

Report on

Joint Districts 3300 & 3310 Seminar on “Seeing Eye to Eye”

The above seminar the fourth in the series was hosted by RC Greentown Ipoh on behalf of District 3300. It was held from 17 to 18 October 2014 in Ipoh.

The organizing committee was chaired by Rtn Dr Lee MunWai an Ophthalmologist himself.

Rotarians from 40 different Rotary clubs from within our two districts attended this event. There was excellent fellowship which was evident throughout the duration of the seminar.

The attendance at this annual seminar has seen a steady growth over the years. This year there were about 250 participants consisting of rotarians, medical students from College of Medicine UNIKL, Perak, Quest University, Institute Pendidikan Guru Ipoh, Persatuan Taska Perak, interactors and members of the public.

Running concurrent to the seminar were two events.

One was an eye screening event where more than 100 people had their eyes screened. This event was hosted by “Lee Eye Centre”.

The other event was a simulation of the “world of darkness” of the blind when volunteer members of Adult Blind Association of Selangor engaged members of the public to experience their world of darkness by giving participants a brief glimpse into their world of darkness.

The Guest of Honour was Y. Bhg. Dr Azizahbinti Johor, Special Officer to Menteri Besar Perak Darul Ridzuan.

The two Special Guests were District Governor Kirenjit Kaur from District 3300 and District Governor Haji Andre Suharto from District 3310.

Among the highlights at the seminar was the launching of the **National Early Intervention Eye Health Framework** for preschoolers throughout Malaysia.

A briefing on this project was delivered by both PDG David Tong from District 3310 and DGE Siti Subaidah from District 3300.

The GOH officially launched this program.

This is the brainchild of PP Dato Bindi Rajasegaran from RC Greentown.

The Keynote address was by Dr Rekha Shetty on the theme: **“WHO Vision 2020”**

A panel of 11 Distinguished Speakers were on hand to deliver their presentation.

They included the following:

- 1) Mr Yam Tong Boo—on” Bridging Darkness with Hope”
- 2) Mr Deric Ho on “The role of the primary care practitioner in the Prevention of Blindness”
- 3) Dr Selva Kumar S. on “How NGO’s can make an impact in the Prevention of Blindness”
- 4) Dato Dr VeeraRamani on “Reaching out to the Community, Role of Eye Care Providers”
- 5) Dr SudhaNanthan from Malaysian Academy of Family Physicians
- 6) Dr Goh Pik Pin on “Accessibility to Cataract Surgery in Malaysia”
- 7) Dr Chin PikKee on “Detection and Management of Refractive Errors in Children”
- 8) Associate Professor Dr MimiwatiZahari on “Glaucoma the Silent Thief of Sight”
- 9) Associate Professor Dr Norlina MohdRamli on “The Future of Glaucoma Management”
- 10) Dato’ Dr Y C Lee on “Management of Cataract: To Infinity and Beyond”
- 11) Dr Pall Singh on “Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy”

Club Presentations

This is also a highly meaningful event in all our seminars.

Three clubs from District 3300 and another three from District 3310 enlightened the seminar participants on what each club has done in the area of Prevention of Blindness for their members and for their community. It was indeed an eye opener for Clubs which have yet to embark on at least one project on prevention of blindness in their Rotary calendar.

Handing over from District 3300 to District 3310

As the organizing of next year's seminar in the annual series is the responsibility of District 3310 there was an official handing over ceremony.

DGE 3300 SitiSubaidah handed over the Prevention of Blindness banner to DGE District 3310 Philip Chong as a mark to indicate that the responsibility for organizing next year's seminar has officially been transferred to District 3310.

In his acceptance speech DGE Philip Chong informed participants that RC Likas Bay will be the host club for 2015. The seminar will be held from 17 to 18 October 2015.

He cordially invited all participants present to assemble at RC Likas Bay in one year's time for the next seminar.

Reported by James Gomez



Backdrop of the Seminar



DG D3300 Kirenjit Kaur



DG D3310 Hj Andre Suharto



GOH Y. Bhg. Dr Azizah Binti Johor addresses the participants



PP Dato' S Kulasegaran Chairman D3300 PB Committee



PP James Gomez Chairman D3310 PB Committee



An attentive audience



GOH Launches Early Intervention Framework



DGE D3300 SitiSubaidah hands over the PB Banner to DGE D3310 Philip Chong



DGE Philip Chong accepts to host the 2015 Seminar in RC Likas Bay



A section of delegates from D3310 with DG Andre and D3300 officers