



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

A close-up photograph of two hands holding a red plastic bowl filled with water. The water is splashing out of the bowl, creating a dynamic scene with many bubbles and droplets. The background is a blurred, dark, and textured surface, possibly a body of water or a wet ground.

*Water, Sanitation and  
Hygiene Month*



**2023-24 DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
**DR JOHN CHAN**

March is a significant month for us as we focus on water, sanitation, and hygiene, which are crucial areas of service. Ensuring clean water and proper sanitation facilities can transform communities, prevent diseases, and promote overall well-being. Our clubs have carried out such meaningful projects within the District and beyond. These projects include providing gravity-fed water systems, water purifiers, and building toilets for schools and communities in need. These efforts make a significant difference in the lives of many.

The District Team Training Seminar (DTTS), President-elect Training Seminar (PETS), and District Training Assembly (DTA) held this month effectively prepared our incoming leaders for the next Rotary year. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to District Governor-Elect Dr. Yap Lip Kee and his dedicated team for their exceptional work and commitment to training our future leaders.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and service. Let's continue the good work we are doing in creating a lasting impact in our communities and beyond.





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2023-24 RI PRESIDENT  
**R. GORDON R. MCINALLY**

## “THINK LIKE A ROTARY PEACE FELLOW”

*There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.*

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote Positive Peace. Here are a few examples of the creative ways peace fellows advance peace:

### Promoting Sustainability

Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards.

That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America. Colombian countryside.

### Ending Racism

Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through antiracism efforts.

The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace.

### Managing Disasters Using Data

Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocols might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.

These stories — and hundreds like them — show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.

**May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to Create Hope in the World through service, fundraising, and creative thinking.**

**Make new  
connections and  
reunite with friends  
at Rotary's biggest  
event of the year!**

# **2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024**



Register today at  
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MARCH IS

# ***Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)***

Clean water, sanitation and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.



**When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne disease decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.**

## **HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**



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District 3310



**CREATE HOPE**  
in the WORLD

WISHING THE  
DISTRICT 3310 FAMILY

*Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri*



**DR. JOHN CHAN & WEE PING**  
2023-24 DISTRICT GOVERNOR & FIRST LADY

**Let's Continue to Create  
Hope In The World**





# 33<sup>RD</sup> DISCON

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310  
CONFERENCE 2024



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District 3310



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

17 - 19  
MAY 2024

Conference venue:  
**Riverside Majestic Hotel**



RI District 3310 Berhad

11 March • 🌐

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Brought to you by Rotary District 3310, we would like to announce this year's Rotary International District 3310 Conference (DISCON) 2024. Join District Governor Dr. John Chan and fellow Rotarians from around the globe for a weekend of enriching activities, networking opportunities, and experiencing the true spirit of Rotary's international impact. Stay tuned as we roll out more updates on the conference content and programme!

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Register here:** <https://www.rotarydistrict3310.org.my/.../online...>

**For more details:** [rotarydistrict3310.org.my/33discon](https://www.rotarydistrict3310.org.my/33discon)



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## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Conference  
17-19 May 2024

Welcome Dinner  
17 May 2024

Partner Program  
17-19 May 2024

Governor's Banquet  
18 May 2024

## REGISTER TODAY!

Grab the sunset bird rates  
before it ends 15 April  
2024.

Event	Date	Early Bird (On or before 31 Dec 2023)	Sunset Bird (1 January to 15 April 2024)	Regular (After 15 April 2024)
<b>District 3310</b> (Delegate) Inclusive of 1 Welcome Dinner + 1 Governor's Banquet	17-19 May 2024	RM 380	RM 430	RM 480
<b>District 3310</b> (Partners / Accompanying Persons) Inclusive of 1 Welcome Dinner + 1 Governor's Banquet	17-19 May 2024	RM 380	RM 430	RM 480
<b>Other Districts</b> (Delegate) Inclusive of 1 Welcome Dinner + 1 Governor's Banquet	17-19 May 2024	RM 480	RM 530	RM 580
<b>Other Districts</b> (Partners / Accompanying Persons) Inclusive of 1 Welcome Dinner + 1 Governor's Banquet	17-19 May 2024	RM 480	RM 530	RM 580
<b>Rotaractors</b> Inclusive of 1 Welcome Dinner + 1 Governor's Banquet	17-19 May 2024		RM 250	
<b>Golf (Reciprocal/ Members of Kelab Golf Sarawak)</b> Inclusive of buggy	17-19 May 2024		RM 160	
<b>Golf (Non Reciprocal/Non Members)</b> Inclusive of green fee, buggy and insurance	17-19 May 2024		RM 380	
<b>Additional Welcome Dinner</b>	17 May 2024		RM 120	
<b>Additional Governor's Banquet</b>	18 May 2024		RM 150	



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17 MAY, FRIDAY

## GOLF FELLOWSHIP

KELAB GOLF SARAWAK

JOIN FELLOW ROTARIANS IN A FRIENDLY  
MATCH TO WIN SOME EXCITING PRIZES!

\*Please bring along your reciprocal  
letter/card from your own club

17 MAY, FRIDAY

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Venue: Waterfront Walkway, Grand Margherita Hotel  
Dresscode: Smart Casual



18 MAY, SATURDAY

## GOVERNOR'S BANQUET THEME: NIGHT OF THE HEADHUNTERS

Venue: Riverside Majestic Hotel Puteri Wing  
Dresscode: Formal Attire



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## GLOBAL GRANTS - WASH PROJECTS

### ROTARY CLUB OF SENTOSA'S SECOND SIGNATURE PROJECT

Written by:  
PE Corinne Lau  
Rotary Club of Sentosa

In Rotary Club of Sentosa, we had embarked on several International Projects since 2013. Sustainability in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project is a key principle that supports Rotary Foundation's areas of focus. Since 2020, our Club has determined a long term and sustainable projects centered around building toilets in both primary and secondary schools in the province of Siem Reap, Cambodia. This initiative of ours is supported by Global Grants from Rotary Foundation.

This project has brought about changes to the lives of many students in Siem Reap. They have benefited from the convenience of newly built toilets and improved hygiene at schools. To date, our Club has completed 6 Global Grants, constructed 32 toilets under WASH projects, several schools with hand washing stations. Currently, 3 more WASH Global Grants are in the pipeline for building 15 more toilets. The total toilets for schools done under WASH is 47 toilets. This project has benefitted 49 schools in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Building toilets in schools can significantly improve the quality of sanitation for both students and teachers in several ways:

- Promoting Hygiene: Access to clean and functional toilets encourages proper hygiene practices, among students and teachers, reducing the spread of diseases and promoting overall health.



Figure 1; Our Club's pilot WASH toilets started in 2020



Figure 2: Structure of Toilets



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- **Promoting Hygiene:** Access to clean and functional toilets encourages proper hygiene practices, among students and teachers, reducing the spread of diseases and promoting overall health.
- **Increased Attendance:** The lack of toilets can especially affect girls' attendance due to privacy concerns and menstrual hygiene needs. By providing separate and private toilets for girls will encourage them to stay in schools to be empowered. Schools can help ensure that all students feel comfortable attending regularly.
- **Better Learning Environment:** Improved sanitation facilities create a more conducive learning environment, where the students and teachers can focus on their studies without distractions or health concerns to poor sanitation.
- **Reducing Dropout Rates:** Addressing issues related to sanitation can contribute to reducing dropout rates, as students are more likely to continue their basic needs, such as access to clean toilets, are met. It will also empower girls to have equal opportunity to attend schools, making them more secured and valued.
- **Teacher Retention:** Better sanitation facilities also benefit teachers by providing them with a healthier and more comfortable working environment, which can contribute to teacher satisfaction and retention. These teachers are in partnership with us in educating the students about personal hygiene.



Figure 5: Happy Teachers



Figure 3: Global Grant for WASH (Prey Chrouk Primay School)



Figure 4 & 4: Handstations

We believe our Club's WASH Project not only improves the physical infrastructure but also has significant implications for educational outcomes and well-being of students and teachers alike. We aim to make this already successful and sustainable WASH Project as a Signature Project from Rotary Club of Sentosa for the schools in the province of Siem Reap



# RCKK PEARL'S WASH PROJECT

Bringing Clean Water and Sanitation to communities in need in Sabah

The Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu Pearl (RCKK Pearl) has always been passionate about community service, and its second signature project, Water and Sanitation (WASH) Project, stands as a shining example of this commitment. Initiated in 2019 by then-President Datuk Dr. Sharifah Habsah, with the support of District Governor Jeff Yong, this project has been transformative for many rural communities.

Driven by the then-President's passion and like-minded team members, the WASH project began with a visit to SK Kawiyan and surrounding villages at the end of July 2019. The initial objective was straightforward but critical: provide clean water and build toilets for the school and nearby kampungs. What started as a single initiative soon grew into a larger mission to ensure that every villager has access to clean water and proper sanitation.

After further study, the team worked towards planning on the enlargement of the existing water catchment well using a gravity-flow water system with revamped and reinforced pipelines to cater to the increased water pressure.



The success of this project has been driven by strong partnerships. Collaborating with Rotary Clubs of Likas Bay (Sabah), Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei), and Changi (Singapore), along with Pertubuhan Komuniti ELITE, has been vital. Additionally, the project received generous sponsorships from Suria Capital Holdings Berhad, Sam Ling Group, and the Malaysian Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which enabled it to reach even more communities.

Under the leadership of Past President Datuk Suzannah Liaw, and with key contributions from Rotarian Catherine Liew (RCKK Pearl) and Past President Wong Chu Lai (Rotary Club of Likas Bay), the WASH project expanded its scope. Initially focusing on SK Kawiyan, it now benefits other villages in Ranau, Pitas, and Kota Marudu, with plans to extend to six more villages in Pitas through a groundwater project.







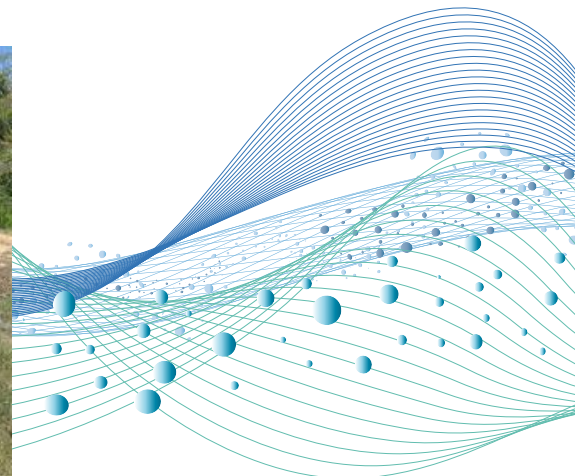
One of the key success factors of this project is the involvement of the village folks to ensure communal ownership of the works done. It encouraged responsibility and created an environment where the project can thrive sustainably through self-regulated maintenance structures within the communities.

To date, the WASH project has made a tangible difference in the lives of 1,376 homes, 1,708 families, and 8,104 villagers, with a total investment of more than RM827,000. These efforts have not only improved health and sanitation but also brought hope and dignity to many.

The WASH project is about more than just infrastructure; it's about transforming lives. Access to clean water and proper sanitation is a fundamental human right that enables communities to thrive. Each new water source and sanitation facility is a step toward a healthier, more resilient future for these villagers.

Looking ahead, RCKK Pearl remains committed to expanding the WASH project. The next phase, embarking on groundwater projects in Pitas, aims to bring clean water to even more villages, continuing to improve lives and foster hope. This project will explore different methods of supplying clean water as the gravity-flow system may not work in these new areas.

The RCKK Pearl WASH Project exemplifies the power of Rotary's mission to serve others as People of Action. It highlights the impact that dedicated Rotarians and their partners can have when they work together to address critical community needs with the involvement of the community themselves. Through this project, RCKK Pearl is not just providing water and sanitation; they are providing the foundation for a better future.





## Rotary Club of Kuching

### BACK TO SCHOOL

Supporting Education to  
SMK Binyu and SMK  
Sampun, Sarawak



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PEOPLE OF ACTION



**Rotary Club of Kuching (RCK) teamed up with OCBC Bank to uplift a local school in Sarawak, SK Binyu and SK Sampun.**

This collaborative effort not only witnessed the refurbishment of the old school hall but also provided essential school bags to the eager students.

Both RCK and OCBC Bank came together to revamp the school's hall which serve as their educational and community activities. The refurbishment included repairs and extension of the roof of the hall.

In addition to the physical improvements, OCBC Bank organised a crucial financial literacy talk for the students in hope to equip them with basic knowledge about money management and personal finance- an invaluable skill set for their future.

The school principal expressed his heartfelt gratitude to both RCK and OCBC Bank for such generous support in education which is in line with Rotary Area's of Focus. The hall was then officially launched by the school Principal, PE Charlie Ong of RCK and Mr. Chan Lai Kuan of OCBC Bank.

The day continued with another school in SMK Sampun where RCK distributed school bags, courtesy of Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia to 90 students.

This initiative exemplifies the power of partnership between Rotary and private organisation to improve education in the local community.





# District Training Assembly 2024

PETS 07-08 March • DTA 08-09 March • Holiday Villa, Johor Bahru

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Presidents-Elect Training Seminar And District Training Assembly

## 2024 PETS - DTA

### GOVERNOR BANQUET

GUEST OF HONOUR :  
PAST ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT GARY HUANG



The Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) & District Training Assembly (DTA) was held on the 7 - 9 March 2024 at Holiday Villa, Johor Bahru. The event was hosted BY Rotary Club of Johor Bahru. The event brought together all Presidents-elect and Officers for training and prepare them with the skill and necessary knowledge to lead their respective clubs when they step up to take their role.

The Convenor, DGE Dr. Yap Lip Kee and District Trainer PP James Lee had put together a well-structured programme where each and every Rotarian learnt as much as possible while having a memorable time in Johor Bahru.

This year PETS & DTA had the honour of having Past RI President Gary Huang as the Guest Of Honour and he also witnessed the handover ceremony of Governorship from District Governor Dr. John Chan to District Governor Elect Dr. Yap Lip Kee for the Rotary year 2024 - 2025 during the Governor's Banquet.





Selamat Hari Raya readers!

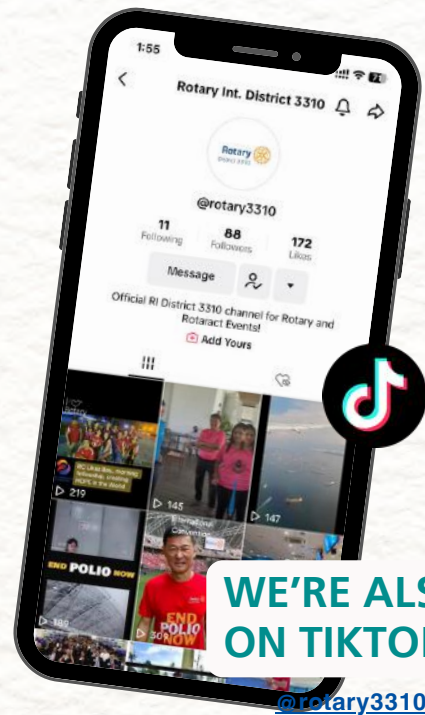
March has been about water, sanitation and hygiene month. We had joyous celebrations of Selamat Hari Raya, and many other water projects carried out by different clubs.

In this issue we feature the WASH event as well as information and knowledge and also the President's Elect Training and District Training Assembly.

Thank you to all our contributors this month for sharing your events and knowledge.

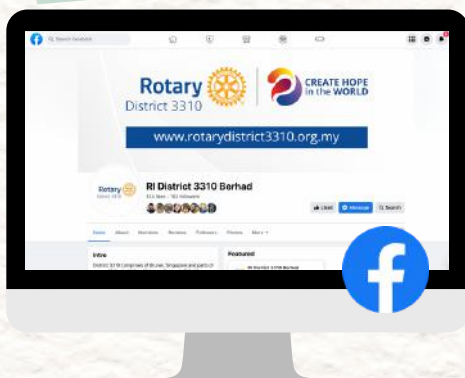
Enjoy the read!

Peace out,  
2023-24 District Newsletter Team



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## SHARE YOUR PROJECTS AND POSTS WITH US!

As we are only able to highlight a handful of projects in every issue, we encourage you to **tag (@rotarydistrict3310)** the District Facebook Page (**RI District 3310 Berhad**) with all your projects to be featured there and share the great work you're doing this term.

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## GET FEATURED IN THE NEWSLETTER!

Submit articles to share Rotary knowledge or the story of what your project is about (a little history, what it is, your partners, etc), your beneficiaries and impact, challenges faced and how you resolved them, and what you think could be helpful to share with fellow Rotarians in the District. The newsletter will be following the monthly Rotary International calendar themes.



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