



# SOUTH WIND

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH



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### Kripa Krishnan

#### Current uses of Cellular Therapy in Cosmetic and Medical Applications How You Can Enjoy the Benefits of Stem Cells from Your Own Fat

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#### Emerging Asia as a Source of Global Capital Rotarian Richard Smith

**R**ichard is head of corporate finance for Tractus Asia and he gave us a presentation on Emerging Asia as a Source of Global Capital.

Firstly, 52% of the World's population lives within five hours flying from Hong Kong. The projected average wealth increase for the Americas and Europe/Middle East is around 6-8%, whereas Asia is growing by 18% which is three times the pace of the Americas to which we previously looked to sustain the global markets. Singapore is expected to overtake Switzerland next year as the number one global wealth and asset management center.

Overseas investment by Asian countries is not new but has in-



creased considerably in the last 12 years. In 2005, Thailand investment was less than US\$1B, but had increased very rapidly to US\$7B by end of 2011. Indonesia also has increased rapidly and is now USD 9B. Korea has increased its overseas investments from USD 5B in 2005 to USD 20B today.

Japan's overseas investments increased from USD 40B in 2005 to peak of USD 130B in 2008, nose-dived after the US financial crisis falling to USD 60B by 2010, but had climbed back up to USD 80 million by the end of 2011.

Malaysian overseas investment in 2004 stood at USD 2B and is now USD 14B. India's overseas

investments increased slowly from less than USD 1B in 2000 to USD 3B by mid-2005. At this point Indian overseas investments have increased steeply to USD 20B and is still rapidly increasing.

Most impressive has been the growth in overseas investment by China from zero in mid-2003 to over USD 60B today. Chinese investments and M&As have increased considerably since the onset of the US banking crisis and continues to grow at a rapid pace.

2030 China and its Asia regional partners will have overtaken the USA as the World's number one economic power-house. The conclusion is that one should make sure to consider this region for sources of finance in the future, rather than the older traditional sources of finance.

Prepared by CP Geoff Carter



# Rotary in Pictures



◀ The beer was cold...



▲ The buffet was brilliant.  
◀ We had almost 100 for lunch!



▲ Rtn Ian with two of the student volunteers we worked with at Mo Chit. Kantiwat Chaleynenek and Nathida Chotechuan



◀ Rotary Peace Scholars

Wisdom Addo  
Megumi Hata  
Ashley Prichard

▶ A new club record for banners in one day.



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# District Assembly Sunday, 27 May 2012

**O**n 27 May, Sunday, District will organize one of the most misnamed events on the Rotary Calendar: "District Assembly."

The name takes some of us back to our school days, when "assemblies" were hours on end of boring school administrators talking down to students un-comfortably stuffed into the gym – as many years could be managed, in order to minimize the number of administrators would repeat.



**W**e also had assemblies during my military training. These were no less boring than the ones in my high school days, yet we young airmen cherished them as a break from the ceaseless mind- and body-numbing pummeling that kept us continually on the brink of total exhaustion.

**S**till others who hear "assembly" are reminded of that most staid of staid organizations, the United Nations, where the General Assembly's 191 member states go out of their way to be obstructive and unhelpful to the collective good with the result that the organization is powerless when it comes to improving the plight of the disadvantaged, the very constituency the U.N. claims to empower.

**O**f course, none of these assemblies bears the slightest resemblance to a District Assembly.

**T**he Rotary context of "assembly" is a reference to assembling – think honing and aligning, as one might the pieces of a model airplane – the club

leadership teams for the coming year. Most Rotarians assume the District Assembly target group to be the incoming leadership, those who will hold board and committee positions. And it is true that we organize the Assembly program around the structure recommended for the average club.

**O**n the other hand, these incoming leaders are already well versed in Rotary – how else did they get their positions in the first place? They may benefit from updating their understanding (rules do change, as does practice, over time) and they most certainly will benefit from exchanging ideas with colleagues from other clubs around the District.

**B**ut to my mind, the Rotarians who stand to gain the most from the District Assembly experience are those who have recently – say over the past six months to two years – joined the Rotary family.

**T**hese "young" Rotarians have just begun to appreciate the Rotary adventure. They are beginning to sense the energy of an organization that is driven by the ideals of international understanding and peace, and they are probably wondering why and how things work the way they do. This puts them in a receptive frame of mind to benefit from the sharing that takes place at District Assembly.

**F**or attendees who are suitably disposed, attending District Assembly can be a revelation. It can even spark the consciousness-raising journey that you will sometimes hear Rotarians refer to, the epiphany that transforms us from Rotary club members... into Rotarians!

**T**here will be a separate celebration in the evening, the Installation of the new District Governor for the Rotary Year beginning 1 July 2012. This year will be historic in that for the first time in the long history of District 3350 the Governor will be a foreigner, our own Alex Mavro.



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### Khun Khob's Club Almanac

No 34378

18 May 2012

#### Wedding Anniversary

PP Maarten Worp

(May 18)

#### Attendance for 11 May 2012: 65%

Present 51, Make-up 3, Absent 29, Exemption 27, Total 110

#### Visiting on 11 May 2012

RC Bangkok, Ido Berger

#### From Abroad

Bill Ingell	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
Clive Bain	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
Diana Talrins	(RC Gisborne, Australia)
Dan Christensen	(RC Nibe, Denmark)
Debbie Singh	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
Denise Trayford	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
D Robert Epstone	(RC Bali Seminyak, Indonesia)
Elly Kenner	(RC Jerusalem, Israel)
Geoffrey Little	(RC North Sydney Sunrise, Australia)
James Patton	(RC Fort Dodge, IA, USA)
Jan Duffy	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
John Chirgwin	(RC Martha's Vineyard, USA)
John Rancourt	(RC Martha's Vineyard, USA)
Karen Ricklefs	(RC Rochester, Minnesota, USA)
Laurie Duffy	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
Leslie Calkins	(RC Lake Wales, FL, USA)
Margarat Bain	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
Martin Talrins	(RC Gisborne, Australia)
Merlin Ricklefs	(RC Rochester, Minnesota, USA)
Michael Trayford	(USA)
Per Dibber	(Bruxelles Vesale, Belgium)
Peter Miskelly	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
Phyllis Calkins	(RC Lake Wales, FL, USA)
Silvio Piccioni	(RC Latina, Italy)
Sue Cassdy	(RC Wanneroo, Australia)
PDG Tom BQS	(RC Holland, MI, USA)
Wendell Christoff	(RC Lowell, MI & Cape Coral, USA)

#### Invited Guests:

Ashley Prichard  
Dian Patton  
Dr. Grady Deal  
Helen Christoff  
Henny Beeber  
James Bradley  
Kantiwat Chaleynenek  
Megumi Hata  
Nathida Chotechuan  
Pamala Rancourt  
Pina Piccioni  
Wisdom Addo  
Yod Tantianunanont

#### Introduced by:

IPP Andrew MacPherson  
Nathan Christoff  
Lee Bedwell  
Nathan Christoff  
PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn  
PP Renato Porzio  
Ian Morris  
IPP Andrew MacPherson  
Ian Morris  
John Rancourt  
PP Renato Porzio  
IPP Andrew MacPherson  
PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn

#### Recent Make-up

RC Bangkok, 3/05/12: PP Koichiro Ishihara, PP Narinder Sachdev

RI Convention, 6-9/05/12: DGE Alex Mavro, P Mark Butters

#### Make-up Credits:

**Admin**, 27/04/12: Dana Caron, Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, Jamie Cumiskey, Junior Shaw, Morgan Perkins

**Rotary Peace Center Class 12 Graduation Ceremony**, 1/05/12: P Mark Butters, DGE Alex Mavro, IPP Andrew MacPherson, Arie Bloed

## Club Calendar

Friday, 25 May 2012 - Luncheon  
TBA

Sunday, 27 May 2012

08:30 to 21:30

#### District Assembly

#### District Governor Installation Dinner

#### DGE Alex Mavro's Night in the Spot Light

#### Impact Convention Center

#### Muang Thong Thani

Friday, 1 June 2012 - Luncheon

Classification Interview

PP Wanit Interviewing PE Nick

Friday, 8 June 2012 - Luncheon

Pol Maj Gen Adis Ngamchitisuksiri

Tourist Police. What do they do?

Friday, 15 June 2012- Luncheon

Dominic Faulder

A Life's Work

Friday, 22 June 2012 - Luncheon

#### Ladies Day

Witch's Tavern

Iron Chef Competition

Saturday, 30 June 2012

#### Dusit Thani Hotel

#### Installation Ball

Friday 6 July - Luncheon

President's Day

P Nick reveals his plans for the year ahead

#### For Bangkok South Events

[rotarybangkoksouth.org/](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/)

[calendar-of-events](#)

**Rotary Peace Center Seminar at Anorma Hotel**, 1/05/12: DGE Alex Mavro, Adrian Topham, Arie Bloed

**RCBS Membership**, 2/05/12 : PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP Vichai Tantrativud, PP Ole Madsen, PP Niti Meyer, PP Andrew MacPherson, Rui Belo, Jon Plate

**Volunteer for RI Convention at BTS/MRT**, 3-9/05/12: Doug Riach, Ian Morris, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall

**Project Planning Meeting with US Clubs**, 7/05/12: P Mark Butters, Dana Caron, Jon Plate, PE Nick Pisalyaput

**Kitchen of the World, RI Convention**, 7/05/12: P Mark Butters, IPP Andrew MacPherson, Chip Bowness, Doug Riach, Jon Plate, Krin Charnmaythesakul, PP Krit Wongsangarunsi, Manu Mekdhanasarn, Narain Suradejvibul, Nathan Christoff, Rui Belo, Stuart Lucani, PP Vichai Tantrativud, Wolfgang Minderjahn

**Program**, 8/05/12: PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Renato Porzio, PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn, IPP Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, Paul Russell, Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul, Rick Smith, Thanakorn Telan



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