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## World Polio Day



**Today's Programme:**  
**New Regulations on property ownership in Spore**  
By PP John Ng

**Last Week :**  
**President Dr S Sivamoorthy on Budget 2011**

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### My Fellow Rotarians

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

November is Rotary Foundation month and I take the opportunity to encourage all members to donate at least one PHF to the Polio Plus Fund and also donate to the Annual Program Fund (EREY). Every Rotarian Year (EREY) is doing good in the world, namely:-

- Prosthetic limbs for land mines victims in Cambodia
- Farm fresh food for orphanages in Romania.
- Clean water for children in the Dominican Republic
- Braille Typewriter for blind students in Nicaragua

It is encouraging to note that our club has exceeded its target goal for EREY. Thanks to AG Ng Yew Mun. The enthusiasm and excitement is rising for the KL—Singapore Walk for Polio Plus Challenge. PP Leong Chee Woh is working towards 50 PHF's and all members are doing their contribution. PDG Ir John Cheah has confirmed 4 PHF's for Polio Plus... Syabas

Month of November is also a festive month with Deepavali coming up in 5th November. My wife and I would like to invite all Rotarians and their spouses for a dinner at my residence No.6 Jalan Juara Off Jalan Mariamah, 80100 Johor Bahru on the 9th November 2010.

Wish all Hindu members and friends a Happy Deepavali.

*Building Communities and Bridging Continents*

**Yours in Rotary.**

**DR. S. SIVAMOORTHY**

**PRESIDENT 2010 / 2011**

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### Pushing through Economic Transformation to achieve Vision 2020.

Four key strategies

- Reinvigorating private investment especially in the National Key Economic Areas under the ETP.
- Intensify human capital development
- Enhance quality of life for Rakyat
- Strengthen public service delivery

### Breakdown of Budget

Total allocation—RM212 billion

Operating Expenditure RM162.8 billion

- RM45.6 billion is emoluments
- RM28.2 billion is for supplies and services
- RM86.2 billion is for fixed charges and grants
- RM1.4billion for purchases of assets

### Development Expenditure RM49.2 billion

- RM28.3 billion to economic sector
- RM15.5 billion to social sector

### Roadmap to Vision 2020

- One Malaysia Concept
- Grand Transformation Plan (GTP)
- Identify 6 National Key Result Area (NKRA's)
- New Economic Model (NEM)
- High Income Status—Vision 2020.

### Hard Economic Truths

- Private Sector participation as engine of growth dwindled to below 10% of GDP from 30% of GDP at its highest.
- Outflow of capital RM117 billion in 2008 and RM54billion in 6 months in 2009.
- Foreign Labor Dependency—1.91 million legal foreign workers and 2 million illegal workers (38% of the total workforce). Moreover, 75% Malaysia's workforce is low skilled. And the Remittance account for 1.5%GDP

From the treasurer: TICKKIE BOTTLE:

COLLECTION ON 26 OCTOBER 2010 :

Tikkie Bottle : RM84.50

Happy Fund : - Nil -

Totaling : RM1378.50 (Tikkie Bottle)

**QUOTE:** For us to succeed, all we need to do is to focus our best efforts on doing what Rotarians are passionate about and what Rotarians are the best in the world at doing, which is *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*

*RI President 2010/2011  
Ray Klingensmith*

**FROM THE ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN PP FRANCIS LIP :-  
AS AT 26 OCTOBER 2010**

Membership	<b>58</b>
Excused	7
Effective	51
Present	<b>35</b>
Percentage	<b>68.63%</b>

## MEMBERS CELEBRATE

OCTOBER		Wedding	Induction
Name	Birthday	Anniversary	Anniversary
Mark Chang		1	
Lee Kim Tiong		4	2
Ng Swee Poh		29	4
Lim Hock Teck	4		
Richie Chiam		5	
Freddie Long			7
Chua Tze-Wei			7
Ng Yew Mun	17		
Chua Kean Nam	22		
Teo Shiok Fu		23	
Liang Teh Hai	30		
Lee Chin Leong	16	17	

## Absent Rotarians On 26 October 2010

1. PP Chang Teck Mark (Excused)
2. PP Dato Francis Ng (Excused)
3. PP Dr. K.N Singh (Excused)
4. PP Dato Singaraveloo (Excused)
5. PP Jit Sehgal (Excused)
6. PP Dato Khutubul Zaman Bukhari
7. PP Lim Kay Hua
8. PP Roland Choong
9. PDG Lim Hock Teck
10. PP Dato Ir Mokkam Singh
11. PP Dev Chellam
12. PP Jit Sehgal
13. PP Dr Roland Lim
14. PP Hj Mohd Noh Ibrahim
15. PP S Shanmugam
16. PHF Tan Chee Seng
17. PP Chua Kean Num
18. PHF Francis J Gopal
19. FSM Lee Soo Tong
20. Rtn S Elendran
21. PHF Freddie Lee
22. PP Chia Hsien Wen
23. Rtn Chua Tze Wei
24. Rtn Sukvinderpal Singh Dhillon

Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy their club's fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Rotarians,  
The series of END POLIO NOW releases begin today. More END POLIO NOW releases will follow in the next few weeks.

Remember we have set a target of 50 PHFs to raise for the US\$200 Million Challenge. We can do it if everyone plays his part.

Thanks and best regards  
Chee Woh  
Member (PolioPlus) Club Rotary Foundation Committee.

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World Interact week 01st to 07th November 2010 is spelt out in District Directory 2010-2011, Page 100:

We are hoping Interactors apart from JB can join the Family of Rotary Art Competition for children of Rotarians (Category A) and with Interactors in Category B.

We hope the various Rotary Club's Advisors can assist in encouraging more to participate in next Sunday's event.

The organizing committee had managed to get sponsors for trophies and various prizes including cash prizes for Category B—seniors! The program is as the following below:

**Program:**

1000h to 1100h : Registration  
1100h to 1130h : Laughing Yoga and Balloon Sculpturing by Clowns

1130h : Welcoming Speech (Club President) and Opening Speech (PDG Tay Kim Ann—Advisor for Family of Rotary)  
1100h to 1400h : Art Competition  
1400h to 1500h : Judging 3 (2Rotary Spouses +1) and Prize Giving (Asst Governor GRP5)

Have a great weekend. And wishing our Hindu Rotarians a very happy Deepavali on 5th November 2010!

Yours in Rotary,  
Bella Khor  
Chairman: Family of Rotary D3310.

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Dear Rotarians  
The itinerary is attached. There are 2 options for walking on Thursday 29th December, whichever suits you:  
1. Good Hope Hotel, Scudai to Tune Hotel, JB—Distance 11.0km. Starting at 7pm  
2. Tea Garden Hotel, Kulai to Tune Hotel, JB—Distance 30.3km. Starting at 330pm

For those preferring Option 2, some training practice is advised between now and then. Having an objective drives up your determination like TO LOSE xxx POUNDS BY 29 DECEMBER.

By the way, have you gathered your 10 or more names?

Best regards,  
Chee Woh.

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Dear Rotarians,

Unfortunately this week we saw two natural disasters—tsunami in Mentawai, west Sumatra on Monday and Mt Merapi volcanic eruption, central Java on Tuesday—happening in our neighbouring Indonesia.

In Sumatra, disaster response officials said bodies were being found on beaches and coastal areas in the Mentawai islands, where the tsunami had washed away entire villages. The death toll has surpassed 500 and many are still missing.

In Java, officials said almost 42,000 people had fled to temporary shelters around the nearby city of Yogyakarta but there were fears for the fate of thousands more who had refused to budge. About 32 people are known killed

Many Rotarians feel for the badly affected victims and the internally displace people.

DG Dr Abraham has agreed to help them out in some relief efforts but only to work with the Indonesian Rotarians since we are close to them.

The Disaster Relief Committee team member PP Andre Suharto will contact PDG Keliek of District 3400 and other Indonesian Rotarians to find out more. We will collaborate with these people. Former Rotarian Budi, on this own, will be visiting Jogjakarta to assess the situation on the 31st October.

We need cash to do the disaster relief work. We will do a fundraising. We will appeal to Rotary clubs, Rotarians and their friends who would like to make a contribution to donate. To kick start the campaign, DG has approved a donation of RM5,000 from the district. We hope the clubs will join hands in this project again to serve humanity. We will use the two district 3310 bank accounts for collection of donations: **CIMB Bank Berhad Tmn Pelangi, Johor**  
**Current Acct No : 01025002043052**  
**Singapore Bank Acct: Maybank Textile Centre Branch.**  
**Current Acct—04210506442**

*Name of Account for both banks:* ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3310

With best wishes—PP Dr Ho, District Disaster Relief Committee Chair

Juan Forster is the godfather of project fairs in Central America. Originally from California, USA, he moved to South America in 1956 while working for California, USA, he moved to South America in 1956 while working for Catholic Relief Services and was transferred to Guatemala in 1969. He's been tackling issues such as food shortages and water scarcity ever since. "Over the years, I never made any progress," he lamented at a dinner to cap off the 2010 Uniendo America Project Fair, held in Antigua, Guatemala, in January. He was joking – he and other Rotarians have completed hundreds of projects in the past decade alone but plenty of work remains.

Foster, a member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala del Este, founded the fair with Karl Stucki of the Rotary Club of Oakland, California who was working on projects in Guatemala. They decided to organize a meeting for Rotarians who were planning to be in the country in January 1994, aiming to provide information about club and district efforts that the visitors might want to partner on. Many clubs weren't carrying out international projects, Forster recalls, "Why? Because they didn't have any idea who to talk to."

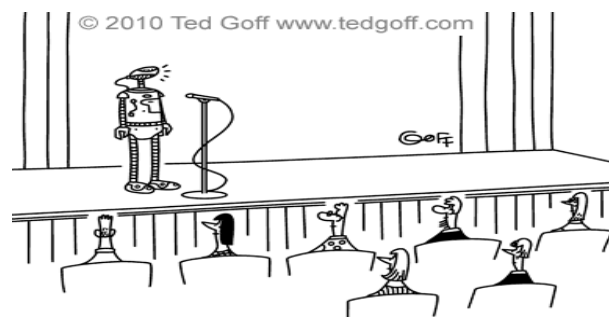
That first year, the fair attracted 30 people from North America and about 100 from Central America. (Uniendo America means "uniting America.") It now draws more than 300 participants and is held in a different location every year. The first project fair took place in Guatemala in January 1994. Since the event started, the number of Rotary Foundation Matching Grants awarded to districts 4240 and 4250, which together cover all of Central America has more than doubled. "Most of the projects in Central America are because of the project fair," says Jorge Aufranc, a member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur and a former regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

This year's event featured projects as varied as solar cookers, ShelterBoxes and soy cows. Participants set up their booths in Casa Santo Domingo, a hotel built amid the ruins of a 16th-century convent that was destroyed in a 1773 earthquake. Also on the agenda were a microcredit conference (the fair was the launching pad for micro-finance programs in Central America) and roundtables on topics such as health, water and education.

Some Uniendo America fairs feature an optional travel component to allow Rotarians to sightsee as well as visit projects. "By mid-January, people are pretty well freezing and looking forward for any excuse to get out of the cold," Forster says. "They can come down and find a little sun and warmth in Central America."

Participants may speak in terms of "buying" and "selling" projects, but the personal connections make all the difference, they say. Alexei Oduber, a member of the Rotary Club of Panama Nordeste, hosted a dinner at his house when the fair was held in Panama several years ago. That evening, he met the Rotarian who would help bring about a US\$25,000 donation for textbooks in all nine of the country's provinces. "And now we're the best of friends," he says. "A lot of these projects develop fellowship that lasts many years."

*This article is featured in the November issue of the Rotarian magazine. By Diana Schoberg*



**"My talk today will be about the accelerating rate of technological change."**

## THIS CLOSE

More than 20 international and regional luminaries have signed on to help Rotary spread the word about polio eradication through billboard and print ads. Rotary International on Facebook.

Rotary is “this close” to achieving its goal of a polio-free world, and a wide array of public figures and celebrities have signed on to help Rotary spread the word.

From Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and action movie star Jackie Chan to golf legend Jack Nicklaus and conservationist Jane Goodall, more than 20 international and regional luminaries with a social conscience are raising their thumbs and forefingers in the “this close” gesture, to appear on billboards and in print ads soon to be seen worldwide.

Television and radio public service announcements also will be available in the coming months.

Rotary clubs can use the ads within their communities to increase awareness of and support for Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge, the ongoing effort to raise \$200 million for polio eradication to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Clubs & Districts are encouraged to customize the “This Close” ads to help promote their own polio fundraising efforts, and to seek donated or discounted placements from their local newspapers, outdoor advertising companies and television and radio stations. The ads complement the polio eradication component of Rotary’s broader Humanity in Motion public image campaign.

The “This Close” ads were introduced at the 2010 International Assembly. Print ads have since run in several publications, including The Rotarian magazine, USA Today, the Chicago Tribune and the Wall Street Journal Asia. Rotarians at the 2010 RI Convention also saw them at Montreal-Trudeau International Airport.

The RI Public Relations Division sought participants who represent a wide range of professions, accomplishments, interests and levels of celebrity. There are figures of international and cross-cultural fame, such as Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan, Nigerian soccer star Nwankwo Kanu, Beninese singer Angélique Kidjo and Korean ballerina Sue Jin Kang.

Perlman, a polio survivor, has been particularly supportive of Rotary’s polio eradication effort. He will perform in his second benefit Concert to End Polio on 7 March with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Center. The first Concert to End Polio was a sold-out event featuring Perlman and members of the New York Philharmonic, who performed at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in December 2009.

