantaged families and children in Wanhua for more than 50 years since his coming to the Taiwan from Belgium after the World War II, and realizing what support CICM needed for its current service programs, President Ricky decided to work with CICM for its after-school tutoring class program to assist children in Wanhua. Planning together with his spouse Rebeta, club community service chair PP Simon, club secretary Jong, PP Scorpio and Rotary Ann Rebecca, he proposed a joint service campaign and it was highly supported by his club and



other clubs of Section 2 in District 3521. Even though hindered a little by the pandemic, funds and materials from these Rotary clubs were presented to the catholic sanctuary at a donation ceremony. President Ricky and his fellow Rotarians were pleased that they could change lives of the members and children in their community through Rotary.



District 3522 Taiwan - Zone 9

72 Clubs 2,807 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3522

Donates 170,000 medical masks to Japan

In August 2021, Taiwan had lifted many restrictions and lowered the level 3 alert to level 2 so that the life and economic there could gradually back to the normal and decreased the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic while Japan was announcing the state of emergency several times with the spikes of more than 10,000 cases daily. The Rotarians in Rotary District 3522 then started a project to donate medical masks to Japan as a gift in return to the people and the government of Japan for their previous and timely help to Taiwan in the



fight against the coronavirus.

As early as in mid-May 2021, Taiwan was experiencing the surging number of cases and deaths of COVID-19, shortage of the vaccines, and seriously affected activities and economic due to the fatal disease. One month later, it appreciated an announcement from Japan that 1.24 million doses of AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine would be donated to Taiwan, and since then actually more than 4 million doses were shipped from Japan to the once-called Formosa Island.



In response to the call from DG Michael Lee, 56 Rotary clubs in D3522 raised NT\$2,150,000 to buy masks for helping the medical hospitals and units in Tokyo and Kanto region, Japan. International Service Chair PDG Venture Lin, Mask Donation Chair PP Hipo Chen, and DGN Benison Hsu, together with many Rotary members, initiated fundraising, coordinated mask production, arranged shipping process, and helped in communication between the Rotary clubs in District 3522, Taiwan and District 2750, Japan and the diplomatic authorities in the two countries. On December 23, 2021, a total of 170,000 masks donated by D3522 was given to Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Association at a ceremony in Japan.

Chief Representative Izumi Hiroyasu of Taipei Office of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association once said in a statement in Mandarin about Japan's donation of the AZ vaccine to Taiwan: "We Japanese sincerely hope



to support Taiwanese to repay their aid in the wake of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and at the onset of the pandemic last year, when Taiwan donated 2 million masks and other medical supplies to Japan." Also to show their sincere hope to repay the previous aids from Japan, members in Rotary District 3522 labeled on the outside of the boxes of the medical mask with the words in Japanese "Thanks you Japan."



3522

Rotary clubs donate container warehouse to place hand-cranked bikes for the disabled

Although polio eradication campaign has prevented millions of people from the crippling disease, there are still many people in Taiwan who have been crippled, deteriorated, or disabled by polio virus, other illness or advance of age.

Rotary Club of Taipei Chungmei in Rotary District 3522 has built connection with Life Vitality Association through its community services. The association is founded by its board chair Chyi-Feng Chen and general secretary Li-Jung Song in 2012. Both Chen and Song are victims of and disabled by polio. Cooperating with a group of volunteers, the association has been raising funds, purchasing

and donating hand-cranked and electric-powered bikes to the bicycle rental stations run by Taipei City and New Taipei City Governments. The goal is to enable the people with disabilities to enjoy outdoor activities,



expand interpersonal relationships, exercise core muscle groups, strengthen muscular endurance and cardiopulmonary functions through the free ride of hand-cranked bikes and therapeutic-aid service. The association has served more than 6,000 people with various disabilities since it founded. Due to the increasing number of its "clients", the existing storage facilities for the hand-cranked and electric-powered bikes have become insufficient.



After learning that the association need financial support to purchase a container warehouse for those special bikes, RC Taipei



Chung Hsiao decided to step in and to give a hand. It proposed a service project and was supported by other 11 Rotary clubs in Group 7 of Rotary District 3522. Finally, at a ceremony held on November 14, 2021 the 12 clubs donated a container warehouse to Life Vitality Association. Among the nearly 100 participants and guests presented at the event, club president Sherry Lin of RC Taipei Chungmei and the presidents, members, spouses of other clubs felt most satisfied since they truly exemplified the Rotary theme this year — "serve to change lives", while those words was being showed on a banner hanging by the side of the container.



District 3523 Taiwan - Zone 9

76 Clubs 2,449 Members
as of 28 Feb 2022



3523

Delivering meals to the underprivileged and elderlies

The Save Food Kitchen was established by Rotary District 3520 in 2016. It is a brain-child of 2015-16 DG D.K. Kuo and supported by the government of New Taipei City and the Rotarians in the district. The ideal of the Kitchen is to take actions in food waste reduction and edible leftover reuse. It immediately began its service since the day it founded and has been trying to enhance awareness in the public about cherishing food, maximizing the value of edible leftovers,



delivering meals to feed more disadvantaged individuals, and reducing food waste to ensure our environment sustainable. The central kitchen is located in Banqiao, New Taipei City.

Rotarians of the Rotary club of Ha Hsin in District 3523 were inspired much by the projects of Cherish Food Kitchen regarding meal delivery service for disadvantaged elders, including those living in Chungtsui and other 9 villages in Banqiao. In 2021, the club participated in such a meaningful service by



sponsoring an one-week meal delivery project. Rotarians took lunch boxes from Save Food Kitchen and rushed the meals to the elderly who live alone. No matter it was a raining, windy or hot day during the week, all members were engaged in and helped each other, busy in driving cars, navigating the road courses, confirming the right time and addresses and



making sure the meals arriving on time.

Rotarians are incredibly happy that they can have the opportunity to work with the Kitchen, serve their community, offer their helps to the needed, save food and love Taiwan. They are glad all these are possible because they join Rotary and become a member of their club.

3523

Abdominal sonography on hepatitis screening to help low-income citizens

Liver disease is the most common infectious disease and one of the leading causes of death in Taiwan, because its symptoms may remain absent for several years and are difficult to identify. Inspired by the Liver Disease Prevention and Treatment Research Foundation and Chairman Jin-Chuan Sheu, the Rotary

Club of Taipei Hwachung in Rotary District 3523 has worked with the foundation in actions of liver-disease prevention since 2011. For 10 consecutive years, under the leadership of the current club president each year, namely Mark Ho, Jonathan Peng, Jerry Wu, Angel Chen, Spencer Kuo, Asic Chen, Used Lin, Charles Juang, Jack Lu, and Vincent Hsieh, the Rotary club co-sponsored with the foundation in more than 20 events of free abdominal sonography for hepatitis screening.



In 2022, the club and the foundation worked together again by conducting a series of hepatitis and liver-cancer screening project. On November 13, they provided abdominal ultrasonography for 200 disadvantaged citizens in the five villages (Hulu, Hudong, Shezi, Sheyuan, and Yonglun) of Shilin and Shezi



district, Taipei city. Led by club president Printer Chang and supported by Taipei city councilor Jing-yu Yang, the members and spouses of the Rotary club and the volunteers of the foundation gave assistances in registration, filling out information forms, blood drawing and collection, taking ultrasound examination, making doctor's instructions understand, and gifts distribution to all the participants taking the screening. All the examinees recognized the medical service activities are warming, considerate, professional and truly helpful.

The RC Taipei Hwachung sponsored the screening activity with a target mainly to the disabled, disadvantaged and low-income citizens and families in their communities who are usually the major victims of this kind of "silent disease". The members of the Rotary club are making all their efforts to ensure the potential patients

to have access, resources, information, and assistance that needed to get timely and proper treatment. They have committed to continuing their actions to eliminate the liver disease, as their continuing efforts in polio eradication, to help the disadvantaged families and individuals no longer to be threatened by the preventable illness.



Taiwan Rotary Clubs Association



Among many service projects conducted by the association in 2020-21, there are three most important ones as below:

1 *Compiling "90-Year History of Taiwan Rotary"*

As the 90th anniversary of the founding of Taiwan Rotary was celebrated in 2021, the association formed an editorial committee to compile the "90-Year History of Taiwan Rotary" as an important Rotary document in Taiwan.

2 *Working with the government agencies to promote their policies*

The association served as a bridge between the government agencies and Rotary Clubs by working with the central and local government to promote their policies and participating in



the Taiwan National Day Ceremony.

3 *Launching the program to eliminate Hepatitis C by 2025*

In response to the 4-year plan of 2025 Hepatitis C Elimination initiated by Ministry of Health and Welfare, the association embarked on promoting a nationwide "Hepatitis C

Screening" campaign with all the 12 Rotary Districts in Taiwan. The Committee of the Hepatitis C Elimination Implementation of the association was chaired by the past district governor of District 3510, Fuh-Jiann Lee "Jerry", suggesting that each district could apply for District Designated Fund (DDF) to conduct the program.

Related Funding assistance is available as follows.

1. Supporting the cost of screening for residents other than those aged 45-54 with health insurance
2. Assisting the local Health Department / Center in raising the staff costs for the increasing number of screenings
3. Assisting the local Health Department / Center to hire professional employees to do the establishment of household registration data
4. Supporting the medical expenses for

persons of low-income households who screen positive and need treatment

5. Using public billboards or vehicle advertisements to promote the national Hepatitis C Elimination program
6. Assisting the Health Department / Center in increasing the implementation of health education programs for community residents

Due to the limited budget and manpower of the government, Taiwanese Rotarians would like to do its part to do the work that the government cannot take care of, with the Ministry of Health and Welfare as the main partner and us as a complementary partner, to work together to achieve the goal of the total elimination of Hepatitis C in 2025.

A total of 41 host Rotary clubs of Hepatitis C Elimination Program donated NT\$20,928,000 and helped 124,000 people to complete screenings.



CHREF thanks the Rotarians in Taiwan for their tireless efforts to support outstanding young scholars!



CHREF Chairman
DG Tony Chen



RID Surgeon Liu



PRID Jackson Hsieh



DG CO-OP of District 3462

In the year 2021-22, CHREF has received contributions of more than NT\$ 65.3 million from Rotarians in 12 Rotary districts across the Island as of the end of April 2022. Among them, "contributions from individuals" (and named contributions) of NT\$ 53,013,580 fund scholars of master and doctoral degree programs in Taiwan; the "unified contribution" of NT\$ 4,652,110 fund foreign scholars to study in Taiwan; and contributions of NT\$ 7,600,000 go to a "permanent fund" that will ensure sustainably support to CHREF's mission on educational services. CHREF is grateful to those who support it with contributions for their action to change life through service and for becoming the benefactors of CHREF scholars.

Also in 2021-22, its scholarships have

been given to 72 scholars of doctoral program with NT\$180,000 each and to 211 scholars of master program with NT\$135,000 each. Among these 283 scholars, 29 are from other countries. In addition, 4 ambassadorial scholarships were awarded to scholars from Japan and South Korea. An Award of Outstanding/Special Talent was awarded to a scholar recommended by Academia Sinica. All these scholarships amount nearly NT\$ 50 million in total, with most of them awarded at its scholarship presentation ceremony in January 2022 and with some presented at new scholar orientation events in February 2022, at Rotary district conferences in their scheduled months later. All the rest will be given at regular meetings of sponsor Rotary clubs by



the end of June 2022.

The Ceremony of CHREF's 46th Anniversary Celebration and 2021-22 Scholarship Presentation was held on Saturday, 8 January 2022 at the Huisun memorial Hall of National Chung Hsing University in Taichung City. Organized and hosted by Rotary International District 3462, the event was attended by Rotarians from all 12 Rotary districts in Taiwan and 2021-22 scholarship recipients, who shared the joy of serving communities through Rotary.

During the event, PDG Tony Chen, Chairman CHREF extended his gratitude and presented a certificate and a trophy to each and every Rotarian and Rotary club who made distinguished contribution to CHREF in this year. Rotary International Director Surgeon Liu and RI Past Director Jackson Hsieh honored the event by delivering speeches to recognize the foundation for gelling and enhancing the impact of Taiwan Rotary in promoting education. District governors, their representative and sponsor Rotarians of the named scholarship from the 12 Rotary districts in Taiwan presented scholarships to the awardees and encouraged them to exemplify the spirit of Rotary service while devoting themselves to the learning in their respective fields.

Since its establishment in 1975, CHREF has awarded 5,498 scholarships, including 5,234 for Taiwanese and foreign scholars of master and doctoral programs in Taiwan. At



the ceremony this year, Dr. Huai-Chen Peng, who is director of Bureau of Social Affairs of Taichung City Government and a well-known sociologist and a former director/professor of the Department of Sociology at Tunghai University, were present as the representative of the mayor of Taichung City; and Dr. Da-Gi Luan, who serves as manager at Rohem Forhouse Optical Polymer Corporation shared tips and experiences in his working places with the CHREF alumni. Both Dr. Peng and Luan are just few of many outstanding alumni who were sponsored by CHREF in previous years. "A seed of today, a tree of tomorrow".

To change life through service, Rotary District 3523 has made contributions to CHREF in a total of NT\$ 13 million and a per capita giving of NT\$ 5,200 in 2021-22. This has been entitled it as champion among the 12 districts in Rotary Taiwan in total contribution, per capita giving, and growth of contribution to the foundation. District Governor Michael Tseng is appreciated by CHREF for his leadership in encouraging the members in his district to support with such generous giving.



The Introduction of the Chinese Regional Magazine "Taiwan Rotary"



The Regional Magazine "Taiwan Rotary" has long been certified by Rotary International (RI) to publish in Chinese language. On March 29, 1959, representatives of 16 Rotary Clubs from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Kowloon, and Macau made a resolution to form a committee to publish the Chinese magazine at an intercity meeting in Taipei. On April 1, 1960, the first issue of the Rotarian Quarterly was officially released, and on July 1 of the same year, these clubs were approved by Rotary International to establish RI District 345. Then, after several reorganizations of the editorial committee, Taiwan Rotary Publication and E-Information Association, organized by 12 Rotary Districts in Taiwan, is now responsible for editing and publishing "Taiwan Rotary" magazine.

This magazine serves as a bridge among Rotary International (RI) and Districts and Rotarians in Taiwan, which focuses on

publishing Rotary International information and policies, as well as local Rotary service activities.

The total number of pages in the magazine is 116, and the front cover features the photo of Rotary events, or the best photograph provided by Rotarians to match the current season.

The contents of the magazine can be divided into following three themes:

1. Rotary World News: reporting the president's message, the Foundation Chair's message, latest news from Rotary International (RI), Rotary events and service projects, and interesting works from Rotarians around the globe
2. District Reports: reporting on service activities offered by Rotary clubs and Districts throughout Taiwan
3. Rotary-related works and additional articles with various topics that were submitted by

Rotarians

To make more Rotarians interest in reading the magazine, we increased columns with knowledgeable and interesting contents, so that they can obtain a wider range of information. The additional columns include stories with faded photos, cultures in Taiwan, tips from doctors, historic buildings in Taiwan, philosophy of life, introduction of aesthetic art, comics on Rotary, candidate sites in Taiwan for world heritage and so on, which account for about 15% to 20% of the entire magazine and are very popular among readers.

In response to the trend of the times, we not only publish the print version of "Taiwan Rotary", but also promote the electronic version of the magazine and e-newsletter, and additionally set up a new website, Facebook, so that Rotarians can access the information they need online.

In September and November 2020, Rotary International (RI) conducted a reader survey and hosted a virtual Regional Magazine Editors Seminar for Asia-Pacific region. The survey results showed that most club members were satisfied with the content, layout, and design of the magazine. The internal evaluation of Rotary International (RI) showed that the magazine

met the requirements and performed well in terms of overall responsiveness and timeliness. Therefore, Taiwan Rotary was confirmed as an asset to the Rotary global media network.

"Taiwan Rotary" is one of more than 30 regional magazines that are certified by Rotary International and are subject to management oversight and are required to be reviewed and contracted every five years. The magazine conveys Rotary International's policy guidelines, the latest information, as well as local service projects, conference news, club activities, and a variety of works with different subjects.

With the belief "Service" in mind, we updated the website in response to the trend of the new generation, published the electronic version of "Taiwan Rotary" and a weekly e-newsletter, and created Facebook page as a platform for communication and joint management between us and our readers. In the future, we hope that these changes will bring our readers a new experience and invite them to provide valuable feedback as a reference for our service.

Welcome to visit our website <http://www.taiwan-rotary.org/>.



Activities of Taiwan-Japan Rotary Goodwill Association in 2020-22

While many international exchange activities around the world were severely limited or canceled by social distancing measures for COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, PDG Computer Chiu-Lin Chiu, then incoming Chairman of Taiwan-Japan Rotary Goodwill Association (TJRGA), had planned to continue the fellowship and exchange activities of the association in 2020-22 without interruption. To offer the members of TJRGA with these activities in an innovative and refreshing way, he appointed an organizing team for the events to be conducted in his term and invited PP Koji of Rotary Club of Taipei Typhoon to serve as chairman of the team.



During the 2022 New Year banquet of TJRGA, Chairman PDG Computer Chiu-Lin Chiu (the third from right) invited 4 members to make mochi for celebrating the new year and praying for blessings.

On January 9, 2021, TJRGA held its new year banquet at Dingxian restaurant -Taipei 101, in Japanese-style for the first time since the association founded in 2007. With all the efforts and measures for both of epidemic prevention and friendship enhancement were carefully taken, it was attended by nearly 250 participants, including Past RI Present and TJRGA consultant Gary

C.K. Huang, RI Director Surgeon Chi-Tien Liu, Past RI Director Jackson S.L. Hsieh, TJRGA board chair PDG Computer Chiu, vice chair PP ER Eng-Rung Tsai, supervising board chair PDG Five Jui-Lung Tung, past board chair PDG Plastic Ray-Ching Chang, current and past board directors, members, and past governors, Rotarians and Japanese Rotarians from Rotary clubs in Taiwan and their spouses. They were joined by 17 leaders from Japanese government, civic and media agencies, including Chief Representative Izumi Hiroyasu of Taipei Office of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association. The banquet was celebrated with Japanese New Year ceremonies and performances, including the "Kagami biraki" which symbolizes the beginning of the new year and the party banquet. A traditional Japanese dance and a "Taiko drum and dance" performed by RC Taipei Tokai capped the event and brought lasting memories to many attendees. After the banquet, the attendees enjoyed a guided tour of Taipei 101 and a wonderful bird view over Taipei Basin from the tallest building in Taiwan.

Inspired by the success of 2021 annual gathering, warm response from attendees, and



Souvenirs for the 2021 and 2022 New Year banquets.

suggestions from committees and organizing team of TJRGA, another new year banquet was held at the Shell Hall on the 3F of Golden Tulip Fab Hotel in Tanshui, New Taipei County on January 15, 2022, with different focus. In addition to the attendance of 200 TJRGA members and distinguished representatives to Taiwan from Japan, it was attended by many Japanese exchange students who could not return home and had to stay in Taiwan, including the members of Rotaract Club of Taipei Asahi and Japanese exchange students who was studying at Chung Yuan University in Taiwan at invitation by TJRGA. The goal is to comfort them with a new experience and unforgettable memories through Rotary. During the banquet, the students participated in a 20-year-old coming-of-age ceremony and each of them received a plaque presented by Chairman Chiu, with words read " 成人おめでとうございます。いつも明るく前向きの人生を歩み、これからは一人の大人として何事にも責任を持ち、立派な社会人となってください。あなたの成長を楽しみにしています," which encouraged these students to be responsible for their own future and become responsible adults. The banquet was concluded with a Japanese song " 手に手つないで " to symbolize an invisible force that strengthen friendship of people in Japan and Taiwan.

On May 6th in 2022, the association and its counterpart in Japan jointly co-sponsored



Japanese students in Taiwan participate in the 2022 New Year banquet and a coming-of-age ceremony. They were joined by PRIP Gary Huang and Chairman Computer Chiu (the third and second from right in the third row).

the 7th Taiwan-Japan Rotary Goodwill Conference in Fukuoka. It was attended in person by 100 Japanese members in Japan, while attending online by Taiwan members through a Zoom meeting in live streaming on the YouTube channel. During the online conference Chairman PDG Computer Chiu gave an inspiring speech and vice chairman PP ER Tsai reported what TJRGA had achieved in promotion of goodwill between Rotary in Taiwan and Japan. The chief representative Frank C.T. Hsieh of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan honored the conference with his presence. Despite the pandemic, TJRGA has ceaselessly and successfully been enhancing exchanges and friendship between Taiwan and Japan.



Group photo of the 2022 New Year banquet

Taiwan Rotarians who serve as 2021-22 RI & TRF Senior Leaders, Committee members, advisors, & coordinators



Gary C.K. Huang

(RC Taipei)

RI President, 2014-15
TRF Chair, 2019-20

Chi-Tien Liu

(RC Yangmei)

RI Director, 2020-22
Liaison, Young Past Governors Committee
Member, Board Programs Committee



Hsiu-Ming Lin

(RC Taipei Tungteh)

The Rotary Foundation Trustee, 2022-24
Member, Audit Committee
Member, TRF Finance Committee
Co-Chairperson, End Polio Now Countdown to
History Campaign Committee
RI Director, 2015-17

Jackson S.L. Hsieh

(RC Taipei Sunrise)

Member, Fund Development Committee
RI Director, 2008-10



Yi-Shen Kang

(RC Taipei Castle)

Rotary Coordinator

Hong-Shue Chen

(RC Pa Te)

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator



Chin-Mei Lu

(RC Taipei Taimei)

Rotary Public Image Coordinator

Luan-Fong Lin

(RC Taipei Lily)

Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser
Member, Peace Major Gifts Initiative



Mu-Tu Hsieh

(RC Keelung Southeast)

Member, Basic Education and Literacy Major
Gifts Initiative

Peter H.G. Cheng

(RC Hsinchu Northwest)

Technical Coordinator, The Rotary Foundation
Cadre of Technical Advisors



Chao-Hsiung Lin

(RC Pingtung East)

End Polio Now Zone Coordinator

Nellie Lin

(RC Taipei Ricardo)

Vice Chairperson, Health Major Gifts Initiative



Yuan (PP Tiffany) Chen

(RC Shulin Fangyuan)

Member, Youth Exchange Committee

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROTARY IN TAIWAN

Rotary was first introduced to Taiwan by the formation of the Rotary Club of Taihoku (Taipei) on March 27, 1931 with the Rotary Club of Tokyo as its sponsor. Later on, two more clubs were founded on the Island: the Rotary Club of Takao (Kaohsiung) on February 17, 1934 and the Rotary Club of Keelung on March 17, 1937. The three clubs discontinued functioning in 1940 because of World War II.

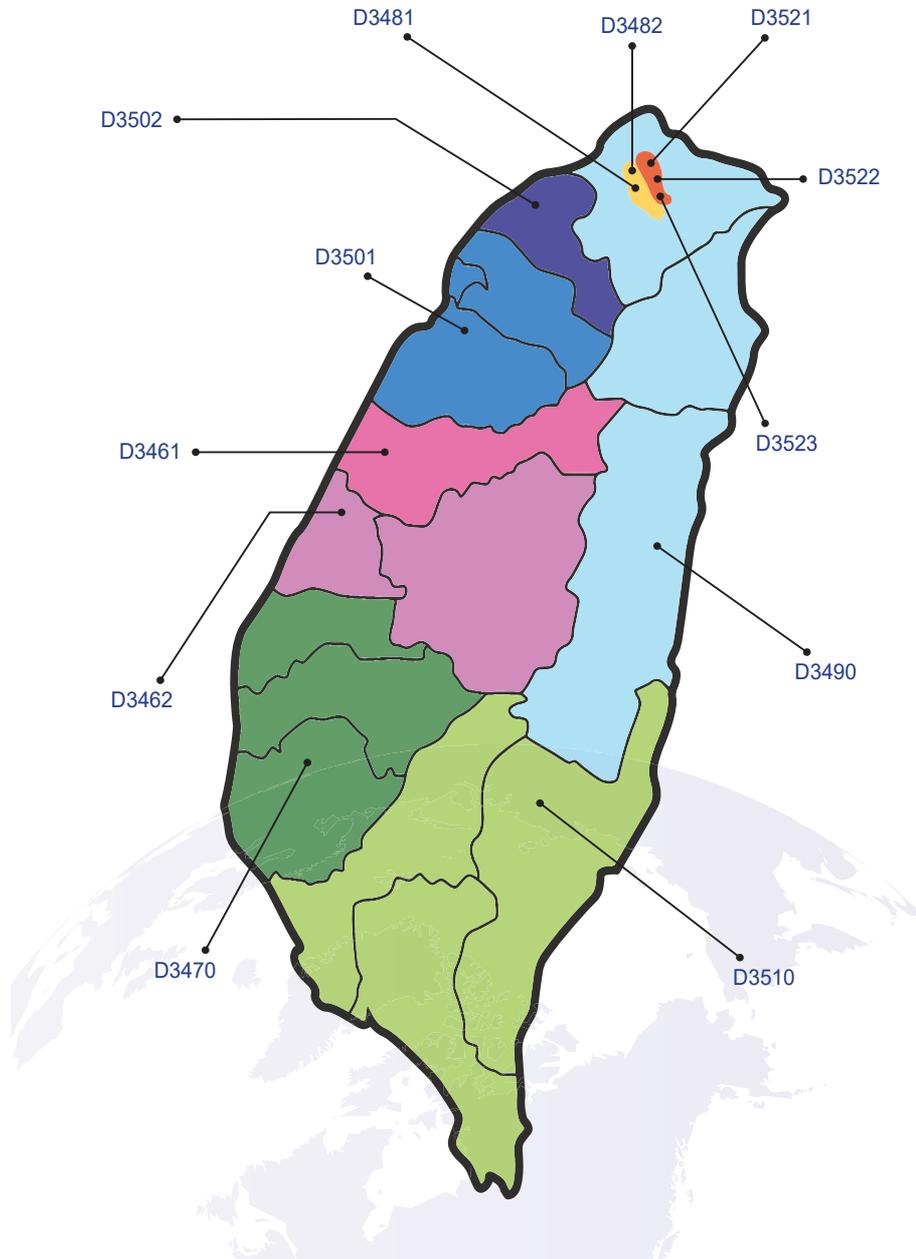
In 1948, the Chinese Mainland was in a devastating civil war and the 18 Rotary clubs on the mainland were forced to dissolve. The community leaders in Taipei who had been Rotarians on the mainland started forming the Rotary Club of Taipei which was chartered after 8 months on October 9, 1948 with the late Vice President and Premier C.K. Yen of the Republic of China as the Charter President. In the following 20 years, the club played a very important role in Rotary extension in Taiwan. On July 1, 1960, Rotary International granted status of District 3450 for the 19 clubs in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. On July 1, 1978, District 3460 was formed in the central and the south part of Taiwan and on July 1, 1984, District 3470 was established in the south of Taiwan. Thus, there were two and a half districts in

Taiwan by that time. On July 1, 1987, we separated from the clubs in Hong Kong and Macau with 74 clubs assigned to District 3480 in the north of Taiwan, so there were three districts to serve the 201 clubs on the Island. In subsequent years Rotary Taiwan had continued expanding. On July 1, 1990, District 3490 was assigned with 44 clubs in the northern Taiwan except Taipei county and Taipei City. By then Taiwan Rotary had 4 districts. In 1990s, Rotary Taiwan continued making an encouraging thrust and successfully expanded from 4 districts to 7 districts officially on July 1, 1998. At the Jan 2015 Board meeting, RI approved redistricting Taiwan into 12 districts, effective from July 2017. Taiwan Rotary keeps growing, as of February 2022, with 930 clubs and 35,431 Rotarians.

In addition, Taiwan Rotarians have been making outstanding contributions to The Rotary Foundation to help people in need in the local and global communities. They make all efforts to be a gift to the world. They "Light Up Rotary", as the annual presidential theme set by 2014-15 RI President Gary Huang, who is the first Chinese RI President from Taiwan in the history of Rotary.

ABOUT TAIWAN

Taiwan is an Island of 394 kilometers (245 miles) in length and 144 kilometers (89 miles) in width with a population of about 23.5 millions. It lies on 120 kilometers (74.6 miles) off the southeast coast of Chinese Mainland and is located between Japan and the Philippines, a 3-hour flight to Tokyo, 1 & 1/2 -hour flight to Hong Kong. It was called a beautiful Island – Formosa, when discovered by the Portuguese in 1544.



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