

# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



*Together We Can,  
Together We Did*

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

**DR JOHN CHAN**

In the month of June, we celebrate Rotary Fellowship, a time to reflect on the importance of member engagement so that every member feels the value of being part of the Rotary family. This year, we placed a key emphasis on member engagement, and both clubs and the district organised numerous fellowship events. These gatherings provided wonderful opportunities for members to get to know each other better.

It was particularly pleasing to see members from different regions of the district travelling to participate in these fellowship events. This level of engagement not only enriched our experiences but also contributed to the successful execution of more projects. The bonds formed through fellowship have proven to be a catalyst for increased collaboration and service within our district.

The end of June also marks the conclusion of the Rotary year, where I handed over the leadership of the district to the 2024-25 Governor, Dr. Yap Lip Kee. This transition took place on the last day of June at the Rotary Club of Changi installation.



Reflecting on the past year, it has been an incredibly enjoyable, fulfilling, and memorable journey for Wee Ping and myself.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all District 3310 Rotary members and their families for their support, encouragement, and friendship. These were the main ingredients that carried us through this journey. Your dedication and enthusiasm have been very inspiring, and I am confident that our district will continue to thrive under the new leadership.

Let us continue to celebrate and cherish the fellowship that binds us, as it is the foundation of our mission to create positive change in the world.

# RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY



**I**t's customary for a Rotary president in the final month in office to recap the

past year on this page, and I am proud of all we have achieved together. But I want to focus on our future, and that begins with polio.

We have reached an astonishing 3 billion children with the polio vaccine, and we have averted an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis. But it's not enough. We must continue supporting the End Polio Now campaign to reach zero cases and keep our promise to the world's children,

Rotary has an opportunity to help build a global mental health system that currently does not exist and I urge all members to consider joining the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives to keep up the momentum we began this year.

polio is not our only global commitment. In fact, Rotary has been working toward global peace even longer. Spreading Positive Peace through service projects and Rotary Peace Centers around the world is more important than ever,

It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your president. You have given Heather and me memories we will cherish forever. I look forward to our continued friendship and our collective commitment to *Create Hope in the World*.

We must also continue to build peace from within, and that begins with supporting mental health and wellness among our fellow Rotary members and the communities we serve.





# ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS

**67%**

of fellowships incorporate

**HYBRID  
COMPONENTS**

in their meetings, events,  
and activities.

**100+**

**ACTIVE  
FELLOWSHIPS**

as of 2023, with more  
being formed each year.

**57,000**

**PEOPLE**

belong to  
Rotary Fellowships.

**150+**

**COUNTRIES**

are home to  
fellowship members.

## WANT TO START A NEW FELLOWSHIP?

If your recreational or vocational interest isn't represented by Rotary's current fellowships, visit [rotary.org/fellowships](https://rotary.org/fellowships) or email [rotaryfellowships@rotary.org](mailto:rotaryfellowships@rotary.org) for more information about starting a new group.

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Rotary Fellowships consist of people who share a common interest in recreational activities, hobbies, professions, or cultural identity. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.



# WHAT ARE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS?

## OVERVIEW

- Organized internationally by at least 25 individuals from five countries with the purpose to further friendship and build community around a shared passion and interest.
- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country.
- Welcome any interested individual, regardless of Rotary affiliation.
- Provide fun and diverse ways of participating in Rotary International.

## ORGANIZATION

- Affiliated with Rotary International but establish their own administrative structures and plan and oversee their activities and events.
- Offer platforms for in-person and virtual networking by illustrating Rotary's inclusivity of many vocations, interests, cultures, and identities.
- Maintain a global presence and offer engaging, meaningful events and activities to fellowship members.

### JOIN A FELLOWSHIP!

Visit [rotary.org/fellowships](https://rotary.org/fellowships) to see a full list of current Fellowships and build your community.

Email us for more information at [rotaryfellowships@rotary.org](mailto:rotaryfellowships@rotary.org)



# INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING DAY

The International Day (IU Day) is an annual event hosted by RC Kota Kinabalu and participated by the Interact Clubs in Kota Kinabalu.







Wishing the District 3310 Rotary Family  
Selamat Hari Kaamatan & Hari Gawai



Dr. John Chan & Wee Ping  
2023-24 District Governor & First Lady

**“Create Hope in the World”**



# INTERCLUB JOINT MEETING

*Wrapping up the term  
with hope.*

The 13th Interclub Meet event, held on June 8, 2024, at the Hakka Hall in Kota Kinabalu, brought together nine Rotary Clubs from the region for a day of camaraderie and collaboration. This annual gathering, initiated in 2011 by PDG Philip Chong of RC Likas Bay, during his tenure as Assistant Governor for 7 Rotary Clubs in Kota Kinabalu, under District Governor Dr Abraham, 2010-2011. The event aims to foster unity among the clubs by providing a platform for sharing community projects, programs, and activities from the Rotary Year.

For the Rotary Year 2023-2024, RC Likas Bay had the honor of hosting the event, with President Mathilda Ma serving as the 13th Organising Chair. President Ma expressed her pride in organizing this prestigious gathering, emphasizing its unique status as an exclusive tradition in Sabah. Through this event, all Presidents had the opportunity to showcase their achievements and share sentimental memories, fostering friendships through dedication and a common mission to help those in need. The shared challenges of organizing projects together were made lighter by the strong bonds and teamwork among the clubs.





The event was graced by the presence of District Governor Dr. John Chan, accompanied by District First Lady Wee Ping, as well as international Rotarians visiting from Australia and the USA. This diverse representation underscored the global reach and inclusive spirit of the Rotary community. During the meeting, each club president delivered speeches showcasing their most impactful and signature projects. These presentations were not only a testament to the remarkable work being done by each club but also an opportunity for presidents to extend their best wishes to their successors.



In his remarks, District Governor Dr. John Chan praised the Rotary Clubs in Kota Kinabalu for their exceptional bonding and teamwork. He noted that the clubs in this region have developed a family-like connection, working together seamlessly on projects and creating hope in the world.



The Interclub Meet continues to be a beacon of unity and a platform for sharing best practices, inspiring Rotarians to maintain their dedication to service above self. The event highlighted the power of collaboration and the enduring impact of Rotary's mission to do good in the world.



30 June 2024

# Thank You

## *District 3310*



It has been an incredible honor to serve as District Governor, alongside Wee Ping as District First Lady.

This opportunity has enriched our lives in many ways through the many new friends we have made, experiences, challenges, and triumphs we have shared with our District 3310 Rotary family in Creating Hope in the World.

For this, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all D3310 Rotary members for their support and encouragement every step of the way.

The Rotary governor's insignia I wear has dimmed in luster, the ribbon is worn, and there are slight signs of discoloration. Yet, despite its aged appearance, this insignia tells a story far more valuable than any shine or sparkle could convey.

Its worn appearance reminds us of the unbroken chain of service, which is what makes Rotary so remarkable. It signifies that while our individual terms may end, our collective mission of service endures. The work we do transcends any single person, living on through the contributions of those who follow.

DGE Dr. Yap Lip Kee and Rachael, the road ahead is long. It is not all highway; there will be bends, hills to climb, and stretches that may not be smooth. Sometimes, you may not know what lies ahead. But I assure you that our Rotary members will always be there for you, just as they have been for us.

It is now my great honor to transfer this insignia to you. We wish you and Rachael all the very best as you create Rotary Magic in the year ahead.

*John Chan*  
**Dr John Chan**



# CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

When we nurture peace, opportunities,  
and one another, we help heal the  
world and create lasting change.

## Let's create hope by:

- Confronting stigmas, expanding access, and raising awareness about the importance of mental health
- Fostering understanding and strengthening connections through virtual exchanges
- Unlocking the power of girls and women around the world



Learn more at  
[rotary.org/initiatives23-24](https://rotary.org/initiatives23-24)