

# Hong Kong Rotary Club—A Colorful History of the first 38 years

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Members of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong have been running back and forth for 38 years without catching their breaths. They thought it was time. Pause. So they stopped running for a moment and took a look over their shoulders. The result is a fine, new four-color booklet produced by the Club. The booklet describes not only past Club projects successfully completed but pictorially shows the wonders of the “City of the Fragrant Harbor”. In the first year of the Club members built and equipped a playground for children of Wanchai, a densely populated area of the Island.

Then they built a holiday camp for poor children at a cost of over HK\$123,000. This facility provides housing for 100 children, a large assembly hall, and spacious gardens. Associations and societies of Hong Kong send their children to the camp for a week of fun and games.

A large boat, named Rotaryanne, which the Club bought and equipped, serves as a training center for young fishermen who want to learn to operate and maintain diesel engines. In other fields of education the Club continues to provide several scholarships each year and maintains a student loan fund. In the past the Club has also: built a school for the deaf, helped build an International House for students, constructed and furnished midwives and nurses’ home, donated a mobile medical clinic to their community and a meal-on-wheels vehicle to the poor, paid over HK\$100,000 in cash donations to private and public charities, and ... well, the list is endless.

What do they plan to do now? Well, they’ve just completed a Rotary Youth Center in Fanling which will provide recreation and training facilities for youth of the community; it will house 60 young people. Now that Hong Kong Rotarians have caught their breath, they plan to move on. As Past Club President A. de O. Sales says in the booklet, “May the past serve to inspire Rotarians to do even more.”