

## CHINESE NEW YEAR FOOD HAMPER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Changi was privilege to be involved in the “Chinese New Year Food Hampers Distribution Project”, upon the invitation of Foundation of Rotary Clubs. Members of Changi generously raised over \$12,000 for this meaningful project within weeks. Using this amount, 150 hampers were prepared, each costing \$75.

150 needy families were carefully identified and selected regardless of their races to receive these hampers. Letters were sent out earlier to inform these families, informing them of the time and venue for the collection. In each hamper, canned food, cooking oil, rice, biscuits, mushrooms, CNY goodies and etc were packed in a market trolley.

On 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012, 15 Changi Rotarians and 25 Interactors of Pei Chai Secondary School and Anglo Chinese School (International) volunteered their Saturday morning to help in this worthy cause. At 8am, Rotarians and Interactors started packing and preparing for the distributors. Stations were setup to ensure that the distributions of foods were given out smoothly and promptly. The guest of Honor, Mr Andrew Chua Thiam Chwee, Chairman of West Coast CCC graced the occasion to lend support this event. At 9am, families were streaming in and by noon time, all the hampers were given out.



## Free Heart Surgery for Children

The Rotary Club of Tebrau Heart Fund was established in 1994, with the purpose to providing free heart surgery to needy children, in or around Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

By contributing USD 100,000 to Madras Medical Missions of India, some 20 years ago, we were given 7 places of free heart surgery a year for a period of 33 years. So far we have sent 25 children for surgery with 80% success.

However, we have not been able to use up the places, which is unsatisfactory from the viewpoint of public fund stewardship. In a recent club meeting, our members have decided to open the facility to other Rotary Clubs within District 3310; and also to our sister clubs.

### The Offer

Very briefly, the program offers:

1. Free surgery for the patient, accompanied by one parent; including accommodation and meals.
2. The sponsor club pays for the air passage and travel incidentals. Some local support can be provided by our sister club in Chanai,
3. A standard operation takes 9 days, including recuperation.
4. Complications, if any occurs, will be borne by the sponsored club, but so far there has not been an incident because the hospital could diagnose quite accurately in the review period
5. Assistance from Rotary Club of Tebrau for the earlier cases will be made available. To assist a sponsoring club, we will also do briefing, provide coaching and guidelines

### Interested Parties

Interested parties please contact our Acting President PP Ganesh Kumar or the Tebrau member in contact with you. We will then make arrangement to meet up so that this matter will bear fruit..

## Rotary Club members pay courtesy call on Miri mayor

**MIRI:** Rotary Club members paid a courtesy call on Miri Mayor Lawrence Lai in his chamber recently (Feb 9).

Rotary International District 3310 District governor Zainie Abdul Aucasa and assistant governor Hubert Wilfred lead a small team of Rotarians to call on Lai to thank him for his support and to explain their objectives.

"Our main objective is to do service for humanity - we are not a social club," said Zainie who belonged to the Rotary Club Kota Kinabalu in Sabah.

Zainie explained that the district under his charge covers regions in three countries like Melaka, Johor, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, and Brunei with 53 Rotary Clubs and 1,800 members.

like hunger, poverty, illiteracy, shortages of electricity and clean water, we also focus on eradicating diseases like polio which can cripple the victim in the legs," said Zainie whose spouse Kalimah Ekwan also came along to meet Lai.

Zainie is proud of Rotary's achievement in polio eradication programme in India which kept the country free of polio for the last 12 months.

"Polio is practically unheard of in Malaysia, but there are still some countries that suffer from it," he said.

Another achievement he mentioned is the Bill Gates Foundation's US\$300 million challenge to match in fund-raising, which Rotary is reaching with US\$200 million.



VISITING MAYOR: Zainie (left) receiving a souvenir from Lai in his chamber, witnessed by other Rotary Club members.

He noted that his home state Sabah faces clean water problems in the northern region, while Sarawak is quite self sufficient

in water but has problems with the disabled poor folks in remote villages. The local Rotary Club has a programme from March

1 to 3 in Long Seridan with the collaboration of the Welfare Department to assist the disabled folks.

Meanwhile, Lai thanked the delegation for enlightening him on Rotary's programmes and responded by explaining the role of Miri City Council (MCC) as frontliners in servicing the people.

"We (MCC) cannot do everything, and welcomed NGOs to make the city a more lively place with their programmes for the community," said Lai who talked about the council's focus on greening the environment by reducing plastic waste.

Lai also talked about Miri having enough water for its need lasting another eight years, but was concerned about Miri river which needed more attention due to pollution.

The Rotary and MCC later exchanged souvenirs.

### 200 國家及地區逾 1.2 億社員 扶輪社 服務全球

(美里9日讯) 国际扶轮社3310区总监再倪阿都奥卡沙指出, 国际扶轮社是全球第一个以服务全球人民为宗旨的社团, 如今在全球逾200个国家及地区拥有1.2亿名社员。

#### 助印度社绝小儿麻痹症

再倪阿都奥卡沙3年前曾经亲临美里, 他今日重访美里, 并与本地扶轮社代表拜会美里市长赖耀松。

他说, 扶轮社主要服务宗旨是协助解决贫困、饥荒、健康及学识水平方面的问题。

他阐明, 扶轮社在全球多个国家及地区的贡献已获得当地政府所认可, 同时经常合作举办活动。

他表示, 该社最新努力的成果是印度已经宣布该国的小儿麻痹症已经绝迹, 之前印度普遍上有许多人患上小儿麻痹症。

他强调, 因地区而异, 扶轮社在沙巴较重视当地的水供问题, 如今该社的付出及贡献也获得当地政府的承认。

#### 每个社区 问题不同

再倪阿都奥卡沙指出, 各个国家都有不同需要及关注的方面, 即使同一个国家在不同区域也有不同的问题需要该社协助解决。

他赞扬赖耀松多次给予该社合作, 与该社配合推动许多有益的活动。

他认为, 美里尚有许多机会可让该社与市政局一同合作, 共同建立美好的社会。

他希望, 有兴趣的美里市民可以成为扶轮社的会员, 加入该社的阵容, 不论给予行动上的支持或资金上的协助, 该社无任欢迎。

## 賴耀松：水供沒問題

# 美里河污染嚴重



▲美里市长赖耀松(右四)赠送纪念品予国际扶轮社3310区总监再倪阿都奥卡沙, 左三为美里扶轮社社长王克尧。

(美里9日讯) 美里市长赖耀松披露, 美里已有9年没有缺乏水供的困扰, 不过却面对严重的河水污染问题, 更希望与扶轮社共同克服问题。

赖耀松今日在美里市政局接待沙巴扶轮社一行人时, 如此表示。

他指出, 美里许多商家、集团、社团组织及慈善机构针对慈善活动表现主动, 这是美里的特色之一, 在社团组织及全民齐心协力下, 美里市政局在2010年所举办的美里5月节多项活动也进入大马纪录大全。

他说, 美里市政局向来都强调绿色文化, 并希望所有商家可以推行天天无塑胶袋日。

赖耀松透露, 由于美里的非政府组织活跃与热心, 该局举办的多项活动都很成功, 该局放眼今年提升美里各方面的水准, 让人民生活得更好。

他表示, 该局位于服务前线, 经常成为人民投诉的第一个对象, 但是该局将为人民提供更好的服务。



▲再倪阿都奥卡沙(左四)回赠纪念品予赖耀松。

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## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club of:	Group No.	State	Total Members as at 1st of January	Total Members at 31st January	Ave. Attendance % this month	No. of Meetings held this month	No. of Meetings cancelled this month
A'Famosa	1	Melaka	13	13	46.15	4	0
Kota Laksamana Malacca*	1	Melaka	10	10	0.00	0	0
Kota Melaka	1	Melaka	25	25	58.00	4	0
Malacca	1	Melaka	24	24	35.90	5	0
Tangkak Ledang	2	Johor	13	13	46.20	4	0
Batu Pahat	2	Johor	23	23	34.54	5	0
Muar	2	Johor	21	21	46.00	5	0
Pontian	2	Johor	14	14	68.00	4	1
Kluang*	3	Johor	25	25	65.00	4	0
Mersing	3	Johor	22	22	72.00	2	0
Segamat	3	Johor	16	16	52.00	3	1
Kota Tinggi	3	Johor	17	17	70.00	1	2
Kulai	4	Johor	21	21	71.80	5	0
Pasir Gudang	4	Johor	20	20	60.00	3	0
Puteri Lagoan	4	Johor	16	16	83.34	3	0
Tebrau	4	Johor	21	21	60.00	3	1
Johor Bahru	5	Johor	56	56	76.67	3	0
Johor Centennial*	5	Johor	11	11	85.00	4	0
Johor Straits View*	5	Johor	14	14	61.00	4	0
Queenstown	6	Singapore	44	44	72.00	4	0
Sentosa*	6	Singapore	63	66	43.60	4	0
Victoria	6	Singapore	5	5	50.00	2	2
Singapore	6	Singapore	147	148	33.74	4	1
Tanglin	6	Singapore	23	23	33.75	4	0
E-Club Singapore	6	Singapore	20	21	47.60	1	0
Jurong Town	7	Singapore	36	37	63.00	4	0
Singapore East	7	Singapore	34	34	57.00	3	1
Singapore North*	7	Singapore	32	32	26.00	4	0
Singapore West	7	Singapore	51	51	42.00	4	0
Singapore Centennial*	7						
Changi	8	Singapore	27	27	41.00	4	0
E-Club 3310	8	Singapore	26	25	30.00	N/A	0
Pandan Valley	8	Singapore	48	48	57.60	4	0
Serangoon Garden Orchard*	8	Singapore	15	16	70.00	4	0
Suntec City*	8	Singapore	32	32	48.00	2	0
Bugis Junction	9	Singapore	32	32	41.00	4	0
Bukit Timah*	9	Singapore	18	18	53.00	4	0
Garden City	9	Singapore	34	34	53.12	3	2
Marina City*	9	Singapore	36	38	54.70	4	0
Raffles City	9	Singapore	49	49	37.80	5	0
Shenton	9	Singapore	20	20	45.00	3	1
Bandar Seri Begawan	10	Brunei	20	20	55.00	4	0
Belait*	10	Brunei	10	10	47.00	3	2
Labuan FT	10	Labuan	16	16	55.00	4	0
Miri*	10	Sarawak	10	10	60.00	4	0
Bintulu*	11	Sarawak	29	29	45.69	4	0
Bintulu Central*	11	Sarawak	16	16	60.00	5	0
Sibu	11	Sarawak	29	29	61.00	4	0
Kuching*	12	Sarawak	37	37	55.00		
Kuching Central*	12	Sarawak	38	38	64.03	5	0
Kuching South*	12	Sarawak	14	14	50.00	5	0
Kuching Jaya	12	Sarawak	17	16	69.00	5	0
Kota Kinabalu*	13	Sabah	63	63	80.00	4	0
Likas Bay	13	Sabah	44	44	93.75	5	0
Kinabalu Sutura	13	Sabah	15	15	54.60	3	1
Kota Kinabalu South	13	Sabah	34	34	47.70	4	0
Luyang	13	Sabah	20	20	76.00	4	0
Penampang	13	Sabah	15	15	51.43	4	0
Tanjung Aru	13	Sabah	18	18	39.00	1	1
Sandakan	14	Sabah	44	44	33.89	4	0
Sandakan North	14	Sabah	30	30	50.90	4	0
Tawau	14	Sabah	31	31	77.42	4	0
Tawau Tanjung*	14	Sabah	22	22	68.00	3	1

\* No attendance figures received for the month.

## Rotary Lights Up Rh. Mejang Longhouse Ulu Menuan, Kapit, Sarawak, E.Malaysia

Rotary Club of Kuching Jaya and her partnering Rotary Clubs in RI District 3310, namely, Rotary Clubs of Kuching, Johor Bahru, Kulai, Singapore Sentosa, Singapore East, and Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, successfully completed a micro-hydro electricity supply project at Rh. Mejang Longhouse, Ulu Menuan, Kapit, Sarawak, E.Malaysia.

After a successful trial run of about one month, the project was handed over to the Village Committee (JKKK) of Rh. Mejang on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. Mr Larry Sng Wei Shien, former ADUN for the Pelagus Constituency, who is now Sarawak State Youth Adviser in the Chief Minister's Department, was the Guest of Honour at the elaborate handing-over ceremony.

Mr Larry Sng's entourage which came by six long-boats up the Menuan River (a ride of about 3 hours from Kapit) included 7 Rotarians from the Host Club of Rotary Club of Kuching Jaya, newspaper reporters and staff from the Kapit Information Service Office. Another group of people who were invited were 4 technicians and skilled workers from Ba'Kelalan, Lawas. These 4 gentlemen were volunteers who came to help the villagers build the project from the start till its successful completion. Their expertise came in handy as they were involved in Rotary's first successful micro-hydro electricity supply system at Buduk Bui, Ba'Kelalan in 2007.

The visitors were given a rousing Iban traditional welcome with gongs and drums and dancing at the neatly-built boat landing. A brief launching ceremony at the turbine shed was conducted before the party walked up to Rh. Mejang Longhouse. After the official launching and handing over ceremony and the sumptuous traditional dinner, the night's party began. The merry-making, dancing (in particular poco-poco) and singing continued till 6.30am next morning. Nobody slept through the night!

The project is a community project carried out by Rotary Club of Kuching Jaya and her partnering Rotary Clubs in RI District 3310, in collaboration with the villagers of Rh. Mejang Longhouse. The electricity produced is strictly for lighting of each of the 24-door longhouse, free of charge, 24 hours a day. The volume of water produced by the selected streams can only support a small unit of turbine generator. With proper management, the villagers can benefit from this project for at least 5-10 years before any major repairs.

In his speech, President Michael Woods of Rotary Club of Kuching Jaya highlighted the impact of this project to the community. Through the spirit of 'gotong-royong' (community self-help), the project has brought the longhouse folks of Rh. Mejang closer together and the 4 men from Ba'Kelalan have become part of the local community of Rh. Mejang Longhouse. They ate, slept and worked together with the local residents and were even adopted as 'sons' by the local families! For the Rotarians, especially those who have been regular visitors to the Village, before, during the implementation and until the successful completion of the project, they, too, have felt that despite so many challenges and extremely tiring longboat rides, it is all worth it after all! Many Rotarians who have contributed to the project would also take pride for having done their part to cause a positive change in the life of this remote Rh. Mejang Longhouse, right in the heart of the deep rain forest in Sarawak.

The people of Rh. Mejang are deeply touched and grateful to have benefited from this kind act of humanity. We know because they have expressed it in their speeches during the handing-over night.

Rotary is committed to peace and goodwill among people of diverse relationships, tribal groups and backgrounds. The micro-hydro electricity supply at Rh. Mejang is an example of how Rotary does it!

President Michael, on behalf of all Rotary Participating Clubs of this project, expressed his heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all who have contributed in time, money or any other ways towards the success of this project.

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2012, the entire visiting party left the Village at 8.30am for Kapit in 6 long-boats, leaving behind the people we have grown to know so well and bringing back with us sweet memories and wonderful experiences!



Iban maidens welcoming Mr Larry Sng and his entourage.



Wall-sign at the Turbine site.



Larry cutting the ribbon at the turbine shed while Pres. Michael looked on.



Larry about to switch on the lights.



The lights are on!



One for the album -immediately after Larry 'switched' on the turbine.



Larry with the 'Be'kalalan' boys - the skilled micro-hydro workers.



PHF Recognition for Larry for his work for the betterment of humanity.