



# Bulletin

## Rotary Club of Beijing

President: Kevin Fong

### Weekly Meeting

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## Opening

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

PE Henry led the Four Way Test in both Chinese and English.

Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Edward Khoo, RC Cheras, Malaysia  
Rtn. Farid Bedwany, RC Calgary Downtown Club, Canada  
Rtn. Helen Boyle, London  
Rtn. Karl Eping, RC Trier, Germany  
Rtn. Raymond Mobrez, RC LA5, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
Rtn Markus Kistler, RC Brugg-Aare-Rhein, Switzerland

And visiting guests:

Mr. Chiang Jun Der, guest of Rtn. Kevin  
Ms. Priscilla Wong, guest of Rtn. Vicky  
Mr. Mee-Wah Tan, guest of Rtn. Kevin  
Ms. Svante Lindholm, guest of Rtn. Curt  
Mr. Scott Silverman, guest of Rtn. Henry  
Ms. Ulrike Ellmann, guest of Rtn. Gilbert  
Ms. Elaine Huang, guest of Rtn. Kevin  
Mr. Robert Mason, guest of Ms. Helen Boyle  
Mr. Scott Pogoda, guest of Rtn. Nicolas  
Ms. Sabrina Frischmann, guest of Rtn. Nicolas  
Mr. Tao Zhu, guest of Rtn. Arne  
Mr. Stefan Girlich, guest of Rtn. Arne

Ms. Michaela Stolz-Schmitz, guest of Rtn. Charles  
Mr. Steven Ong, guest of Rtn. Raymond Mobrez  
Mr. Vivek Arora, (Speaker)

## Happy Money

During today's luncheon, Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Gilbert raised RMB 4610 for Club projects.

## Attendance

Attendance rate was 38%.

## Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following club,  
RC Cheras, Malaysia  
RC Calgary Downtown Club, Canada  
RC LA5, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
RC of Augusta Treverorum, Trier, Germany

## Reports & Announcements

Club Secretary, Rtn. John announced that Nancy Liu had joined the Club as the new Administrator. With a degree in English literature and previous experience as Office Manager for a law firm, she is a welcome addition to the team.

Club Treasurer, Rtn. Stefan announced that on April 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a trip to the Gubeikou School where the Club will make a RMB 15,000 donation. During the visit, there will be a trip to the town of Bulaotun, situated in the mountains behind the Miyun Water Reservoir lake. The meeting point is Starbuck's Café in Pinnacle Plaza at 8:45am. Further details will be sent out by email to all members. Anyone interested in joining the visit should contact Rtn. Stefan.

Rtn. Curt announced that the 2009 Rotary Ball fast approaching and that he is looking for raffle and auction items. Anyone wishing to donate a prize item, should pass details to him.

Rtn. Christoph made a plea for Rotaract members. He is looking for foreign passport holders, aged between 18-30. Anyone interested should contact him.

President Elect Henry announced that incoming RI President John Kenny is planning to come to Beijing August 12-15<sup>th</sup>. He will meet with various government officers, Rotary business partners and visit some of our projects. Further details will follow once the visit has been confirmed.

President Kevin announced that because of time pressure, his report on the outcome of last night's Board meeting will be delayed until next week.

NOTE: Visiting Rotarian Raymond Mabrez made a personal appeal to solicit business from Rotarians and guests. In the interests of the spirit of Rotary, details of this appeal are not recorded.

## Speaker's Program

Rtn. Alan introduced today's speaker, Mr. Vivek Arora, Senior Resident Representative, Beijing for the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Mr. Arora speech was entitled "Global Financial Crisis – China's Economic Situation". Mr. Arora explained that this was his personal view only. He explained that the global financial crisis was affecting both developed and developing countries alike. In China, the impact was showing itself in terms of a slowdown in the economy and the government's response has been to stimulate public demand to replace the fall in private demand. He expects that a recovery in China could start in the second half of 2009.

Speakers Program Coordinator, Rtn, Charles thanked Mr. Arora for his interesting 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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Rtn. Gilbert, PR Director and webmaster.