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Rotary Club of Beijing

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Opening

President Kevin Fong opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to our guests and fellow members.

Rotarian James Jack led the Four Way Test in both Chinese and English.

Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Urpo Raunio, from RC of Finlandia Hall, Finland

Rtn. Antje Ahrens, from RC of Dortmund Romberg, Germany

Rtn. Helmut Ludwigs, from RC of Dortmund – Hörde, Germany

And visiting guests:

Mr. Graham Brown, guest of Rtn. Curt Bergstrom

Mr. Walter Jansen, guest of Rtn. Gilbert Van Kerckhove

Mr. Svante Lindholm, guest of Rtn. Curt Bergstrom

Mr. Alexander Smola, guest of Rtn. Matthias Kann

Mr. Joe Chang, guest of Rtn. Charles Lagrange

Ms. Ulrike Ellmann, guest of Rtn. Gilbert Van Kerckhove

Mr. Horace Chan, guest of Rtn. Rtn. Henry Wang

Mr. John Russell, guest of Rtn. Charles Lagrange (Speaker)

Happy Money

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Gilbert raised RMB 2720 for The Library Project.

Attendance

Attendance rate was 40%.

Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following clubs:

RC of Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland

RC of Dortmund Romberg, Germany

RC of Dortmund – Hörde, Germany

Reports & Announcements

President Kevin shortly introduced Rtn. Barry Matheson who could not stay for the luncheon but wanted to say hello to our Club. Rtn. Barry is Past Governor of District 2260 (Norway) among many other positions, including in RI.

Ball Committee Chair, Rtn. Arne appealed to members for their generous support to the raffle draws and auction at this year's Ball. For members who would like to contribute, please contact Rtn. Arne for further details.

Communication Director, Rtn. Gilbert requested the co-operation of all members to assist in maintaining the validity of information held on the club's website. As the website is the main communication channel between the club and external parties, all information needs to be maintained up to date.

Speaker's Program

Club Speaker Program Officer, Rtn. Charles introduced today's speaker, Mr. John Russell, the Vice President of Weber Shandwick.

With his rich experience in public relations/communication and previously being posted to various countries, Mr. Russell had a remarkable view and understanding on the changing reputation of China in recent years.

Rtn. Charles thanked Mr. Russell for his interesting and intriguing presentation.

Conclusion

President Kevin Fong closed the meeting with a toast to the visiting clubs, Rotary International, our sister Clubs - the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, Rotary Club of Great Neck, the Rotary Club of Shanghai, the Rotary Club of Del Mar and Interact Club of Dulwich College Beijing.

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