

## Governor's Newsletter DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends in Rotary,

It gives me great honour and privilege to be able to lead District 3310 as the District Governor for the RY 2020/2021.



I would like to record my appreciation to Club Presidents, Assistant Governors and District Leaders and Officers who have come forward to offer their help to serve alongside me in these trying times.

As the global pandemic continues to plague the world, leaving many economies in limbo and millions of people jobless, the vision statement "*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, the communities and in ourselves*" which forms the basis for Rotary's new Action Plan becomes more relevant. The world has now entered into a new normal – one that embraces digitalisation and Rotary is embracing this change with open arms.

This new RY's Presidential Theme **'Rotary Opens Opportunities'** has not come at a more appropriate time. The theme calls for Rotarians to look at new opportunities in line with our four strategic priorities, namely:

**Increase our impact** – this is our purpose and top priority as Rotarians, our impact to make the world a better place.

- **Expand our reach** this allows more of us to come together and do more for more beneficiaries all over the world. Under this Priority we now have Rotaract Clubs as equal partners as they are now members of Rotary International. The framework and implementation of this recent development is yet to be understood, with the District Elevate Rotaract Task Force formed to look into this matter.
- Enhance participant engagement through constant engagement we will be able to keep everyone highly active and inspired.
- Increase our ability to adapt this has been actively carried out by all Rotary Clubs in these recent times.



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With the four Strategic Priorities in mind and recognizing that it's not business as usual, we, as Rotarians and community leaders know that it's important to adapt and change in our approach to woo new members into Rotary especially younger members; prepare and execute our projects that are relevant to the stakeholders with compromising on their impact; engage external partners for project funding and retain existing members.

The new norm will pave the way for official DG visits to be conducted online at least till the end of 2020 but rest assured, we will have physical fellowships once the borders are open and travel resumes.

I am confident that with the help of committed Club Presidents and experienced Assistant Governors, the coming Rotary year will be one where we will have fun in fulfilling our goals as we seek to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

Until the next issue of the District newsletter, stay safe and stay home!

RAJAMOHAN MUNISAMY

District Governor, RID 3310



## Incoming RI President announces 2020-21 Presidential Theme

## By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to



**Rotary Opens Opportunities** 

seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities," said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help," Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. "Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

## Changing for the future

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

"We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about," Knaack said. "Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members." Knaack pointed to Rotary's Action Plan as a compass that can guide clubs as they evolve. He recommended that every club have a strategic plan meeting at least once a year. At that meeting, clubs should ask where they want to be in five years and how they can bring more value to their members.

Knaack also wants to see more women in leadership roles and see Rotaractors play an integral role in how new clubs are formed and run. He encouraged district leaders to create new club models and rethink what it means to be in Rotary and allow young people to be the architects of these new clubs.

"We have to be open to new approaches and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution," said Knaack. "Let Rotaractors decide what kind of Rotary experience works best for them. These young people are bright, energetic, and they get things done."

In stressing the need for Rotary members to embrace change, Knaack noted that time won't slow down for Rotary: "We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."

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## **ROTARY'S VISION:**

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#### ISSUE NO 01 | July - 2020 | June DG Handing Over

DG Jeff Yong hands over to DGE Mohan Munisamy



#### Programme for DG Handing Over

- 12pm check in DG's office for final coordination
- 130pm Entrance open
- 2pm Opening by MC
- Toast to RI by PDG COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PDG Datuk Hj Zainie bin Aucasa
- 205pm acceptance by DGN Dolly
- 210pm Introduction of DG Jeff's journey by MC
- 215pm DG Jeff's final speech as DG
- 245pm IDG Mohan to showcase Jeff's new crown
- IDG Mohan's representative Betty Wong to install IPDG Crown on IPDG Jeff
- 250pm Introduction of IDG Mohan by MC
- 3pm IPDG Jeff's representative Nica to install IDG Mohan
- 305pm DG Mohan's acceptance speech



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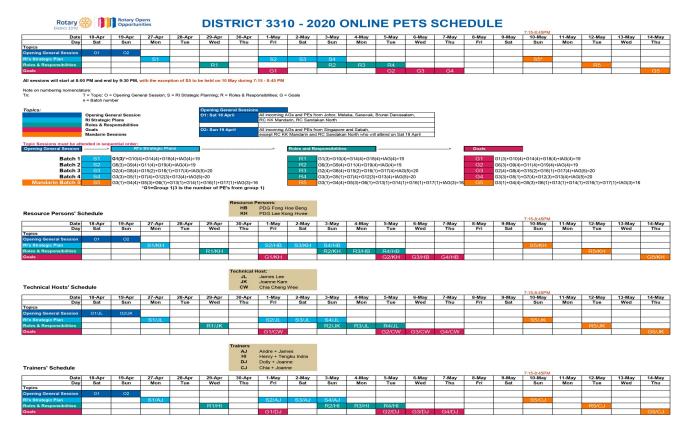
#### PETS Training (General Session) 18 & 19 April 2020

The PETS Training (General Session) this year were held online in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first two sessions took place on the 18 April and 19 April 2020 with the first session catering to PEs from Johor, Melaka, Sarawak, Brunei & Mandarin speaking PEs in Sabah and the second session from Singapore & Sabah. The new Rotary theme 'Rotary Opens Opportunities' was unveiled by incoming DG Rajamohan Munisamy. Incoming Assistant Governors attended as well. The aim of the General Session which was an orientation training to prepare the Presidents Elect to create the right perspective before undergoing actual online PETS training. DGE Rajamohan shared the Presidential Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

After the 2 general sessions, 3 Rotary International mandated topics, Strategic Plan, Roles and Responsibilities and Goals were conducted online over 15 sessions of 90 minutes each. The Presidents Elect and Incoming Assistant Governors were divided into 5 groups. 4 being English sessions and 1 in Mandarin. This took a total of 15 sessions running from 27 April 2020 to 13 May 2020.



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Rotarians had the privilege of having Rotary International President Elect Holger Knaack address the DISTAS Part 1 on 15 May followed by Q&A with him by PDG Andre and DGE Rajamohan. This virtual session was done on StreamYard platform.

The DISTAS Part 2 on 16 May saw the unveiling of the District goals by incoming District Governor Rajamohan Munisamy and continued with the speakers session.

The speaker's session kicked off with PP Dr Shahul speaking on 'Your Opportunity to Make the World Better' This was followed by CP Tengku Sri Indra's session on 'Impacting the Community through Vocational Service Projects: 4 Practical Steps'. We then had an interview with incoming ARPIC Karthi (D3300) on 'Why Bother, Public Image' moderated by PP Elsie Chua and finally it closed off with PP Dato Dr Siva's (D3300) talk on 'Membership Retention Strategies'.

This session was also done on StreamYard platform. DISTAS Part 1 and Part 2 was attended by many outside our district and had 7600 views both on YouTube and Facebook.

The last session of the DISTAS Part 3 from 2 to 10 June, saw the various tracks such as Membership Track (PP Saravanan Krishna), Public Image Track (PP Elsie Chua), Rotary Foundation Track (PP Dr Shahul Hameed), Secretary-Elect Track (PP Dennis Carroll), Youth Service Track (PP Simon Sim), Treasurer-Elect Track (PP Datuk Lee Swi Heng), Vocational Service Track (CP Tengku Sri Indra), International Service Track (PP Yap Lip Kee), Community Service Track (PP Khushroo Dastur).



#### ISSUE NO 01 | July - 2020 | District Rotaract Assembly



#### **District Rotaract Assembly**

District 3310 Rotaract Assembly RY 2020-21 took place on 20 June, Saturday and 21 June Sunday 2020. The welcome address was given by DRA Organising Chairperson RTR Johannes Gan Dombrowski. This was followed by the official proceedings.

The highlight for the event was the installation of District Rotaract Representative Chew Tai Wen and her board of directors for RY 2020-21.

DGE Rajamohan Munisamy graced both days of the event and gave the opening and closing address. At the end of the assembly, the District Leaders had a strategic planning meeting with a representative from each of the clubs.



#### ISSUE NO 01 | July - 2020 | PETS & DISTAS Learning & Development (D-Lead) Committee Report Targets for PETS:

- 1. Revamp Rotary Matters module contents based on DGE learning materials at International Assembly 2020
- 2. Revamp Culture Module into Building Successful Club
- 3. Revamp Leadership module contents based on DGE learning material at International Assembly 2020

Duration

90

90

900

1,080

**ONLINE DISTAS** 

TOTAL

9

53

62

**Online Topics EN)** 

1 DISTAS 1

2 DISTAS 2

3 DISTAS 3 (10X90)

**TOTAL DURATION (minutes)** 



Duration

180

360

360

360

1,260

Duration

90

90

90

270

1,530

**TOTAL FACILITATORS & ZOOM TECH ASSISTANTS** 

9

48

57

FACILTATORS ZOOM TECH

ASSISTANT

5

5

**ONLINE PETS** 

**Online Topics EN)** 

**General Session (2X)** 

Responsibilities (4X)

Total Duration (minutes)

**Chinese Sessions** 

**RI Strategic Plans** 

Roles & Responsibilities

**Total Duration (minutes)** 

TOTAL MINUTES

1

2

**Roles &** 

Goals

1

2

Goals (4X)

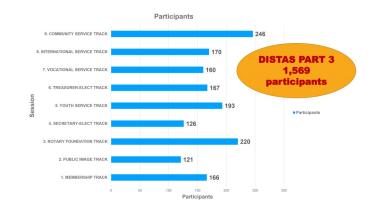
**RI Strategic Plans (4X)** 

- 1. Online PETS: 27 April until 14 May (17 online sessions)
- 2. DISTAS 1: 15 May 2020 (RIPE Holger Knaack)
- 3. DISTAS 2: 16 May 2020
- 4. DISTAS 3: 2-10 June 2020 (9 sessions)



#### SUMMARY OF ONLINE SESSIONS DURATIONS

		<b>MINUTES</b>	HOURS
1	<b>ONLINE PETS</b>	1,530	<b>25</b> ½
2	DISTAS	1,080	18
	TOTAL	2,610	43 1/2





Since 27 April 2020 until 10 June 2020, Rotarians in District 3310 have become accustomed to:

- 1. TIMING FOR ONLINE MEETING: 8PM
- 2. DURATION: 90 MINUTES

TRAINING

**ONLINE PETS** 

DISTAS

TOTAL

- 3. UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WEBINAR & VIDEO CONFERENCING
- 4. COMFORTABLE WITH USING ZOOM
- 5. SELF MUTING UPON ENTERING THE VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM

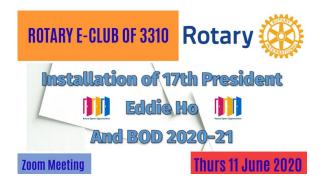




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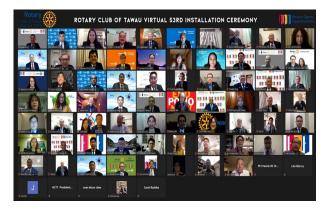


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#### 15 June Monday 2020:

The 1<sup>st</sup> District 3310 Installation for the Rotary year by **Rotary E-Club of 3310,** installing virtually their 17<sup>th</sup> President and the Board of Directors with more than 150 Rotarians from all over the District attending. At this joyful event, the youngest Rotarian, Gabrielle Guo Qing En aged 18 years was installed as a member.



#### 17 June Wednesday 2020:

**Rotary Club of Tawau,** 53<sup>rd</sup> virtual installation saw President Nicolas Pang handing over the baton to President Elect Tony Wong virtually. The event continued with the Friendship Club signing with Rotary Club of Kuching Central. 80 Rotarians and guests participated in this virtual event.



## 27<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 2020:

The Rotary Club of Singapore had its 86<sup>th</sup> virtual Board Installation with pomp and splendour. The elegance was established even on a virtual environment with dignitaries and guests all dressed to the ninth in Black Tie as was the dress code. DGE Rajamohan had the honour to read the charge for the installation of the Board of Directors which was pre-recorded.



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29<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 2020, **Rotary Club of Queenstown Singapore** celebrated its 47<sup>th</sup> virtual Installation with President Sanford Chee & his Board of Directors taking over the reins from now IPP Sissy Park. The ceremonial chain of duty was handed over in a private ceremony. Only 5 people were present as we are now in (Phase 2 – Circuit Breaker).

We were honoured to have DG Jeff Yong and DGE Rajamohan Munisamy grace this online ceremony where DGE Rajamohan Munisamy gave the closing address.

More than 50 Rotarians and friends from four corners of the world wished the new team all the very best!



## 30 June, Tuesday 2020:

**Rotary Club of Changi,** 33rd virtual Installation, where President Jimmy Cheong symbolically handing over the President's Collar to Jackson Lee.

Jackson Lee introduced his team and gave his maiden speech as a President.

DG Jeff Yong and DGE Rajamohan and their spouses were thanked for gracing the occasion.



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11 June: First Rotary Community Corp (RCC) committee meeting chaired by PP Christopher Bek

25 June: First Elevate Rotaract Task Force meeting chaired by IPDG Henry Tan in view of the new Rotary International's new policy on Rotaract from 1 July 2020. This task force was formed to look into the understanding of the policy and its implementation considering a long-term view.

27 and 28 June: Region 10 and 12 membership training

UPCOMING EVENTS: Details at Rotary International District 3310 website

20 JUL, MON

**7 JUL, TUE** All day RC Jurong Town Installation

**Tuesday, 7 July 2020** All day RC Kota Kinabalu South Installation

**8 JUL, WED** 20:00 – 22:00 DTTS Training session (Zoom)

**9 JUL, THU** All day RC Singapore West Installation

**11 JUL, SAT** All day RC Kuching Central Installation

**Saturday, 11 July 2020** 15:30 – 17:30 PI chair region 10 &12 meeting

**17 JUL, FRI** All day RC Batu Pahat Installation

Note: Calendar is subject to change.

18:00 – 19:30 Official Visit to RC Kuching

**21 JUL, TUE** 11:30 – 13:30 DG Official Visit to RCKK Pearl

**22 JUL, WED** 16:30 – 17:30 RC Mount Sophia Installation

**23 JUL, THU** 19:00 – 20:00 RC Singapore North Installation Virtual

**24 JUL, FRI** All day RC Garden City Installation

**25 JUL, SAT** All day RC Kluang Installation Saturday, 25 July 2020 13:00 – 14:30 DG Official Visit to RC Kuching Central

**15 AUG, SAT** All day Regional Leaders Training Institute, KL Kuala Lumpur

**16 AUG, SUN** All day Regional Leaders Training Institute, KL Kuala Lumpur

**21 AUG, FRI** All day RC Raffles City Installation

**22 AUG, SAT** All day RC Kulai Installation

**Saturday, 22 August 2020** All day RC Likas Bay Installation

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