



## DISTRICT 3310 GOVERNOR HAJI ZAINIE'S TRIP TO INDIA.....IN PROMOTING WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE

The Rotary International District Governor District 3310, Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa led a delegation of senior Rotary Club leaders from Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan (3 Rotarians & 2 RotaryAnns) and Rotary Club of Likas Bay (1 Rotarian & RotaryAnn) together with the District First Lady Hajjah Kalimah to Kolkata, India- The City of Joy from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

The main purpose of the trip to Kolkata was not only to reciprocate the visit by RI Director Shekhar Mehta and his spouse Rashi to Brunei Darulsalam in December and to Kota Kinabalu in May this year in building good friendship and relationship with Rotarians in India , thus enhancing world understanding and peace but most importantly to explore the possibility of collaborating for medical expertise between RI District 3291 and our District 3310 for humanitarian projects such as the heart surgery project and prevention of Avoidable Blindness Outreach (ABO) programme .

### The “ Save Little Hearts” Project

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar has offered our district 15 free surgeries every year under their “Save Little Hearts” programme which is a heart surgery project for children with congenital heart disease. So our mission has not been in vain, happily remarked by DG Hj. Zainie

The “Save Little Hearts” project is one of the major humanitarian programs funded by Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF) and Rotary Clubs in India to help those children who are below the poverty line and cannot afford of this expensive surgery. More than 500 surgeries have been successfully performed and RIHF aims to do 2,000 surgeries per year, said the RI Director Shekhar Mehtar.

### Prevention of Avoidable Blindness Outreach (ABO)

The Rotary Belehata Eye Hospital under the purview of Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF) is a very well established eye hospital with excellent facilities and there have save thousands of eyesight in Kolkata over the years. It is glad that the Rotary Belehata Eye Hospital is willing to collaborate with Rotary Clubs in our district for future ABO projects, exclaimed by DG Haji Zainie

### The Project Green Magicis

Another important agenda for the trip to Kolkata is to visit the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City , District 3291 which is the partner of Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan for the Project Green Magicis , planting of 145,000 fruit trees in the province of Bengal under the Rotary Foundation Matching Grant funding. As part of the program , Project Green Magicis initiated by Rotary Clubs in India aims at planting one million fruit trees over the next few years, the fruit tree's planting will not only able to combat the adverse effects of global warming but help to create livelihoods for rural communities in India, thereby empowering them to financial independent.

To mark the launching of Matching Grant project between Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City and Rotary Club of Bandar Seri Begawan, a symbolic planting of fruit trees was carried out together with the Rotary International Director Shekhar Mehta and several senior Rotarians from Kolkata at the Park Circus Maidian.

These are very meaningful long term humanitarian projects and Rotarians of the world had amply demonstrated Rotary's Motto : “**Service Above Self**” and focused on the six area of focus, namely Peace and Conflict prevention/ resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development in doing good to the world . Rotary Clubs in our district 3310 will endeavour to organise the heart surgery project and Avoidable Blindness Outreach (ABO) in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs in India.

On behalf of Rotarians and Rotaryspouses who visited Kolkata, our DG Haji Zainie & DFL Kalimah expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the excellent fellowship and hospitality extended by RI Director Shekhar Mehta & charming spouse Rashi, PDG Roy, members of RC Calcutta Mega City , RC Calcutta Mahanagar, staffs of Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF) and many others. We were all touched by their attention and appreciated very much for the programmes and sumptuous meals . Not forgetting to thank you PE Pawan Agrawal and other host Rotarians and family members for their home cooked dinner and the wonderful fellowship which all of us have thoroughly enjoyed, said DG Hj. Zainie

The trip was a most enjoyable and memorable one. It was indeed an enriching experience for all of us who were first time to India.

## The Kolkata Trip in Pictures



Rotary District 3310 delegation led by District Governor Hj. Zainie , L-R: PP Philip Chong & Len Nyuk, PP Low Eng Leng, DFL Hjh. Kalimah, DG Hj. Zainie, Betty & PP Jeff Yong, Angelia & PP Ricky Ng



PDG Anirudha Roychoudhury (R) welcoming District Governor Hj. Zainie (2<sup>nd</sup> left), DFL Hjh. Kalimah (left) & visiting Rotarians & Rotari spouses from District 3310 at the club meeting



DG Zainie presenting " Beautiful Mountains of Sabah" book to PDG Anirudha Roychoudhury



District First Lady Hjh. Kalimah presenting gift to heart patient , flanked by parent , Rotarian and DG Hj. Zainie



PP Jeff Yong & spouse Betty with the little heart patient and his mum & volunteers



DFL Kalimah & Angelia celebrating their birthday at Kolkata, flanked by Len Nyuk, RI Director spouse Rashi and Betty



PP Ricky Ng & spouse Angelia cladding the little boy who had undergone successful heart surgery recently during the briefing session at Rotary Sadan.



District Governor Haji Zainie visiting the Rotary Belegata Eye Hospital, Kolkata flanked by RI Director Shekhar Mehta, & PP Pradeep Rawat



Tea reception at Rotary Belegata Eye Hospital



DFL Hjh. Kalimah watering the planted fruit tree by DG Hj. Zainie at the Park Circus Maidan while RI Director Shekhar & senior Rotarians look on.

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President Rita Jhavar of RC of Calcutta Mahanagar receiving 80 years Rotary coffee table book from DG Hj. Zainie



Tree planting by PP Jeff Yong, RC Bandar Seri Begawan as witnessed by RI Director & Rotarians & RotaryAnns



80 years Rotary coffee table to incoming DG Uttam District 3291 from DG Zainie



Fellowship dinner hosted by PE Pawan Agarwal at home



Visit to Marble Palace



DG Hj. Zainie receiving a beautiful gift from PE Pawan Agarwal



Standing L-R: RotaryAnn Len Nyuk, PP Low Eng Leng, PP Jeff Yong, DG Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa, RI Director Shekhar Mehtar, Cardiologist PP Dr. R.P. Vidhawan & DFL Hajjah Kalimah posing in front of the Rotary Sadan Heart Center



One for the album.....group photo with the host family of PE Pawan Agarwal



DG Zainie & Rotarians pushing the famous yellow taxi in Kolkata



DG Zainie & PP Philip buying local tip bits products



PP Philip Chong & Len Nyuk receiving beautiful gift from RI Director Shekhar



Lovely gift to PP Jeff Yong & Betty from RI Director Shekhar & spouse



Visit to Mother Teresa's home



DFL Kalimah with Rotariypouses & Sunayana relaxing at Rotary Peace Park



DFL Kalimah happily shopping for shoes

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*RI Director Shekhar Mehta presenting wonderful gift to DG Hj.*



*PP Pradeep Rawat presenting a gift to PP Philip at RC Calcutta Mahanagar's club meeting*



*PP Ricky Ng & Angelia receiving gift from RI Director Shekhar & spouse Rashi*



*DG Zainie & his delegation posing for a group photo with PDG Roy & their members during RC Calcutta Mega City's club meeting*



*One for the album....DG Zainie posing with RI Director Shekhar & Rotarians & Rotarypouses at Park Circus Maidan.*



*DG Hj. Zainie presenting RCKK's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bannerette to President Mousumi, RC of Garden Reach*



*PP Low Eng Leng receiving " Why I am Rotarian" book and gifts from RC Calcutta Mega City*



*A tree planting by PP Ricky Ng & Angelia*



*Rotarians applauded when PP Low Eng Leng planted a fruit tree, assisted by India Rotarians*



*RI Director Shekhar Mehta watering his newly planted tree*