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<p>Speaker : Rtn Tan Peng Huat Subject : Classification Talk</p> <p>ON DUTY Duty Table : Kertz Lau Fellowship : Laura Lee Finemaster : Steven Oon Introduce : Sharon Lim Thanking : May Lim</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Programme Today</p>

<p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>Mr. Johnny (Rtn May T Lim) (5th Oct) Rtn Jeffrey Yap (8th Oct)</p>
<p>Happy Anniversary!</p> <p>NIL</p>

<i>Programme</i>	<i>On Duty</i>
<p>Speaker : Vocational Excellence Awards Subject :</p>	<p>Duty Table : Mok Sin Fellowship : Loo Ming Chee Finemaster : Aaron Ong Introduce : Dato' Muslim Thanking : Ng Sim Bee</p>
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Diary 4th - 24th October 2010						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>4 <i>12.30 pm</i> Rotary Lunch Shangri-La KL</p> <p><i>2.00 pm</i> Public Relations Committee Meeting Shangri-La KL</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <i>7.00 pm</i> Club Admin Comm Meeting</p> <p>Marco Polo Restaurant</p>	<p>7 <i>7.00 pm</i> Rotary Foundation Committee</p> <p>Royal Lake Club</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <i>12.30 pm</i> Rotary Lunch Shangri-La KL</p>	<p>12 <i>7.00 pm</i> Service Avenue Meeting RSGC, KL.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <i>5.00 pm</i> Pudu Rotaract Meeting Eurasian Club</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <i>12.30 pm</i> Rotary Lunch Shangri-La KL</p> <p><i>2.00 pm</i> Membership Committee Meeting Shangri-La KL</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 <i>7.00 pm</i> Service to New Generations Meeting Marco Polo Rest.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER

For Pudu, under the Vocation at Work portfolio, we traditionally have a get together with our employees in an Employer-Employee Appreciation Dinner. Under this portfolio Rotarians are asked to initiate activities that promote positive employment relations in the workplace. We believe that appreciating employees by having lunch or dinner with them is one way to promote such an environment. Of course at the same time, a small gift to each of them is fitting, not so much as to the value of the gift, but rather the thought behind the gift. Employees are very special people as we see them quite a lot during the office hours.

Quite often amongst ourselves we always say that we want good employees as they are in the forefront of our business to make profits for our companies. Likewise, the employees also want good employers who can look after their welfare so that they are happy to work for us. So thus a getting together at mealtime make good sense to promote better fellowship and also to erase any misunderstanding should there be one. The get together also allows other Rotarians to meet them as often we hear them on the phone or look at their email only. The function, therefore, put a face behind the voice for both parties. To be sure the employee also want to see how the Rotarian they spoke to looks like!

And Rotary recognizes this and thus not only has a "DECLARATION OF ROTARIANS IN BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS" but also an avenue of service called **Vocational Service (now under "Service")**. This Declaration, amongst other things, says that Rotarians are expected to consider their vocation as an opportunity to serve, practice high ethical standards, be fair and give due respect to all occupations which are useful to society.

We are all but human. Who doesn't want to be appreciated? **Thus in October, what is Rotary's Vocational Service Month? We try to get together with people who are larger part of our lives and career.**

Gratitude – part 1 – "Green Your Community"



"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." ~William Arthur Ward

Let me express my gratitude to the Organizing Chairmen, the Directors and the committee members who successfully completed the two major projects over the past two weeks.

(This Part 1 of my message is for "Green Your Community" project)

To Past President Chow Tian, I truly salute you for having firstly the vision, then the drive and finally the power of execution, to bring this mammoth "Green Your Community" project into fruition. I remember back in January, you were already leading the committee to piece each part of the puzzle together, i.e. the partners (DBKL & Dato Jasani's Grant Thornton), the venue, the schools, the media, the NGOs and Corporations. I admire your conviction, your confidence and the control you have demonstrated throughout the planning and implementation process. Bravo, thank you.

To Director Peng Huat, I was very fortunate when you agreed to be a Director in my board. I knew that once you have agreed to take on a responsibility, you will carry it out with all your heart. I realized how much time and effort you have put into this project, even when your late mother was hospitalized, you took time out to meet up with DBKL. I am indeed thankful for your commitment to your duty. More than that, I respect you for your readiness to serve the community.

To Past President Dato' Jasani, I am deeply humbled by your generosity in contributing not only in monetary terms but also in terms of your time (for all the various meetings with DBKL), your volunteering of manpower from your firm and the giving of other items like T shirts etc...and to top it all, these were given with a joyful heart!

To Past President Albert Lim, I am so grateful to all that you have done, so much so that words are inadequate to express. The success of the media & press coverage speaks for itself. Kam Xia, good friend.

To all the committee members, Past President Ng Sim Bee, Vice President CT Heng, President Elect Steven Oon, Rotarians Mok Sim, Tenny, Daisy, and Annie; I truly appreciate all the support, the team work.

To all the other Past Presidents & Rotarians who supported the project in one way or another, Xie Xie!

Hmm, have I left out anyone??

In Rotary Service,
President RY 2010/2011

Pudu News

Record Of Meeting On 27th September 2010

Guest Speaker : Ms Malar, Executive Director of EWRF
Subject : The CSI Program for the Youth

VISITING ROTARIANS

Name	Club
Rosa Mah	RAC Pudu
Alyson Soo	RAC Pudu

GUESTS

Name	Host
Farah Abdullah	Steven Oon
Kalaiyarasi	EWRF
SP Nathan	EWRF
S. Selvarajas	EWRF
Yeap Kim Hock	Alex Chang

STATISTICS

Visiting Rotarians	:	2
Guests	:	5
Club Members	:	38
Total Present	:	45

COLLECTIONS

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fines	:	RM 70.00
Paying Diners	:	RM 120.00
Raffles & Others	:	
Total	:	RM190.00

Club Proceedings

SAA Stanley Pereira called the meeting to order at 1.10 pm on behalf of President Leong Choy Ying. He introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests. He later led in the singing of the National Anthem.

The Finemaster for the day was PP KH Low. He started his fine session by fining all the members present who were happy with the new meeting place RM1 and those who were not happy had to pay RM3 each.

PP Sim Bee had to pay a fine of RM1 because the menu included a food which he loves to eat. The Rotarian advisers to the Interact clubs who won the best elocution contest were each fined RM1. President Choy Ying whose face appeared on TV was fined RM10.

The three members who went up north for a function were each fined RM5. Those not attending the District Inter City Dinner were each fined RM1. Those who attended the St. John's annual fund raising dinner over the weekend were each fined RM1.

Rtn Lawrence Annies was fined RM1 for a good job in promoting the District Conference in the club's website.

President's Announcement

Welcome to Pudu Rotary Club's RY2010/2011's 12th Weekly Meeting.

In the past weeks our club had carried out the following activities:-

- The Membership Development Committee met at the Buttery, Royal Lake Club met on Tuesday evening, 21 September 2010.
- The Rotary Foundation Committee met at the Pool side, Royal Lake Club met on Thursday evening, 23 September 2010.
- On Friday, 24 September, 2010, Interact Chairman George Heng and Rtn Laura Lee attended the ICC meeting with the Interact club presidents & secretaries at MBS KL.
- On Saturday 25 September 2010, our club has successfully carried out a very meaningful project, that is the "Finals for the Interact Elocution Contest" at SMK (Perempuan) Pudu. Dr Khair Bin Mohamad Yusof, Deputy Director General of Education, Policy Development and Education Sector represented the Guest of Honour, Tan Sri Alimuddin.

Upcoming events,

- Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, 28 September at 7 pm, at Royal Lake Club Function Room.
- On Thursday, 30 September 2010 at 6 pm, at Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club, INTER-DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP EVENING. RC Pudu is taking 2 tables. We will be signing up with a new sister club – Madras South.
- The 2nd fireside for RY2010/2011 for New Rotarians will be held at PE Steven Oon's residence on 1 October 2010 at 7 pm. To all New Rotarians

and the not so new Rotarians who would like to know more about Rotary, please come and learn from our Resource Rotarian PP Gary Lim. PE Steven Oon has promised good food and great fellowship.

On the District Level,

- a. Pre Pets 1 will be held for the President Elects on October 30th – 31st 2010 At Tower Regency Hotel, IPOH
- b. The 2010 Bangkok Rotary Institute is on November 19th-21st, 2010. This event will offer Rotarians the opportunity to share ideas and best practices with other international clubs and to create new friendships and partnerships.
- c. The D3300 Rotary Kinabalu Polio Challenge will be from 13-17 January 2011. This is a project by our DG Lim Kok Beng and organized by RC Bandar Utama. Only 60 places available. The total cost is RM1,850, excluding air fare.
- d. Finally, I am urging all Pudu Rotarians to help out on the organizing of the District Conference. This is a club project and our whole club has to support the event

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Rtn Sarky introduced the guest speaker for the day who were members of the EWRF (Educational, Welfare & Research Foundation of Malaysia) namely Mr. S P Nathan and Ms. Malar Selvarajah who spoke on the subject of The CSI: Program for the Youth.

C.V. Speaker

S P NATHAN

He is the assistant general manager of Mettube Sdn. Bhd. a company that manufactures copper tubes. On the social work that he does, he is the VP of EWRF, involved with other NGOs which include Malaysia Hindu Sangam, Subang Samaritan and friend to many Rotary Clubs in the Klang Valley.

MS. MALAR SELVARAJAH

She is the Executive. Director of EWRF, Has a degree and Master graduate in HR and top student and recipient of the gold medal from the DYMM Sultan of Selangor, been involved in community work for the last 10 years. Has worked with Genting Highlands Resort for two years.

The Speech

EWRF which stands for Educational, Welfare & Research Foundation of Malaysia which is an NGO mainly providing service for the community. Among the various programs that target wayward youth, one of the program is the CSI which stands for civil society intervention.

Due to lack of opportunities, lack of education, poor parental control and poverty a lot of youths today turn to criminal activities and undesirable activities to satisfy their curiosity.

EWRF comes out with programs to help under achievers and provide them opportunities such programs which are educational in nature include E4J- English tuition for juniors, total empowerment camps.

CSI programs which was launched on 16/5/2010 needs a lot of volunteers to carry out. This includes undercover activities, community consciousness programs which include prison visits, visits to old folks home and handicapped centers for physically challenged and empowerment classes also include tutorials classes for the weak students. All these programs are conducted with a hope that it will prevent youths turning to gangsterism and later committing crimes.

EWRF hopes that other NGO's can also do the same program and they are most happy to assist in any way they can.

Thanking of Guest Speaker

Rtn Alex Chang on behalf of the Club thanked the guest speakers Mr. S P Nathan and Ms. Malar Selvarajah for giving us an excellent presentation.

Pudu Club News

Address of Guest of Honour is Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Alimuddin Bin Hj. Mohd Dom, Director General of Education, Malaysia at the "Finals – Elocution Contest for Interactors" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pudu on 25th September 2010 at SMK (P) Pudu, Kuala Lumpur.

Organising Chairman PP V.G. Chandran, President Leong Choy Ying, District Governor Lim Kok Beng, District Secretary, PP Ken Ong, Assistant District Governor PP Karthi, Chief Judge PP Mohamed bin Abdullah, Principals, Teacher Advisors, Rotarians,

Rotaractors, Interactors, Members of the Press & Media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Rotary Club of Pudu, though only chartered in December 1966 and is now in the 44th year, is proud of its service to the community. I am told that Rotary Club of Pudu, as one of the primer clubs, is a trend setter and an example for other Clubs in Malaysia. The seriousness is not only to be seen in the motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF” which is the Rotary International motto, but the club has evolved its own, - “Involved We Are, Committed We Must Be”

The Commitment is seen in carrying out the activities through the FIVE Avenues of Service of the Rotary Club, namely Club Service, Vocational Service, International Service, Community Service and Service to New Generation. The 62 Rotarians together with 8 Lady Rotarians are committed to doing service.

In the Avenue of Service to New Generation, the Rotary Club of Pudu has been committed to the Youth via the 8 Interact Clubs, Community based Rotaract Club of Pudu, International Youth Exchange Programmes and the Group Study Exchange Programmes, Rotary’s programs for students and youth can change the lives of those who participate. Through these programs, young people can earn scholarships, travel on cultural exchanges, or help a community through a service project.

Thousands of people, age 30 and younger, participate in Rotary programs to learn skills that will help them become future leaders.

Youth programs allow participants to discover more about themselves and the world by participating in community projects, leadership training, or cultural exchanges. Young people also learn about the principles of ethics, service, and fellowship that Rotarians exemplify.

I know that this Rotary Year’s Theme is “Building Communities...Bridging Continents” and in recognising this, you Rotarians have also taken into consideration and paid attention to the fact that “Our Youth are Our Assets”.

In this respect, I would appreciate if you, as students, having been given this opportunity will take advantage to make the best of it. I understand that the Rotary Club of Pudu has sponsored as well as hosted many International Students on Short Term and Long Term basis. In fact this year a Rotaractor of the Rotaract Club of Pudu and an ex-interactor of this school, SMK(P) Pudu, is among the Group Study Exchange Team to

California. She is Rose Mah Yee Fan who was a student here about 7 years ago.

Rotary Club of Pudu has been giving those of you in need of assistance through Scholarships. Initially, in the early years the Scholarship Funds came through donations from Australian Rotary Clubs through “World Community Service Project “Sponsoring a Deserving Student”. Many students in Pudu have benefited. But leadership and far sightedness of Pudu Rotarians in early eighties must surely be commended. They had the vision to raise funds ...approximately Ringgit half million and capitalised solely for the Scholarships and Educational Support Awards. Further inputs have been made to the capitalised sum, and in the early eighties the disbursement of Scholarships was about RM10,000 to RM15,000 per year. But in the last few years, the disbursement has grown to approximately RM50,000 to RM60,000 per year. What is worthy of note is that, since 1984 the Rotarians of Rotary Club of Pudu have disbursed over RM a million to over 5000 deserving students and, I am told, that they are committed to continuing this worthwhile project for years to come.

You have been fortunate to attend the annually organized “Interact Leadership Training and Motivational Camps (ILTMC). This year was 34th, with the theme “Youth – Towards 1 Malaysia” held from 19th to 21st March 2010 at the Akademi Pembangunan Belia Malaysia, Port Dickson. I am told that you, about 200 Interactors, who participated benefited from the programme arranged. I am sure what you learnt at the ILTMC is put into practice. Well, in the last 34 years, you can imagine that more than 6000 interactors not only benefited but also have been excellent role models influencing others!

“THE EIGHT GOALS OF INTERACT” at the back of this programme brochure is excellent. The Goals as spelt out are to achieve:

- Constructive Leadership Skills,
- Helpfulness to Others,
- Importance of Home & Family,
- Respect for the Rights of Others,
- Individual’s responsibility in personal, community development,
- Recognize worthiness of all occupations,
- Gain knowledge in community, national and world affairs,
- Advancement of International Understanding and Goodwill

These in fact are geared to make you useful Malaysian Citizens, and with emphasis by Rotary Club of Pudu, on themes 'Youth – Towards 1 Malaysia' and "Building 1 Malaysia", you are fortunate to be guided to be useful and productive citizens, as well as role models to your fellow students.

"1 Malaysia" was announced by our Prime Minister of Malaysia the Honourable Dato' Seri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak on September 16, 2008 "1Malaysia" strongly emphasizes national unity, ethnic tolerance, and government efficiency.

The eight values of "1Malaysia" as articulated by our Prime Minister of Malaysia are perseverance, a culture of excellence, acceptance, loyalty, education, humility, integrity, and meritocracy.

"I would like to see that we all have a sense of belonging in Malaysia, irrespective of our race, and feel that this is our country. This is our birthplace, this is the country that we will give our undivided loyalty and commitment to. If we can have the resolve, it means we have already reached the stage of embracing the '1Malaysia' concept. I always say "One Dream, One People, One Nation" Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak

I am happy to note that this "ELOCUTION CONTEST" is geared to the theme "Building 1 Malaysia". The topics given to you students to choose from are all about "Building 1 Malaysia".....and you chose the following . I am very impressed.

- Interactors can be "Role Models" for our students.
- I am proud to be a Malaysian.
- Through Sports we can contribute to "Building 1 Malaysia".
- The word "Respect" vital to "Building 1 Malaysia".
- What is expected of us as Leaders.
- Malaysia rightly referred to as "Little Asia"

I applaud the aims and objectives followed for this ELOCUTION CONTEST. Be reminded that they are "We want our Interactors

- to develop the art and skill of communicating clearly and confidently.
- to learn how to communicate at the correct pace (not too fast but not too slow), at the correct volume and with expression.
- to learn the basic technical skills for speaking confidently and become a more assured speaker who people want to listen to.

- to effectively communicate using Good English
- to self-develop into good Malaysians—"BUILD MALAYSIA," respecting others and doing good in the community.

I also understand that to develop your skills in "The Art Public Speaking", the Rotary Club of Pudu, together with assistance from Toastmasters, had on 30th July 2010 invited PP Charlie Chan of Rotary Club of Bangsar and Member of the Toastmasters Club, to guide and share with you and your teachers the subject.

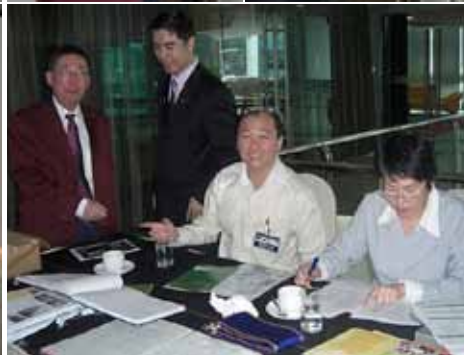
On that day itself the 10 topics based on the Theme, "Building 1 Malaysia" was give for the students to choose from.

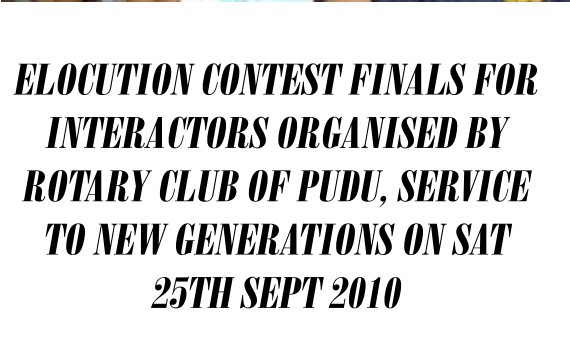
During the month of August 2010, Interact Clubs had to conduct their own "elocution contest for interactors" in their respective interact clubs. It was an opportunity to put into practice what was learnt. They had to select 2 to represent their respective school in the SEMI-FINALS held on 4th September 2010. I am told that you had an interesting morning on listening to well prepared and well delivered "elocutions" from the 15 participants. The chosen 7 contestants for the FINALS were chosen and the THEME "Building 1 Malaysia" were handed to you.

I must indeed congratulate Rotary Club ob Pudu for having organized the "ELOCUTION CONTEST FOR INTERACTORS" with the excellent aims and objectives . The fact that all the steps that had been followed from 30th July, starting with the talk on "The Art of Public Speaking" and culminating today in the FINALS is excellent. This should be taken on as an interesting school activity for 'self development' as well in making our children turning out to be good Malaysian Citizens.

Well I must say something about the "Prize Money". Ringgit 3000 is a lot of money! Yes. The Rotary Club is giving 50% ie RM 1500 to the individual winner and the other 50% i.e RM 1500 is to the School. The same happens to the Second and Third prizes of RM2000 and RM1000 respectively. You winners are taught something very useful. You have been responsible in winning something for the school which will be spent usefully for the school to benefit others by the school authorities. You can be proud to have 'earned' and left something behind for all that the school has done for you. Again, Rotarians of Rotary Club of Pudu...,you are to be congratulated. It is an excellent thought to put the "2nd Goal of Interact" – TO ENCOURAGE AND PRACTICE THOUGHTFULNESS AND HELPFULNESS TO OTHERS"

***CLUB MEETING AT
PICCOLO HOTEL ON
27TH SEPT, 2010***





ELOCUTION CONTEST FINALS FOR INTERACTORS ORGANISED BY ROTARY CLUB OF PUDU, SERVICE TO NEW GENERATIONS ON SAT 25TH SEPT 2010



Winner of 1st Prize Nasha Raina bt Abdul Rahim with GOH and cheque of RM3000.00.



Winner of 2nd Prize Filiz Yaprak Karaca with GOH and cheque of RM2000.00.



Third prize winner Balamurali Tamilwanan with GOH and cheque of RM1000.00.

ELOCUTION FINALS CONTEST WINNERS HELD ON SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2010 AT SMK (P) PUDU KUALA LUMPUR



All smiles of Interactors Nasha, Filiz and Balamurali with prizes donated by Rotary Club of Pudu.



All these winners with President Choy Ying, Guest of Honour Dr Khair bin Mohamad Yusof, Deputy Director General of Education Policy Development and Education Sector, and SM Kuen Cheng Interact Teacher Advisor (right) SMK Sri Sentosa Interact Teacher Advisor (left).

District 3300 Rotary Kinabalu Polio Challenge 13-17th Jan 2011

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Climb Highest Mountain of South-East Asia for POLIO...."This event is A Polio Challenge. By the time the your club team finish, they maybe absolutely exhausted, but it's a hugely rewarding, life-enhancing experience"....for their own personal achievement and also an achievement for The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Challenge - Eradicating Polio.

RCBU is privileged to be organizing this Polio Challenge for District 3300. Our New Generation Chairman, Rtn Hock Siew is an avid Sportsman who has climbed Mt Kinabalu, South-East Asia's highest mountain 57 times, and leading many businessmen (recently, as old as 71 yrs), business executives, professionals, housewives and even young children to the "PEAK" successfully.

We have only 60 places pre-booked for this climb, thus, it is our hope that as many clubs in the District 3300 will participate to send one representative to the climb and at the same time, the members of the club could use this opportunity to help to raise at least USD 1k towards the Polio Plus fund.

In support of our DG Lim Kok Beng's call for Rotarians in the District 3300 to go for - "BIGGER, BETTER AND BOLDER" the 3 pointers for Rotary's Strategic Plan which comes into effect on 1 July 2010 - RC Bandar Utama now called upon the Rotary Clubs in District 3300 to send one representative to this exciting once in a lifetime experience and together we could become "BIGGER, BETTER AND BOLDER"!

The closing date for registration will be 24th October, 2010.

Yours in Rotary
IPP Janice Lim
RC Bandar Utama

R.I. News

Tanaka is choice for 2012-13 RI President

By Peter Schmidtke

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13.



Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Tanaka said he would like to see Rotary "continue its vital work as the force to improve our communities."

For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce and adviser to Arata Co. Ltd., an animal feed and pet food wholesaler. He also chaired the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan for eight years. Tanaka studied business at Nihon Management Daigakuin and Tokyo Management Daigakuin.

Currently a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.

Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors.

He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

Tanaka said that eradicating polio will "fulfill the promise we made to children in the world" and that "there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future."

Tanaka and Kyoko have three children and five grandchildren.

Creative 'go green' drive

Schools set up interesting booths



Good job: Pheasal talking to students from SMK Cochrane at their booth.

By BAVANI M
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THE Green Your Community Exhibition that took place at Kompleks Bella in Cheras last Sunday was an opportunity for the public and students to learn a thing or two on how to go green.

The event organised by Rotary Club of Puudu, Grant Thornton and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) had booths exhibiting products and information on how the public can help green their communities and to create awareness on the environment and wildlife.

About 20 government departments, companies and non-governmental organisations took part in the event, including seven schools.

What was most endearing to see was the effort put in by the schools to make their booths interesting.

The Grant Thornton contribution of RM500 to each participating school may have been an

incentive but it was still refreshing to see the students work hard to create awareness.

Schools that took part were SMK Constan, Puudu English Secondary School, SMK Sen Binting Ulu, SM Kuan Cheng, SMK Cochrane and SMK Cheras.

But none could beat the effort put in by SMK Cochrane which won the top prize in the "Green Your Community" exhibition.

SMK Cochrane received RM1,000 from the Puudu Rotary Club and a RM500 from Grant Thornton International for their ingenuity (3R - reduce, reuse and recycle) theme.

Their booth was not only interesting to look at but also displayed items like toys, paper buckets, rubbish bins, made from reusable items, posters and plants of wildlids.

The students effort in getting the public to sign an I-pledge card to save the environment was also a nice effort to create awareness and certainly earned them some extra points.



Eye-catching: One of the exhibits on display.

SMK Cheras won third prize for their Eye of SMK Cheras - a ferris wheel made of recycled paper and aluminium cans.

Ying said the Green Community project was aimed at creating awareness on the importance of preserving the environment.

"We must constantly remind ourselves that protecting the environment is not someone else's job but our duty," she said.

Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing.

secretary-general Datuk Ahmad Pheasal Talib, who launched the event, said the ministry and DBKL had initiated greening campaigns such as the planting of trees in Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

"We encourage the private sector to get involved in such greening activities and not expect the DBKL to everything," he said.

Pheasal added that he was delighted to see the effort put in by the private sector and schools for the project.