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Opening

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Charles welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Tougouna Edgard, RC Libre Ville
Rtn. Brawn Egeryerd, RC Ronolstadt Germany
Rtn. Lund Rabbe, RC Oslo Norway
Rtn. Charles Chan, RC Taipo H.K.
Rtn. Mayank Kummar, RC Bombay India

District 9710 GSE team inbound China from Australia:

Rtn. Anton Pemmer, RC Canberra Australia
Ms. Lora Bance, Secondary School Teacher
Ms. Elke Davies, Wine Maker
Mr. Des Gomez, Mechanical Engineer
Mr. Matthew Bryant, Physiotherapist

And visiting guests:

Mr. Nick Cham, guest of Rtn. Gilbert
Mr. Gian-Marc Widmer, guest of Rtn. Gilbert
Mr. Clemens Wang, guest of Rtn. Priscilla
Ms. Amy Lee, guest of Rtn. Priscilla
Mr. Juigen Gebhavdt, guest of Rtn. Ulrike Nieter
Mr. Wolfgang Meyer, guest of Rtn. Ulrike Nieter
Mr. Bernd Eitel, guest of Rtn. Stephan
Mr. Matte Lund, guest of Rtn. Rabbe Lund

Happy Money

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Charles collected a total of RMB 2,577.60 for Club projects.

Attendance

Attendance was 21%

Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following Rotary Clubs:

RC Queanbeyan Inc. Australia
RC Canberra, Australia
RC Berry-Gerringong Inc. Australia
RC Ginninderra, Australia

Reports & Announcements

IPP Kevin introduced Nick Cham, sponsored by PE Gilbert to be initiated into the Club. His classification is Mergers & Acquisitions Taxation.

Nick is married with no children. He anticipates working in Beijing indefinitely.

Nick is a Certified Public Accountant and a Commonwealth Scholar. He holds a master of Law from the University of Leuven in Belgium and a Master of US Taxation from the University of Denver College of Law. He also holds a BBA in Accounting from the University of Massachusetts. He is currently pursuing a PhD in law.

Nick is active in the Beijing business community and is currently a board member of the Benelux Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as the Vice President of the Chicago Jaycees, an organization which is dedicated to working with youth as they develop life skills.

He has also been involved in a number of community service projects including the elderly, homelessness, orphans, abused women and the handicapped.

He comes from a family with past Rotarians including his late grandfather CK Cheung was a prominent member of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, and upon his passing Nick was given his Rotary pin.

Nick would like to participate in Rotary's community service, fundraising, and administration functions, and says he is willing to make immediate contributions to our organization.

The Four Way Test was administered by new members Rtn. Nick Cham in English.

In an effort to set a minimum bid for the Bazaar's silent auction, Bazaar Chairman Rtn. Ruby, solicited bids on two NOKIA mobile N97's, members bid up the price to RMB 4500/each.

RF Director Rtn. Josephine introduced the GSE team from Australia. Team members made a quick self-introduction, but due to the shortage of time they will make their formal presentation at next Tuesday's lunch.

Visiting Rtn. Charles Chan from Rotary Club Taipo, Hong Kong reported the virtual class room has been going very well with Interact club Beijing.

Speaker's Program

Speaker coordinator Rtn. Ulrike Neiter introduced today's speaker, Prof Gebhardt.

Prof Gebhardt gave a high Academic speech about "Reception of Western Thought at Chinese Universities". Prof. Gebhardt is currently teaching social science at Beijing University. He shared his experience of teaching western thoughts to Chinese students.

Rtn. Alan thanked Prof. Gebhardt for his excellent speech.

Conclusion

President-John 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, Interact Club of Dulwich College Beijing and the Rotaract Club of Beijing.

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