



FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 14/2011-12

HELLO MY FELLOW ROTARIANS,

Good to be back to my "desk" again after an absent of few weeks. The last month or so have indeed been very hectic for Kalimah and me. And, I noticed that from your newsletters and Facebooks, many of you too have been very busy with your Rotary programs.

Almost immediately after the successful and enjoyable 21st District Conference in Kota Kinabalu, I left for Cebu, Philippines to attend the 79th Anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Cebu. Joining me in the trip were President Chris Chew and some members of the Rotary Club of Tawau and IPP Alfred Sii and his team from the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu. During this occasion, both clubs took the opportunity to renew their sisterhood pack with RC Cebu. RC Cebu is the second oldest club in the Philippines and the oldest in the Province of Cebu. They are looking to have more sister clubs from our District especially from Sarawak, Singapore, Johor and Malacca.

On the 1st to 4th December were mainly spent in the conference rooms of the Grand Hyatt of Nusa Dua, Bali where we attended the Rotary 2011 Bali Institute. Our District was well represented with the presence of several Past District Governors, our DGE, DGN, several senior Rotarians and their spouses and families. Apart from the hot weather, I believe the 1,200 Rotarians and their families had a meaningful and enjoyable conference and stay in beautiful Bali. Many are already looking forward to Kuala Lumpur, the venue for the next Institute, which is to be held in November next year.

Our District was fortunate to play host to Rotary International Director Shekhar Metar who together with wife Sashi, after the Bali Institute, visited Bandar Begawan for two nights. I joined our fellow Rotarians from RC Bandar Begawan to host our guests. PP Jeff Yong, IPP Ricky Ng, PP Low Eng Leng, PE Joshua Tang and some of their spouses were great hosts and RI Director Shekhar and wife were indeed very thankful and looking forward to welcoming us to his home town Kolkata soon. Thank you too to President Chin Toon.

During the same week both Kalimah and I attended the District 3300's District Conference held in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan upon the kind invitation of District Governor Dr. Ravee. It was attended by about 400 Rotarians and their spouses. Both Kalimah and I met a number of old friends and made many new friends. We wish to thank District Governor Dr. Ravee and his wife Dr. Indra for such a meaningful and enjoyable conference.



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The following weekend on the 16th December saw me coming back to Peninsula Malaysia and this time to the town of Segamat, Johor to officiate the opening ceremony of the 1st International RYLA in our District. It was jointly organized by the Rotary Clubs of Johor Centennial, the E-Club of D3310, the Rotary Club of Segamat and the Rotary Club of Bandar Utama of District 3300 with RC Johor Centennial as the host club. I was so happy to be amongst about 180 enthusiastic young people from 8 countries willing to learn and willing to share. All the Presidents of the organizing clubs namely President Wong Ban Seng, Tan May Yan, Hong Kay Wee and KG Tan were there. Two Assistant Governors namely CP Chew Ban Seng and PP Joseph Ting were also present. Members of the organizing committee headed by PP Fancy Tan, all resource persons, all facilitators, Camp Commanders Rtn. Changran Pillay and PP Edmund Chew and other unseen heroes, are all great people and I am very proud indeed to be associated with all of them. Once again, congratulations to each and every one of them for an excellent IRYLA.

In between attending the IRYLA, I took the opportunity to join President Hong Kay Wee and members of the Rotary Club of Segamat in their club meeting and then together with their families we had a sumptuous seafood dinner in the best restaurant in town. I wish to thank President Hong Kay Wee and all his members for such a nice evening. After the dinner AG Joseph Ting took me back to the IRYLA camp to witness some of the sessions and to sign certificates. We left just before midnight for the 2 hours drive to Kluang for the night.

During the next week or so I am taking a break to enjoy my house, my living room, in the company of my family. I believe many of you are now or will be going on your holiday or will be just like me staying home.

I will recommence my official club visits this 7th January starting with clubs in Kuching, Bintulu and Sibul and then to the remaining clubs in Malacca, Brunei, Miri, Johor, Sabah and Singapore. I hope to visit all clubs by end of February. From March onward, I will be making another round of visit to some clubs, join clubs in their overseas projects, fund raising dinners, golf fellowships, ballroom galas and installations.

My fellow Rotarians,

As we find ourselves midway in our Rotary Year, let us revisit those commitments that we have made to Membership Development and Retention, strengthen Rotary clubs and support the efforts of Rotary Foundation. Revisit your Planning Guide for Effective Clubs and see how far your club has achieved what you planned to achieve and fulfill those pledges yet to be fulfilled and go for the extra miles.



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At this point in our Rotary Year, there are still many more things to be done. By next week we will roll out our plan for the second part of our Membership Development and Retention Program. I urge all Regional Chairs to finalize their committee and conduct your first meeting soon. We will talk more about what more to be done in my next letter.



Until then, my family and I take this opportunity to wish all of you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"



Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa