



*Eye Care, We Care*

# 11<sup>TH</sup> SEEING EYE TO EYE CONFERENCE

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**Host Club:**

Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu

**In Collaboration With:**



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# MESSAGE



## Guest of Honour

### **GOVERNOR DOLLY YEAP** Rotary International District 3310

Distinguished friends of Rotary and my fellow Rotarians,

My warmest greetings to each and every one of you for attending this SEEING EYE TO EYE Conference held on a virtual platform in view of the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

Rotary International has been actively involved in the worldwide program of Prevention of Blindness over many years with the view of reducing the occurrence of blindness in our society.

Our Rotary Districts comprising Brunei Darussalam, Singapore and Malaysia, through its networks of Rotary clubs, have been organizing eye camps, contributing lenses and spectacles and conducting public forums, seminars and conferences relating to eye disease. Since the Rotary year 2011-2012, this annual Seeing Eye to Eye Conference has been organized on alternate basis between our Rotary District 3310 and the Malaysian District 3300.

Do join me in extending our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to District Governor Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran and her team from Rotary International District 3300, Malaysia, for the strong support and cooperation toward the success of this conference.

I would like to congratulate the Organizing Chairman, Rotarian Edward Tan, and members of his Organising Committee for their commitments and devotion in putting together an elaborate program of pertinent topics and array of learned speakers. My heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to President Kevin Lim and members of the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu for hosting this conference.

My sincere thanks also to Charter President James Gomez, his District Prevention Blindness committee for their guidance and continuous support.

Thank you to all the speakers for your time and sharing your invaluable experiences with us. I wish everyone a meaningful and enjoyable conference.

Yours in Rotary,

*Dolly Yeap*  
**GOVERNOR RY2021-22**

# MESSAGE



## District Governor

### GOVERNOR DATO' BINDI RAJASEGARAN

Rotary International District 3300

It gives me great pleasure in being invited to write a message for the World Sight Day 2021 Seeing Eye To Eye Conference.

This brings back memories of my journey in Preventable Blindness. It was way back in 2005 when Dato' S Kulasegaran mooted the idea of creating a committee in District 3300 dedicated to the cause of "Avoidable Blindness" as it was called then. The "charter" committee consisted of Dato Kula, PP Padma and myself and what a

journey it has been. 15 years of being part of this committee, this cause is certainly very close to my heart.

It's certainly very satisfying to see the progress made by this committee over these past 16 years and to think back from what we were to where we are now. The committee grew and with their passion and commitment, we have made huge strides in the area of preventable blindness. In December 2013, District 3300 & District 3310 entered into a formal partnership sealed by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in furtherance of such cooperation desirous of taking this agenda nationwide.

Thus began the real work nationwide in addressing the issue of preventable blindness. With the united strength of two Districts, we made a formidable force. The committee in District 3300 has evolved into the District Action Group on Blindness Prevention and still under the formidable chairmanship of Dato' S Kulasegaran who holds the record of the longest serving Chairman in any committee in District 3300.

This year, the honour of hosting the Conference lies in the hands of District 3310. On behalf of every Rotarian in District 3300, I thank the organizing club, The Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu and President Kevin Lim for taking on this onerous responsibility.

A watershed moment happened this year at the UN General Assembly on 23rd July 2021 where they adopted the 'Vision for Everyone; accelerating action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals' Resolution committing the international community to eye health for the 1.1 billion people living with preventable sight loss by 2030.

The resolution was passed unanimously by all 193 countries of the United Nations including Malaysia. It sets a target for a vision for everyone by 2030, with countries set to ensure full access to eye care services for their populations and to make eye health integral to their nation's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development goals.

# MESSAGE

There is clear vision now in our way forward and we can achieve new heights in our goals with a multi sector approach including public and private partnerships.

I wish the greatest of success in this Eye-to-Eye Conference and look forward to working together in many more years to come.

## LOVE YOUR EYES

With wishes of good health to all,

*Bindi Rajasegaran*

Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran,  
District Governor  
District 3300 Malaysia



# MESSAGE



## RI District 3310 Chairman

### CHARTER PRESIDENT JAMES GOMEZ Prevention of Blindness Committee

I distinctly recollect the occasion when the idea of this conference was first mooted. We, both Dato' S. Kulasegaran, and myself were enjoying our evening tea in the Executive Lounge of Mandarin Hotel Orchard, when he expressed his desire to initiate a conference relating to the eyes which could be jointly organized by both our districts on an annual basis with each district taking turns to host the conference.

This proposal attracted my attention, and I could visualize the long-term benefits of such a conference. We immediately began to brainstorm for an appropriate conference title. Soon we agreed that the conference will be titled "Joint District 3310 & 3300 SEEING EYE TO EYE Conference".

Dato' S. Kulasegaran requested that District 3310 should take the lead and spearhead the inaugural conference. Without any hesitation I agreed to host the inaugural conference not realizing the mammoth task ahead.

Our District Governor then was Datuk Hj Zainie Abdul Aucasa. He gave us his consent to proceed with organizing this conference. We managed to host the inaugural conference on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 i.e., within three months from the day when we agreed to host this conference. The venue for our inaugural conference was our FRCS Family Service Centre at Clementi.

We had very encouraging support from Rotarians from both districts. One bust load of Rotarians from District 3300 was on hand to support this joint initiative by both our districts. Since then, this conference has been going on smoothly every year in conjunction with World Sight Day in October, with different clubs given the opportunity to host it.

I must thank President Kevin Lim of Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu and his BOD for graciously agreeing to host this year's conference. I am sure that the organizing committee has spent countless hours deliberating to ensure a successful event. Congratulations to them! In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic there has never been a break in the hosting of this conference.

I must take this opportunity to sincerely thank our panel of distinguished speakers both from Rotary and the Private sector for their spontaneous acceptance of our invitation to be our guest speakers in spite of their busy schedule. Thank you, my dear speakers for being there for us.

Let us hope that our annual contribution towards Blindness Prevention plays its part towards eradicating blindness from the face of the earth. This conference is the longest inter district collaboration between any of the District committees from both Districts.

Thank you.

# MESSAGE



## RI District 3300 Chairman

### PAST ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

### DATO' S KULASEGARAN

#### Prevention of Blindness Committee

It gives me great pleasure to pen a few words with regards to the "Seeing Eye to Eye" Conference being organized this year by the Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu, RI District 3310.

To begin with, I want to place on record my heartfelt appreciation to RC Kota Kinabalu for taking on the onerous task of organizing the above-mentioned Conference

particularly to you the President of the Club and the Chairmen of the Organizing Committee and to all the members of the Club for their support for this project.

In addition, may I also place on record my deepest gratitude to my counterpart namely; CP James Gomez the Chairmen of the District 3310 Committee on Blindness Prevention for his wise counsel and guidance to the Organizing Committee.

The result of the efforts put in by CP Gomez and the Organizing Committee is illustrated by the fine program they have come out with. The program highlights the Theme of the Conference which is "Seeing Eye to Eye: ASEAN and Beyond" vividly in that the subjects of the various presentations and the speakers thereto, are drawn upon ASEAN and Beyond.

ASEAN is represented by Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia, and "Beyond" is represented by Pakistan and India. The "Beyond" is further amplified by the participation of PDG Shehzad, the current Chairman of RI Action Group on Blindness Prevention, who brings to the Conference a global perspective in terms of the involvement of RI in this Conference. I happen to be a member of the Board of the RI Action Group on Blindness Prevention and it gladdens me no end at the prospect of the RI Action Group on Blindness Prevention's involvement will, hopefully, continue in all future "Seeing Eye to Eye" Conferences. As a Board member I will take it up with Chairman PDG Shehzad and the Board of the RI Action Group. I'm confident that both of us would be able to prevail upon the Board to support our Conference on an annual basis hereinafter.

In conclusion, may I wish all the participants including the speakers a very enjoyable and meaningful Conference.

Yours in Rotary service,

Dato' Kulasegaran Sabaratnam

Chairman

District Action Group on Blindness Prevention, District 3300

# MESSAGE



## Organizing Chairperson

### ROTARIAN EDWARD TAN

RC Kota Kinabalu, Rotary International District 3310

To my Fellow Rotarians,

Greeting from The Land Below The Wind.

The Seeing Eye to Eye joint district Conference has been a yearly event in our Rotary Calendars for the more than 10 years.

This year Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu (RCKK) is once again entrusted with the honour to spearhead the 11<sup>th</sup> SEEING EYE TO EYE CONFERENCE, jointly organized by both the 'District Action Group on Blindness Prevention' from Rotary International District 3300 & 3310, for the third time. The first time was in 2008 during

during PP Warrence Chan's year and the second time was in 2015 during PP Jack Ong's Year.

Fellow Rotarians, most of us are fortunate to be blessed with good eyesight, most if not all of us tend to take for granted our abilities to read, to watch TV, to see our loved ones and this beautiful world. The District Committees for Prevention of Blindness chaired by PP James Gomez(D3310), have over the years organized numerous activities targeted at raising awareness towards preventable blindness with special focus on early intervention.

This year 11 eminent ophthalmologists and distinguished Rotarians will be sharing their knowledge and experience in eyes diseases and blindness prevention at this 11<sup>th</sup> Seeing Eye to Eye conference, I urge all Rotarians and friends to attend this meaningful and informative event. Attached are conference information, program and registration form, the conference will be in virtual format, and it is FREE! Please help spread the word, looking forward to seeing you in the conference in October.

Take care and be safe.

Yours in Rotary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J C Tan". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

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# MESSAGE



## Host Club

### **PRESIDENT KEVIN LIM**

**RC Kota Kinabalu, Rotary International District 3310**

Our Club is honoured to be given the opportunity to organise this annual Joint Districts event. Planning and organisation commenced since 4Q 2020, catering to the many possibilities/ alternatives - physical, hybrid or virtual conference due to the pandemic situation.

Despite the challenges , I must say that the Organising Chair, Edward Tan and his team have been versatile and had lined up a well thought through program, comprising resources from medical specialists/ professionals and senior rotary leaders who have been well involved in the subject matters/ activities, including Avoidable Blindness

Campaign, Cure Cataract Camp, Eyes screening program, etc.

We would like to thanks our District Governor Dolly Yeah for her continued support, including project grant. Appreciation also goes to Advisors, PDG Datuk Hj Zainie and CP James Gomez, PP Dr Ravi Mandalam and other Districts Leaders for the experience sharing and valued guidance and support for the conference organisation.

The organising team has specifically added the beautiful Birdwing Butterfly as the event mascot to signify nature beauty that require good vision to see and appreciate! Hence, "Eye care, we care!" is among the conference topics and objectives, ultimately for better appreciation of the nature and the world!

Please mark your calendar - 10th October 2021 for this 11th SEE Conference!

We urge and invite you all, rotarians and friends across both Districts (3300 and 3310) and beyond to register for this conference! Enjoy it from the comfort of your home via Zoom!

See you all!

Yours in Rotary,  
Kevin Lim  
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

# Eye Care, We Care  
# Serve To Change Lives



# PROGRAM

- 9.00am    Opening Address by Organizing Club President  
President Kevin Lim, RC Kota Kinabalu, Rotary International District 3310
- Welcome Address by Charter President James D Gomez,  
RC Singapore Heartlands  
Chairman, District 3310 Blindness Prevention Committee
- Address by Past Assistant Governor Dato' S Kulasegaran  
Chairman, District 3300 Action Group on Blindness Prevention
- Address by Guest of Honour  
District Governor Dolly Yeap, RC Kulai, Rotary International D3310
- 9.20am    **MYOPIA EPIDEMIC**  
Dr Dayang Sayalam Ag Daud, Consultant Ophthalmologist,  
Jesselton Eye Centre, Kota Kinabalu
- 9.45am    **CATARACT SURGERY – RESTORING SIGHT, IMPROVING LIVES**  
Dr Chin Kel Vin, Consultant Ophthalmologist,  
KPJ Sabah Specialist Hospital, Kota Kinabalu
- 10.10am    **DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**  
Dr Peter Kong, Consultant Ophthalmologist,  
Synergy Specialist Eye Centre, Kota Kinabalu
- 10.35am    **Q & A Session**  
Session Moderator Past President Dr Ravi Mandalam  
RC Kota Kinabalu, Rotary District 3310
- 10.55am    **Break**
- 11.15am    **WHY ARE DIABETICS GOING BLIND IN THIS MODERN ERA?**  
Past President Dr Pall Singh,  
RC Bangsar & Member DAGBP, D3300
- 11.35am    **ERADICATING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS**  
Past President Tapan Kumar Rao  
RC Singapore, Rotary International District 3310
- 11.55am    **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR COMMUNITY PROBLEMS DURING  
PANDEMIC ERA**  
Prof Dr Tjahjono D Gondhowiardjo  
Jakarta Eye Centre & Council Member
- 12.15pm    **D3300... A FOCUSED APPROACH IN VISION CARE**  
Past District Governor Leslie Salehuddin  
RC Gombak, Rotary International District 3300





# PROGRAM

- 12.35pm **Break**
- 1.30pm Address by District Governor Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran  
Rotary International District 3300
- 1.40pm **GIFT OF SIGH SABAH – ROTARY EFFORTS IN BLINDNESS PREVENTION**  
Past District Governor Philip Chong  
RC Likas Bay, Rotary International District 3310
- 2.00pm **THE VISION MISSION: GETTING EVERYONE THE RIGHT TO GOOD SIGHT**  
Dr Jayant Venkatramani Iyer  
Singapore National Eye Centre
- 2.20pm **AN OVERVIEW OF BLINDNESS PREVENTION ROTARY ACTION GROUP**  
Past District Governor Shehzad Ahmed  
RC Lahore Garrison, Punjab, Pakistan, Rotary International District 3272
- 2.40pm **MYTHS, FACTS & ROLE OF ROTARIAN IN EYE DONATION**  
Past President Dr Quresh B Maskati,  
RC Bombay North, India, Rotary International District 3141
- 3.00pm **ZERO AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS**  
Past District Governor Dr Rekha Shetty  
RC Madras City Temple, India, Rotary International District 3230
- 3.20pm **Q & A Session**  
Session Moderator Past District Governor Zainie Abdul Aucasa  
RC Kota Kinabalu, Rotary International District 3310
- 3.40pm **Closing Remarks and Conference Hand Over to District 3300**  
Charter President James D Gomez  
RC Singapore Heartlands  
Chairman, District 3310 Blindness Prevention Committee
- 3.50pm **Acceptance Speech**  
Past District Governor Siti Subaidah  
Advisor, District 3300 Action Group on Blindness Prevention
- 3.55pm **Handing Over To**  
Past Assistant Governor Dato' S Kulasegaran  
Chairman, District 3300 Action Group on Blindness Prevention &  
Past District Governor Siti Subaidah  
Advisor, District 3300 Action Group on Blindness Prevention
- 4.00pm **End of Program**



# SPEAKER INFO



## **DR DAYANG SAYALAM AG DAUD**

**Consultant Ophthalmologist  
Jesselton Eye Centre, Kota Kinabalu**

Dr Dayang Sayalam is a practicing Consultant Ophthalmologist at Jesselton Eye Centre with over 20 years of experience in the field. Her qualifications include MBBS (UM), Master in Surgery (Ophthalmology) (UKM), and Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London.

She is a member of the Academy of Medicine Malaysia (AMM), Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology (MSO), American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS), Malaysia Medical Council, National Specialist

Registry, and the Sabah Society of the Blind. She has also been on various Hospital, State and National level committees.

### **TALK DESCRIPTION**

#### **MYOPIA EPIDEMIC**

It is known that the incidence of shortsightedness among children is increasing worldwide and this trend will continue. The talk will discuss on the impact of shortsightedness, modalities of treatment available currently and in the future.

# SPEAKER INFO



## DR CHIN KEL VIN

**Consultant Ophthalmologist  
KPJ Sabah Specialist Hospital**

Dr. Chin Kel Vin is currently a consultant ophthalmologist and vitreo-retinal surgeon at KPJ Sabah Specialist Hospital. Dr. Chin obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta in 1999. He subsequently completed his postgraduate training in Ophthalmology at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 2008. He then did his sub-speciality training in vitreo-retinal surgery at Hospital Selayang and Westmead Hospital in Sydney, Australia. Upon his return to Malaysia in 2014, he was awarded the Malaysian Certificate of Completion in Fellowship Training (CCFT) in vitreo-retinal surgery by the Malaysian Ministry of Health."

### TALK DESCRIPTION

#### **CATARACT SURGERY – RESTORING SIGHT, IMPROVES LIVES**

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness, accounting for 50% of blindness worldwide. Although significant progress has been made toward identifying risk factors for cataract, there is no proven primary prevention or medical treatment. Surgical removal of cataract remains.



# SPEAKER INFO



## **DR PETER KONG**

**Consultant Ophthalmologist  
Synergy Specialist Eye Centre, Kota Kinabalu**

Trained in Ophthalmology in University Of Malaya and vitreoretinal subspecialty in UK. Currently working at Synergy Specialist Eye Centre, Kota Kinabalu.

## **TALK DESCRIPTION**

### **DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**

Diabetes Mellitus is a global epidemic and up to a third of diabetics will have eye involvement, resulting in visual impairment. This talk will highlight the effect of diabetes on the eye, the importance of regular eye screening and the options of treatment available .

# SPEAKER INFO



## DR PALL SINGH

**Consultant Ophthalmologist,  
Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital, Petaling Jaya  
Rotary Club of Bangsar, District 3300**

Dr. Pall Singh is a Senior Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. Among the numerous positions he has held at various national and international ophthalmology societies, he is the Past President of the College of Surgeons of the Academy of Malaysia and was chairman of the Ophthalmology Committee of the National Specialist Register from 2002 to 2013.

He was the Past President of the College of Ophthalmologists, Academy of Medicine Malaysia, Chairman of the Medical Advisory

Committee of The Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital Currently he is the Chief Executive of National Institute of Ophthalmic Sciences.

He was a medical advisor for ophthalmology in the Medical Defence Malaysia, a mutual medical defence organization and he was the Honorary Secretary of The Asean Association of Eye Hospitals. He was the Past President of Rotary Club of Bangsar and member of District 3300 Action Group on Prevention of Blindness

Dr. Pall is an active researcher in vitreoretinal fields and has participated in various international studies on treatment of vitreoretinal diseases. He has also presented numerous scientific papers in many international conferences.

## TALK DESCRIPTION

### WHY ARE DIABETICS GOING BLIND IN THIS MODERN ERA?

Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of preventable blindness in working age populations. 98% of visual loss secondary to diabetic retinopathy can be prevented with early detection and treatment.

Consultant Ophthalmologists seeing all diabetics will be the gold standard in detecting the sight threatening Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) and administering the necessary treatment. But the number of Ophthalmologists are not enough and the service is expensive.

Primary care Physicians and General Practitioners who treat the diabetic patients may be able to screen in their clinics but may not have the skills and resources to do the screening. Optometrists can be trained to do the primary screening with Fundus photography. But they are not available in the rural areas.

Health Clinics managing diabetics can perform DR screening if there are trained technicians and fundus photography cameras. Community screening for early detection can be done with various options.

# SPEAKER INFO



## **DR TAPAN KUMAR RAO**

**Rotary Club of Singapore, District 3310**

Tapan Kumar Rao is CEO of Mindtrac S Pte Ltd, Singapore. He has been working on field of community ophthalmology in Asia for past 10 + years. He is an active member of Rotary Club of Singapore. Mr Rao has set up many charity eye hospitals in Asia and is actively supporting the project related to eyecare.

### **TALK DESCRIPTION**

#### **ERADICATING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS**

My sharing at the Conference will be based on an active & live pilot project to Eradicate Avoidable Blindness in a defined geography. This is a comprehensive and all encompassing effort to identify areas of avoidable blindness in a defined population in a defined geography and provide cures and solutions.

This project was conceived by Rotary Club of Singapore and is being implemented by Rotary Club of Belur with the help of Susrut Eye Hospital Kolkata. The pilot has thrown up several unforeseen challenges apart from COVID. Some of these were hitherto unknown to the experts on eye care.

# SPEAKER INFO



## PROF DR TJAHJONO D. GONDHOWIARDJO

**Jakarta Eye Centre and Council Member**

Professor Tjahjono D. Gondhowiardjo, M.D, Ph.D., fellow of the Indonesian Academy of Science and the Academy of Asia Pacific Professors of Ophthalmology, Councilor of the AAEH (2005) and WAEH (2020), Chairman of the Indonesian Eye Bank (since 2011); and medical expert panel for the President of the Republic of Indonesia (since 2006).

Being the Director for Corporate Development and Education of the JEC Eye Hospitals and Clinic, he set up the leap-frog strategy (2015); which growing two hospitals into four hospitals and eight clinics within 5 years.

He has had serve as the Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Indonesia (1997-2005), Chairman, National Commite for Prevention of Blindness (2003-2007), Development and Marketing Director of the Cipto Mangunkusumo National Hospital (2005-2010); President of the Indonesian Ophthalmologist Association (2003-2010); and the Indonesian College of Ophthalmology (2010-2016).

Regionally, he was the Congress and Vice President, Convener of the LDP, and Councillor et large of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO); invited speakers in most ASEAN countries, and external examiner in Malaysia. He received several awards from the President of the Republic of Indonesia, as well as from Ministry of Health, APAO, several International NG.

### TALK DESCRIPTION

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR COMMUNITY PROBLEMS DURING PANDEMIC ERA

Practically there is no community activity that involves mass gathering is done during this devastating Covid-19 Pandemic era. All people, from all economic society level, have been forced back to re-think to make a new definition and action in many aspects in their life, community and way of life; cause' we have to be distracted away from any physical society gathering into virtual activities.

Actually, Blindness rate is a silent devastating community problem and endemic situation too; it's not just a statistical issue but a misery for those who are affected by these conditions and their family. Sadly, there are speechless and powerless. There are two type of blindness, the avoidable (preventable and reversible) which consist of about 80% from blindness population, and the non-avoidable. Unfortunately, in majority, blindness and poverty are un-separable. While the most common, or the most popular blindness eradication activity are charities' cataract surgery, which involving a lot of cataract patients, glamorous sponsorships and publicity.

Those activities, in fact do show that the donors are those who have, and the unfortunate community as the receiver. Is there any chance that the unfortunate community having pride and honor as the donor too?

# SPEAKER INFO



## **DR LESLIE SALEHUDDIN** **Rotary Club of Gombak, District 3300**

Born in Taiping, completed his secondary education at the VI and his tertiary studies in New Zealand Universities of Otago and Canterbury where he was a Rotaractor briefly. His fellow Council Members of the Institute of Marketing Malaysia introduced him to the Rotary Club of Gombak, D3300 and subsequently was inducted on 28 June 1984. Governor in RY09/10 "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", Assistant Governor in RY2003/04 "Lend A Hand", and Club President in 1997/98 "Show Rotary Cares".

At the District level he has been active for the past two decades as Vice Governor, District Trainer, and the District Membership Chair twice. Passionate about membership, having introduced more than 30 members to his home and other clubs in both his District and overseas and was responsible in initiating RC Puchong.

Centennial. Was the Advisor to RC Alfa Ampang and RC Bukit Angkasa. He is also active in advisory roles and supporting various District Action Groups: Rotary Kasih, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and the latest on Mental Health Initiative. He resigned recently as an Advisor of the District Action Group on Blindness Prevention having served since RY2012/13, he is still actively carrying out eyecare projects at the club level. He had just completed his three-year stint as the District Rotary Foundation Chair and also reappointed as a Trustee of Yayasan Kelab-Kelab Rotary Malaysia.

He was also appointed by the Minister of Health to the Board of Visitors of the Thomson Hospital Kota Damansara.

### **TALK DESCRIPTION**

#### **D3300... A FOCUSED APPROACH IN VISION CARE**

A synopsis: D3300 has been engaged in eye care projects both at the club level and also district level through the District Action Group on Blindness Prevention to support clubs. My presentation will take the audience through a pictorial journey of three mega "Sayangi Vision" projects partnered with the One Sight Foundation, the CSR arm of the global optic group, Luxottica.

Recently L'Occitane a skincare and aesthetics group has also partnered our Rotary clubs in a "Caring for Sight" project which will be engaging clubs in both Districts.

Rotary clubs have also conducted Cataract surgeries mission overseas in Cambodia, Mainland China and through a Global Grant in Bangladesh but the pandemic has changed dynamics of the programme.



# SPEAKER INFO



## PDG PHILIP CHONG

**Rotary Club of Likas Bay, District 3310**

Philip Chong Mau Kiong is a Past District Governor from RI District 3310 in 2015-2016. He has served as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Co-Ordinator Zone 6B for 3 terms from 2017-2020. He also has served as the RI President Personal Representative to District 3462 Conference in Taiwan 2017/2018. Currently, he the Trustee of Yayasan Kelab Kelab Rotary Malaysia (Rotary Foundation Malaysia) as well as the District 3310 Chair for Rotary Leadership Institute.

### TALK DESCRIPTION

#### **GIFT OF SIGHT SABAH – ROTARY EFFORTS IN BLINDNESS PREVENTION**

Sabah has the highest rate of bilateral blindness due to cataract in the whole of Malaysia. Rotary Clubs in D3310 has a history of providing Cataract surgery to rural folks.

The Gift of Sight Sabah is a blindness prevention project initiated by Rotary Club of Likas Bay in 2006. We have successfully implemented the first Global Grant for the sum of US\$85,000 in 2016-17 where 1,007 rural villagers have benefitted and the second Global Grant worth US\$90,000 approved in June 2021. We expect another 1,000 rural folks will be benefitted.

# SPEAKER INFO



## DR JAYANT VENKATRAMANI IYER

Singapore National Eye Centre

Dr Jayant is a consultant at the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC). He is also a Clin/Adj Assistant Professor at the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins | Duke-NUS School of Medicine, Singapore, Head of SNEC Clinical & Service Quality, SNEC Global Ophthalmology Secretary, and the founder of The Vision Mission Singapore | USA | India.

His area of interest includes:

- Glaucoma: Definition, Surgical optimization, Patient-specific QOL and Knowledge/Attitudes/Practices
- Global Ophthalmology

Dr Jayant has received numerous awards from his contributions including:

- Covid Hero Award 2021 | Singapore Health Services (SingHealth)
- Distinguished Service Award 2021 | APAO
- Healthcare Humanity Award 2020 | Singapore Courage Fund
- eXcellence in Ophthalmology Vision Award (XOVA) 2019 | Novartis
- Distinguished Service Award 2019 | Eye & Vision Health Awards Singapore
- Singhealth Quality Service Award (Silver) 2019 | SingHealth
- Author of Essential Ophthalmology – A Guide for General Practitioners
- Nomination for Outstanding Educator Award (Golden Apple) 2019 for SNEC and Best Surgical Mentor Award 2021

### TALK TOPIC

**THE VISION MISSION: GETTING EVERYONE THE RIGHT TO GOOD SIGHT**

# SPEAKER INFO



## **PDG SHEHZAD AHMED**

**Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison, District 3272 Punjab, Pakistan**

Rotarian Shehzad Ahmed received his B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University, USA. After coming back to Pakistan, he founded PROMARK, a market research and management consulting company, and has been leading it as its Chief Executive / Director since then. He is a founding member of Board of Governors and currently the Executive Director of PARADISE, a non-profit organization.

Rotarian Shehzad joined Rotary Club of Lahore Garrison in 1997 and was elected District Governor of Rotary International District 3272 (Pakistan & Afghanistan) for 2010-11. He is recipient of the "Service Above Self" award – the highest award of Rotary International, and "Regional Service Award For A Polio-Free World" and "Citation for Meritorious Service" from The Rotary Foundation. He received the "Best Rotarian of the Year" award in 2012-13 and has received recognitions from Rotary Clubs all over the world. He has addressed Rotary Clubs and other service organizations in Pakistan and abroad. He is also the Rotary Coordinator for Zone 1B (2020-23) and Member of the Council on Legislation (2020-23).

Shehzad is recipient of Human Rights Award 2010 from Ministry of Human Rights, Government of Pakistan. Mayor Helene Schneider from the City of Santa Barbara, USA presented him proclamation in January 2010 in recognition of his community services.

He is the Chairman of Blindness Prevention Rotary Action Group and is Regional Coordinator of Rotary's World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio (WGM) campaign, which creates polio awareness globally and has arranged contribution of more than US\$ 11 million worldwide.

### **TALK TOPIC**

**AN OVERVIEW OF BLINDNESS PREVENTION, ROTARY ACTION GROUP**

# SPEAKER INFO



## PP DR QURESH B MASKATI

**Rotary Club of Bombay North, D3141 India**

Dr. Maskati did his graduation and Post Graduation from KEM Hospital, Mumbai, with a gold medal in 1983.

After super specialisation in cornea in New York and Boston, he is in private practice as Consultant Eye Surgeon since 1986. He has written chapters in 12 textbooks, published over 2 dozen papers in peer reviewed journals and authored a book for lay persons called "Simplifying Eye Care", which is in its 3rd edition.

He is the only ophthalmologist in the world with experience in performing both the Pintoochi and the Boston Artificial Cornea surgery, for those whose corneal blindness cannot be corrected by a simple human corneal transplant.

He has been the youngest president in the history of the Bombay Ophthalmic Association, the Maharashtra Ophthalmic Society and the Rotary Club of Bombay North. He was President of the All India Ophthalmic Society comprising 17,000 eye surgeons for 2014-15.

He is a past president of Cornea Society of India and International Society for Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (ISMSICS). He is currently President South Asian Ophth Paediatric and Strabismus Association (SAOPOSA).

He has addressed various international and national conferences as faculty, teaching various aspects of eye care and performed live surgery in several neighbouring countries such as Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan, besides various cities in India.

He is the recipient of several awards including a lifetime achievement award from the International Society of Cornea and Refractive Surgeons.

He is a sought after speaker, having addressed over a 100 Rotary, Lions, Giants and Jaycee clubs on topics ranging from Humour to EYE DONATION and latest advances in eye care and surgeries.

### TALK DESCRIPTION

#### MYTHS, FACTS & ROLE OF ROTARIAN IN EYE DONATION

Many Rotarians and Non-Rotarians would like to donate their eyes after death to help others see. The reason very few actually make the donation is due to the various myths around eye donation, some unfounded fears of face disfigurement or too much delay in funeral services. They also feel there will be a lot of paperwork required, are not sure whom to contact at 2 am when a death occurs in the family; whether the doctor or technician who comes to perform the service will charge them for it. All these and more doubts will be clarified in the talk along with tips on how Rotarians and Rotary clubs can be ambassadors to bring about a quantum jump in eye donations.

The speaker is a trustee and advisor of one of the largest eye banks in India and a Cornea surgeon with 35 years experience in performing corneal transplants using donated eyes.



# SPEAKER INFO



## PDG DR REKHA SHETTY

**Rotary Club of Madras Temple City, India, District 3230**

PDG Dr. Rekha Shetty is an author, an entrepreneur and an original thinker in Management and the Social Sciences. She is the Managing Director of Farstar Distribution Network Ltd., which consults for blue chip companies in India and South East Asia in creativity and innovation for the last 23 years. She is the founder of the well-known Mindspower brand and is popularly known as the Corporate Doctor.

Twenty one years ago, she was the first woman President of a Rotary Club outside of USA and Canada, Charter President of RC of Madras Temple City, a club with an equal member of women

and men. She won the best conference award in Zone 6 during her Governorship for the District Conference and collected the Award at RI Convention in Buenos Aires. She was the Chairperson of Rotary Action Group For Population and Development (RFPD), the largest action group in Rotary (2012-2015). She is the Chairperson of Child Development Committee for Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM).

For the last 11 years she has had many global assignment to improve vision and eradicate avoidable blindness is her goal and she has been Avoidable Blindness Advisor to Health Concerns Task Force of Rotary International. She was a Director of Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (WASRAG). She has been involved in water resources, part of sustainable development and was Zone 6 Coordinator for the Rotary year 2007-11.

## TALK DESCRIPTION

### ZERO AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

Childhood blindness is the second largest cause of blind-person years, following cataract. Globally, approximately 70 million blind person years are caused by childhood blindness. There are about 1.4 million blind children worldwide.

One of the greatest challenges facing the developing world today is childhood blindness. According to a WHO estimate, 73% of the 1.4 million blind children in the world live in the low income countries.

Approximately 500 000 children become blind every year – approximately one year minute – and about half of them die within one or two years of becoming blind.

Recent research on the economic cost of blindness indicates that blindness costs the community billions of dollars in lost productivity, caring for blind people, rehabilitation and special education.

Approximately one-third of this cost is thought to be incurred by blindness in children.

The eyes of a child straight from the hands of God, shine with the purity and splendour of the Creator. Imagine an innocent child going blind, one every minute, because of neglect, or ignorance, because his parents do not have a few cents to save his sight.

According to WHO estimates out of 1.4 million blind children over 50% are blind due to preventable and curable causes.



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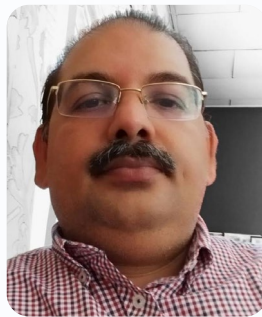
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