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**DISTRICT 3310 MOMENTS & MEMORIES –
DG PHILIP CHONG**

My dear Fellow Rotarians,

Each time, I spent time with you, I feel something meaningful. It can be a simple hand shake, a brief chat or just a small gesture of friendship.

Sometime, we serve the communities together, sometime, we play and have fun together. This moment lingers in my memory and also in my wife's.

We truly cherish these wonderful moments and memories, and I would like to share them with you.

The train has left the main station and gathered momentum at high speed to travel to Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Labuan F.T , 4 States of Malaysia; Johor, Melaka, Sarawak and Sabah. From 1 July, 2015 Wednesday, I started my journey as Rotary District 3310 Governor to "Be a Gift to the World". This is the RI Theme for 2015-2016 to guide us to focus on our services to make a difference to the communities around us.

I know how heavy the responsibilities are as the DG because I have followed IPDG Andre Suharto on many of the Club Installations and DG Visits during my term as DGE in 2014-2015. Before I proceed further, let me extend my heartiest congratulation again to IPDG Andre Suharto for his dynamic leadership and dedication in creating vibrancy and unity in our district. Syabas and thank you IPDG Andre for your wonderful achievements! My team and I will carry on with the momentum and legacy to bring the District to greater heights.

PRELUDE

Before the new Rotary year begun and in the month of June, 2015 , I have attended 9 Rotary Club installations, RYLA at Tanjung Sutera Sedillie in JB. I also attended the Joint meetings for 8 Rotary Clubs in KK (7 Rotary Clubs + 1 provisional Club of RC KK Pearl). This an annual gathering of 250 Rotarians and their Rotary spouses in KK.

1. 7 June: Attended 64th Installation of President Freddie Lee of RC Johor Bahru, taking over from President J. S. Kwang at KSL Resort,
2. 12-13 June: RYLA at Tanjung Sutera Resort Sedilli, Johor Bahru. I also attended the Appreciation dinner for PETS & DISTAS organizing committee at Tai Soon Restaurant, JB
3. 16 June: Joint meetings for 8 Rotary Clubs in KK. DG Andre, DGN Michael Yee, DGND Datuk Lee and yours truly were present (4 generations Governors) . The highlight for the evening meeting at Pacific Sutera, Kota Kinabalu was an inspiring speech by DG Andre, the report by all the outgoing Club Presidents and the handing over of office from outgoing AG KP Lu to Incoming AG Iskandar Ahmad. This occasion was closed by an Intellectual sharing by DGN Michael Yee .
4. 17 June: 1st Interest Meeting for Mandarin speaking club in KK. This new club is also sponsored by RC KK.
5. 18 June: Arrived Singapore in afternoon for the installation of E-Club of 3310, witnessing the changing of guard from outgoing President Ong Chee Wee to incoming president Ching Kwock Wing.
6. 19 June: Took early Silkair flight from Singapore to KK to catch my Airasia flight to Tawau. Arrived home 12.00noon, changed my luggage bag and brought my wife to airport to catch the 1.30pm Airasia flight to Tawau for RC Tawau's Installation of Rotarian Nokiah Sannasi as the 49th Club President taking over from President Peter Hsieh.
7. 21 June: Immediately returned to KK from Tawau, I have to change my luggage bag and went to airport again for Airasia flight to Singapore for RC Tanjung Pagar's 4th Installation, witnessing the transfer of President power from IPP Jona Pang to President David Kwok.
8. 24 June: Attended installation of my home club, RC Likas Bay. Witnessed the handing over of President Jewel from IPP Gwen Vu to President Dato' Ir. John Chee at Pacific Sutera.
9. 26 June: Came to Singapore with my wife to witness the installation of Alan Tan as the 81st President of RC Singapore at Shangri-la Hotel, taking over from President Perilta.
10. 27 June: Left Singapore by early Silkair flight to KK for the installation of RC Kota Kinabalu; witnessed transfer of President power from IPP Tan Yew Lim to President Jack Ong at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kota Kinabalu
11. 28 June: Arrived Kuching with my wife for RC Kuching's 75th Installation of President Elvind Kofod and his BOD members, taking over from President Dr. Fakhruddin Dawoodi. We left Kuching on 29 June to Singapore for RC Changi's installation.
12. 30 June: My wife and I were honored to witness the installation of President Dennis Carroll for RC Changi, my good friend, taking over from President Dave Ng.

Congratulations to all for changing of guards!

THE DAY

Day 1 – Wednesday 1 July, 2015: The duty on the first day of my office as DG was rather relax. Len Nyuk and I got up late for our breakfast at our hotel – Holiday Inn Express Singapore Orchard Road (next to Paragon Shopping Mall). The weather was beautiful with ambient temperature slightly over 30 deg.C. I was staying in my hotel to catch up my emails in the morning. while Len Nyuk went out with Rotary spouse Phyllis Chew for shopping. This is one of the extra benefits the District First Lady enjoys.

In the early afternoon 3.00pm, DGE Michael Yee and I had an appointment with Rotarian Dr. Marek Wosinski from RC PHXROTARY100, Phoenix, Arizona USA at Paragon Shopping Mall. Rotarian Dr. Wosinski is the President of Sustainability Transition Consulting, LLC and also a Professor in Arizona State University. The meeting was to discuss the possibility of using Smart City concept to develop smart leaders in school. This augurs well for the development of our Interactors and Rotaractors in the District. We shall look into this further.

In the evening, I have a dinner meeting with Singapore AGs and other AGs who are in Singapore at the Padang Palace Restaurant (owned by PP James Chang of RC Garden City) in 1889 Singapore Recreation Club (SRC). Some of the Singapore AGs were not available because they were travelling. However, AG Jimmy Ooi and AG Dolly Yeap were present and we had a fruitful discussion on our plans and directions to help clubs to grow especially those clubs whose membership is less than 25. My sincere apologies for the last minute notice in calling the meeting. After the adjournment of the meeting, we participated in the 1st bowling fellowship at the same venue with Rotarians from RC Sentosa, RC Singapore East, RC Pandan Valley, RC Suntec City, and RC Shenton.

Day 2 – Thursday 2 July, 2015: The weather was again beautiful with some showers on the morning for a while. I went to RC Sentosa 1st club meeting for the new Rotary year 2015-2016 at Orchard Hotel while Len Nyuk went out for her appointment with Rotary spouses.

I was ushered from my hotel to Orchard hotel by IPP Dato' Elaine Teh. I have the nicest opportunity to sit in her beautiful Rolls Royce. I am a classic car enthusiast and have collected a few classic cars . Thank you Dato Elaine. It was indeed an honour for me to be there to witness the handing over of the President Jewel from IPP Dato' Elaine to President Jag Arora.

Another highlight of the 1st club meeting was the induction of Lily Chng (Rotary spouse of late PDG Ben Chng) into Rotary membership. I am happy to meet Lily there and have the honour to witness the induction. The last time, I met Lily and PDG Ben Chng was in KK some 3 years ago when the cruise they were travelling from Shanghai docked at KK port. We had Italian food for lunch at Little Italy in KK City with Lawrence Chin (our common friend) who was his best man also their school mate in University.



With the newly installed President Jag (seated 4 from left, Honorary Member Lily Chng (spouse of late PDG Ben Chng –seated 3rd from left), CP Michael Quek (seated, 2nd from from right and many other Rotarians.

I also met CP Michael Quek, PP Karen, PP Linda Wong (former Rotarian), President Christopher of RC Shenton , super active immediate past AG Brown who is also the current District Youth Service Chair and many other friends.

IPP Dato' Elaine presented the service projects carried out and District Award achievement whilst President Jag briefed the upcoming service projects including the major project on empowerment Women progam and also the bicycle and medical Outreach projects in Cambodia. I am impressed with their presentation. Keep up the good work. Thank you for your warm hospitality.

After the meeting at RC Sentosa, I quickly went to meet PP Alex Eow and DGE Michael Yee regarding the DSTT at Paragon Shopping Mall

In the evening, Len Nyuk and I attended the RC Suntec City's 1st club meeting at Suntec City. The new President Carina gave a comprehensive presentation on the goals and projects for the new Rotary year to be the gift to the world. Total membership is 25 and 12 are ladies. Ladies are powerful and dynamic. Thank you PP Joanne Kam and PP Lydia Goh for your warm hospitality. I met the super active immediate AG Brown again. Of course not forgetting to mention PP Mathews Yong, my good friend who was at the club meeting.

Day 3 – Friday 3 July: Attended RC Pandan Valley meeting at Grand Hyatt Singapore. Pres. Judy chaired the 1st club meeting well. Good attendance. Met Ben Chua who was working in Sabah in the early 60s for mineral prospecting under the British government. Also met PP Mohan District Membership Chair, PP Jeffrey Regional membership chair for Singapore. PP Anil, Tan Ying Lan, D|ave Wee and many others.



With President Judy and members of RC Pandan Valley at their 1st Club Meeting

In the evening , we attended RC Singapore East 50th Installation and witnessed the transfer of President power from Acting President PP Charles Chan to rejuvenated President Paul Keng. Met many of my good friends; PDG Fong Hoe Beng & charming spouse Phyllis, PDG David Tong & charming spouse Irene, AG Jimmy Ooi, PP Brown Pereira , PP Chris Bek, PP Ian Tan, PP Joseph , PP Anthony Towhill, and his charming spouse and many Rotarians & Rotary spouses present at the Celebration. I also met Rotaractors, Teacher Advisors, Mr. Edwin who is the son of IPP Edmund D’Orville Ho (sick and hospitalized), President Lina of Inner wheel Singapore East, charming Rotary spouses, Alice (spouse of Late PDG Dr. MG John) and PP Lee Choo Sum (over 80 years old and still very active) who is one of the 2 remaining Charter Members. The other Charter Member is PP Richard Chan who was unable to be with us. Rotarian Roger Marriote 92 years old is the oldest member in the club.



Fellowship with PDG Hoe Beng, AG Jimmy Ooi and President Paul Keng before commencement of the Installation

Day 4 – Saturday 4 July: Len Nyuk and I took an morning flight from Singapore to Kuching. We arrived Kuching airport by 10.00am. This was my first visit to Kuching as the District Governor. The welcome party led by AG Frankie Ong and his charming spouse Pauline together with many Kuching Central Rotarians and their charming spouses waiting for us at the arrival hall. After photo taking, we were ushered for lunch and checked into the Riverside Majestic Hotel. The weather was beautiful and not so hot.





Rotarians and Rotary spouses within and outside D3310 happily joined the Installation celebration of President Ng Yaw Hua, taking over from IPP Louis Yong

In the evening, we attended the changing of Guard from IPP Louis Yong to President Ng Yaw Hua, my good friend. The installation was a grand celebration and well attended by the Chairman of Council of Governors, PDG Chris Chen & spouse Shirley, PDG David Tong & Irene, PDG Edward, IPDG Andre Suharto & Nozan, DGE Michael Yee & Helen, AGs, District Chairs & Officers together with over 390 Rotarians, Rotary spouses and guests from more than 38 Rotary Clubs within and outside the District 3310. The entertainment program was fantastic with House of Friendship (first in our district for Club Installation) and also the live band and Belly dances. It is indeed an event like a District Conference. Congratulation President Yaw Hua for making history in our district. As usual, after the function, Rotarians and Rotary spouses adjourned to the House of Friendship which provided free flow of many kinds of drink, good interaction and fellowship as well as singing among so many Rotarians.

Day 5- Sunday 5 July: After breakfast, my wife and I together with AG Jimmy Ooi, President Alan Tan, Rotarian See Mee Lee, PP Khushroo took a 30 minutes boat ride to the new market along the Kuching river. We brought local hand crafts and Kuih Lapis. We came back to Kuching city by noon for lunch at one of the popular restaurants hosted by RC Kuching Central. After the lunch, we were supposed to go back to hotel but AG Frankie’s spouse Pauline took us to Boon Khai Delights for desert. Makan after Makan!



Boat ride to Sunday Market



Arrived at the new market place



Sumptuous lunch at “Hai Thain Loh “ sea food restaurant

In the evening, we went for the Installation of RC Kuching Jaya at Telang Usan, witnessed the change of guard from IPP Joseph Ting (represented by PP Frederick Black) to President Rasinah Chai. It was wonderful evening with presence of PDG Datuk Stephen Wan Ullok,

IPDG Andre Suharto & Nozan, DGE Michael Yee & Helen, AG Frankie Ong & Pauline and all the Presidents & spouses from the other 3 Rotary clubs in Kuching and Interactors.

After the installation was over, the party continued with members of RC Kuching Central and their sister clubs Rotarians & Rotary spouses at Ula Ula.

Day 6 – Saturday 6 July: Early morning, we packed our luggage and were picked up by Rotarian Andrew Chong and his spouse to go to airport for our flight to Kota Kinabalu. President Yaw Hua and Pauline (spouse of AG Frankie Ong) were on the same MAS flight to join the Rotarians & Rotary spouses of RC Taipei Golden Eagle in Kota Kinabalu. We missed our home after 9 days away. In the evening, fellowship dinner with President Yaw Hua, IPP Louis Yong, Rotary spouses, President Alice Huang, PP Tiger and Rotarians from RC Taipei Golden Eagle D3480 and RC Likas Bay at Deep Sea Seafood Restaurant. We were supposed to take off the DG Official Visit to Clubs in Malacca from 6 July onwards but postponed due to the fact they are not ready. So, we were back to KK for one week until Saturday 10 July.

Day 7 – Tuesday 7 July: I missed spending time with the Pearls. So, I decided to attend RC Kota Kinabalu Pearl's weekly lunch meeting at Ceyln Hotel City Mall. I am happy to see my good friends; CP Datuk Adeline Leong, AG Iskandar Ahmad who is the Governor's Representative for chartering this new club, PDG Haji Zainie and also many Pearls. The meeting was well attended with more than 30 people as always.



Meeting with CP Datuk Adeline and members of KK Pearls, PDG Datuk Zainie & AG Islandar

Subsequently, I spent sometimes for my paper work and also catch up with Rotarian Cheong Kok Ann, chairman for 2016 SINDEK, IPP Francis Chan and AG Iskandar on Friday morning.

Day 11 – Sunday 11 July: My wife and I took our flight from KK to Singapore for RC Garden City Installation at Raffles Town Club. The Guest of Honour was Honorable Mr. Gan Tian Poh, Member of Parliament of Ponggol South. The function saw the attendance of more than 400 Rotarians, Rotary spouses including about 100 guests and members from their sister clubs in Taiwan, Thailand, Sabah, Sarawak. Not forgetting many of our dear PDGs & their charming spouses, IPDG Andre & Norzan, DGE Michael Yee & Helen, DGN Datuk Lee & Datuk Naomi, Rotarians and Rotaryspouses from 20 clubs within our district were present at

this auspicious occasion. I met lots of my good friends. It was indeed a mini conference! I have the honour to witness the transfer of power from IPP Florence to President Dr. Tor Lam Huat. Congratulations!



Group photo with President Dr. Tor & his BOD Members and Guest of Honour Mr. Gan (6th from left)

The newly installed President Dr. Tor Lam Huat is very generous and contributed US\$50,000 to Annual Giving to the Rotary Foundation for Major Donor Level 4. A big thank you and congratulation to President Dr. Tor. Imagine the US\$50K which is equivalent to about RM200,000 can build 15 Gravity Feed Water supply system for 15 rural villages, providing clean water to 450 household or cleft lip surgeries for 5,000 children with deformed lips or Polio drops for 83,000 children to prevent the deadly disease. The US\$50,000 donation will stretch 4 times more at least through the DDF for Global Grants.

Day 12 – 12 July: We got up late for our breakfast meeting at Raffles Town Club with PDG Philbert Chin, IPDG Andre, DGE Michael, DGN Datuk Lee and their spouses. Thank you so much IPDG Hj. Andre & Norzan for your present despite of the Ramadan before going to Changi airport. PDG Ghim Bok's spouse Phyllis also came to join us.

We were invited by President Dr. Tor to have lunch with their Sister Clubs Rotarians and Rotaryspouses at the Chinese Restaurant in Raffles Town Club. Thereafter, we checked out and moved to Holiday Inn Express Orchard Singapore.

AG Roger Ng and Cecelia treated us dinner at the renowned Equinox Restaurant in the evening at Swissotel Hotel 70th floor. We have enjoyed the food and also the panoramic view of Singapore, looking at the Sands, Singapore new financial district, Garden by the Bay, Singapore wheel, and many sky scrappers. It was indeed a fantastic view and lovely evening. We also saw the site for Singapore 50th National Day Celebration to be held on 9 August, 2015. Congratulation to Singapore Rotarians for the 50th birthday of Singapore great and progressive nation.



With AG Roger & Rotary spouse Cecelia at Equinox



Beautiful panoramic view of Singapore

Day 13 – Monday 13 July: I got up early to prepare for my first official visit to RC Queenstown at The Tanglin Club. I was very excited to meet the President Francis Goh, BOD Members and Members of RC Queenstown. AG Philip Kee came to Hoilday Inn Express Orchard Singapore to fetch me and Len Nyuk at 11.30am for the Board of Directors meeting before Club Assembly.



Meeting President Francis Goh and his BOD members during the first official club visit for the new Rotary year



Souvenir to DG Philip



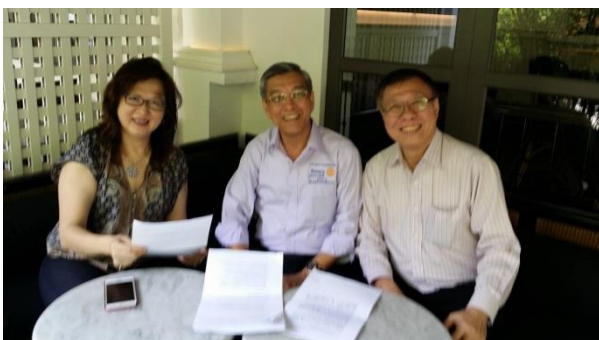
Big attendance from members & guests from RC Queenstown for DG first official visit

The meeting went well with report from President Francis on the club's goals for membership growth, contribution to the Rotary Foundation and service projects for local and international communities for the new Rotary year. The Club has lined up good community and youth service and also fellowship program. RC Queenstown is indeed a strong and vibrant club with 49 members; 12 Female (24.5%) and 37 Male. 5/50 are Past Presidents & Rotarians. The clubs engages the young and senior Rotarians.

The new BOD and Chairmen are 100% young Rotarians whereas the Advisor for the various committees are Past President. This is in line with the Club Leadership Plan that involves the total membership of club. The club meeting proper started at 1.00pm with dedicated air time for DG's presentation. There were visiting Rotarians from Indonesia; PDG Willy Wiguna and PP Dr. Patrina. The meeting was well attended with the presence of PDG Chris Chen and Shirley. PDG Chris is the last remaining Charter Member in this great Club of 42 years in existence. 42 years of friendship, 42 years of weekly meetings, 42 years of service to humanity 42 years of inspiration for, preparation of , and perspiration in projects after projects and after projects. Imagine the amount of good work Rotarians and Rotary spouses in RC Queenstown has done? I truly salute them!

Day 14- Tuesday 14 July: Breakfast meeting at the traditional Killiney Kopitiam at 67 Killiney Road with PP Kay Hui, District Committee Bursary Chair. The shop serves best Hanai coffee, toasts and half boil eggs. The meeting is to discuss the ways and means how to raise fund for this new initiative and also development of guide line for selection of deserving students and matching by the district to Rotary Clubs. To start the ball rolling, PP Kay Hui and yours truly has pledged to contribute personally RM5,000 each for this. Thank you so much PP Kay Hui for the generous contribution. The fund is to be managed by the District under a designated account specifically to manage the funding. Please stay tuned for details of matching to be announced soon. Meanwhile, we welcome Rotarians who wish to contribute to this good cause for the needy school going children. Please let me know.

Luncheon meeting with PP Vicky Soo District Chair & for Young Rotarians Taskforce & CP B.S. Chew at Chopsuey (former British Army Barracks) to discuss the strategic action plan for the said committee. There are many restaurants there serving varieties of food. Thank you so much PP Vicky for the sumptuous lunch.



Luncheon meeting with PP Vicky & CP B. S. Chew of E-Club 3310 at Chopsuey.

At 5.00pm PP Mohan, the District Membership Chair, DGE Michael District Trainer and I met at L2 to finalize the dates and program for the regional District Membership and PR Seminar. Thereafter, I have meeting with all the 5 Singapore Assistant Governors; Roger Ng, Dr. Low Cze Hung, Philip Kee, Lai Bou Leong & Jimmy Ooi. I have 3 in 1 meeting for the evening. The final one is the 1st Joint Presidents' Meeting for the 22 Singapore Rotary Clubs. Total 19 Club Presidents turned up. It was a lively and fruitful meeting chaired by President Alan Tan of RC Singapore in the presence of PDG Philbert Chin and PDG Dr. Wu Ching, DGE Michael Yee and District Youth Service Chair, PP Brown. The meeting adjourned by 10.00pm.



Meeting with all 5 Singapore AGs, left to Right: Dr. Low Cze Hung, Philip Kee, Jimmy Ooi, Lai Bou Leong, Roger Ng



President Amit of RC Singapore North speaking at the JPM



President Judy of RC Pandan Valley expressing her view while President Alan Tan looks on

My dear Presidents, as mentioned during my speech for this JPM, please do not hesitate to contact your AG, District Chairs, Officers and yours truly for resources and assistance. My District team and I are ready to help you to grow your club for membership development, service projects, contribution to TRF and also participation of Global Grants so that together we can make an impact for the communities around us for this great year and "Be a Gift to the World"

I also have encouraged clubs to walk and work with me on the following:

- 1) Key in your club's plan and goals for membership, service project etc in Rotary Club Central by 15 August, 2015, the latest. This is to facilitate DG to prepare his visit to your club. Meanwhile, for temporary measure, please prepare your report for DG visit using the Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Club that has been sent to you earlier. Our ED PP Dr. Ho Loon Shin is assisting me to study and generate individual club's report through the Rotary Club Central before my official visit to clubs.
- 2) 100% members registered with My Rotary by 15 August, 2015. I will recognize clubs with special District Award if clubs have achieved with 100% registration by 15 August, 2015.

Day 15- Wednesday 15 July: Relax at Hotel and checked out by noon. CP Albert Wong together with his spouse Lillie came and fetch us for Dim Sum lunch at Red Star. DGE Michael & Helen joined later. We all adjourned for lunch and then went to China Town Pearl's Hill Kopitiam for coffee. This is part 2 of our fellowship. Finally, DGE Michael and Helen sent us to Changi Terminal 1 for our Airasia flight to KK in the evening.

Day 16 & 17- Thursday 16th & Friday 17th: Free & Easy, enjoy Hari Raya Open House and visiting friends

Itineraries for me and my wife for next 2 weeks will be:

- 1) Meeting with our ED PP Dr. Ho and PP Joseph at the District Secretariat Kuala Lumpur on Sunday 19 July to hand over the Letter of Employment for PP Joseph.
- 2) DG Official Visit from 20 – 23 July to RC Puteri Lagoon, RC Pasir Gudang & Kota Famosa.
- 3) Attend 1st AGs, District Chairs & Presidents in Johor & Malacca at Kulai on 24 July evening.
- 4) 1st RI 3310 Berhad BOD meeting at Palace Hotel, Kota [Kinabalu@2.00pm](#) on 25 July
- 5) GOH to grace the Installation of RC Luyang on 25 July
- 6) To grace 3 Installations in Singapore from 27-31 July; RC Shenton, RC Singapore West & RC Suntec City.

Please look out the e blast DG Newsletter for the month of July by 26 July and also some hard copy to be distribute to clubs via AGs. Please stay tune next month.

I and my wife would like to wish our Muslim Rotarians, friends and their families Selamat Hari Aidil Fitri and happy holidays. May the new year brings them peace, joy and happiness and prosperity.

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD!

Yours in Rotary

**PHILIP CHONG
DISTRICT 3310 GOVERNOR
2015-2016**