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Friday
12.15 pm.

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Michael Schulz President's Day

No 2491

5 July 2013

Bandid Nijathaworn Anti-corruption Initiative in Thailand



Khun Bandid was very clear about his views concerning corruption in Thailand stating that, "it is a serious problem that needs to be decisively addressed" adding that "failure to address it will have significant long-term consequences for the private sector, for the economy and for the integrity of doing business in Thailand."

However, he cautioned, "given the systemic nature of the problem we have, tackling corruption will require effort and participation from all fronts, be it the government, the public sector, the private sector or society."

Realizing the potential and the important role companies can play in reducing corruption, he helped to launch an important initiative in November 2010 in the form of a Collective Action Coalition of the Private Sector against Corruption (CAC). The coalition is supported by eight key private sector organizations in Thailand including the Thai IOD.

The CAC aim is to maintain the integrity of Thailand as a marketplace for doing business by promoting clean business, transparency and a level-playing field.

To this end, companies that join CAC are committed to a zero tol-

erance policy on corruption in their businesses. However, joining is not a photo opportunity. Once joined, companies have three commitments to deliver.

First, they must publicly announce a policy of zero tolerance on corruption.

The second is to be willing to share experience, internal policies and best practices to foster the promotion of clean business.

Finally, companies must help expand the coalition by inviting trading partners or companies they do business with to join.

To date, 167 companies have joined. Of this, 67 are listed companies and 100 are non-listed.

Finishing with an informative question and answer session, it was clear Khun Bandid's message is a welcome one.



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A picture is worth...



All smiles before the big handover...



Something interesting down there



Rtn Rick, Rtn Mark and PP Nart



VP Ken looking happy the year is almost over..



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George Chacha's Story



peg in a round hole; and as you all know, a square peg will never fit in such a hole.

I lived in Nairobi for all these years. Later I founded an NGO and relocated to my home area, Migori County, Western Kenya.

It was after the 2008 PEV (post election violence) that I fully transformed myself from being a square peg in a round hole to being a square peg in square hole! I received a calling that was to define me.

I attended a Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) victim trauma healing session following the 2008 PEV. The story of a 60-year old woman moved me near to tears. She narrated, *"I had lived with my Luo neighbors for more than 30 years. We fellowshipped in same church, had social activities together, buried our dead together, we would beg salt, sugar kerosene from one another. It was perfect family fabric."*

All hell broke loose after the presidential results were announced. Youth from my neighborhood climbed onto my roof and started ripping off the asbestos and threw a petrol bomb into the roofless house. I called out to them by name, for I knew them all. They had played and grown up with my own children, just like siblings.

Peter, Tom Caleb, why are you doing to this us?"

They retorted back, *"You are not one of us. Count yourself lucky that we didn't kill you. Go back to where you belong, to your people"*.

Ladies and gentlemen, my work on peace focuses on identities and perceptions. The biggest conflict in Kenya is that of identity. Kenyan seems to suffer from a deadly virus; more deadly than HIV and the tropical malaria! The virus afflicting Kenya is human relationship deficiency virus (HRDV), with Kenyans having chosen to be enemies.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, *"Very few of us can do great things, but all of us can do small things with great love!"*

Applying these optimistic words to myself, I say: I may not have the intellectual capability, I may not have the financial capability, my muscles may not be as bulky (which of course they are not), but I have a heart and will be capable of all these.

The West may have played part in Africa's conflict situation (10%) but African governments have contributed to the remaining 90% of the situation due to institutional structures they propagate.

Written by George Chacha, Rotary Peace Scholar

Many years ago, back in the in the village, whenever mama came back from the market, we would run to her and ask, *"What have you brought home mama?"* Always she would extend a basket to us, saying, *"Sweet bananas"*.

In modern days, when our children ask, what should we tell them? Can we say to them, *"chocolate and PEACE?"*

My name is Chacha. Mentioning the name "Chacha" to a Kenyan automatically tells from which part of Kenya I come. I served in the Kenya Air Force for 18 years. All these years, I was like a square



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2491 – 5 July 2013

Happy Birthdays

Frank Crocker	July 5
Henny Beeber	July 7
Rakesh Sodhia	July 7

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rui Belo	July 7
Stephen Cook	July 7
Colin Hastings	July 10
Jon Plate	July 10
Krin Charnmaytesakul	July 11

Attendance for 21 June 2013: 67%

Present 47, Make-up 4, Absent 25, Exemption 28, Total 104

Visiting 21 June 2013

From Local Club

RC Chiangmai West Colin Jarvis

From Abroad

Arthur Winter One RC Chicago, USA

Invited Guests

George Chacha
Rudy van de Hoeven
PP Sean Brady
Sievert Larson

Introduced by

AG Andrew MacPherson
DG Alex Mavro
PP Don Lavoie
Adrian Topham

Recent Makeups

RC CPH, 29/05/13: Poul Weber
RC Bangkok Banglumphu, 19/06/13: PP Koichiro Ishihira
RC CPH, 19/06/13: Poul Weber
E-Club of 3310, 26/06/13: Peter Williams
RC Bangkok, 27/06/13: Douglas Riach, IPP Mark Butters

Make-up Credits

TRF, 13/06/13: AG Andrew MacPherson, Dana Caron, Jon Plate, Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Krit Wongsangarunsri, Manu Mekdhanasarn, PP Ole D Madsen, Rakesh Sodhia, Rod Vergara, Rui Belo, PP Vichai Tantratitvud, Yod Tantianunanont, Yongyuth Tirachaimongkol



Club Calendar

Friday, 12 July
TBA

Friday, 19 July
Emma Potchapornku
Southern Conflict

Friday, 26 July
Songkran Grachanetre
Why the Democrat's Fail

Friday, 2 August
PP Graham Brain
Life After Rotary

Friday, 9 August
Club Birthday

For Bangkok South Events

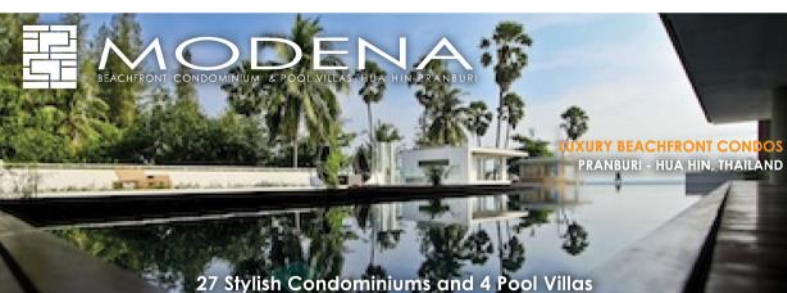
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calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)

Board, 17/06/13: Chip Bowness, Dana Edward Caron, Dean Outerson, Douglas Riach, Jon Plate, Krin Charnmaytesakul, PE Michael Schulz, Morgan Perkins, P Nick Pisalyaput, Vince Shueh

Handover Medical Equipment in Kallasin, 20/06/13: Douglas Riach, P Nick Pisalyaput

Duck Race at Mae Fah Luang Foundation, 25/06/13: Dean Outerson, Douglas Riach, P Nick Pisalyaput

Library Kits Handover at Amnuay Silpa, 26/06/13: PP Burin Kantabutra, Douglas Riach, P Nick Pisalyaput, Tim Cornwall



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