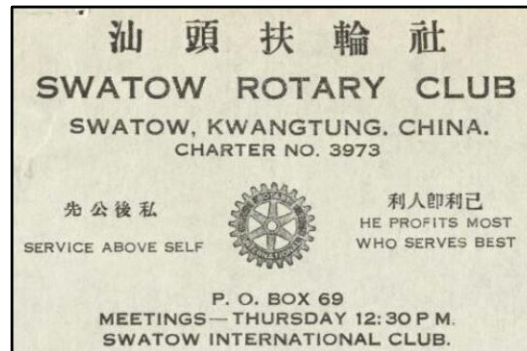


Swatow Rotary Club 汕頭扶輪社

The 2nd Club in the former Kwangtung Province

By Herbert K. Lau (劉敬恒) (Rotary China Historian)

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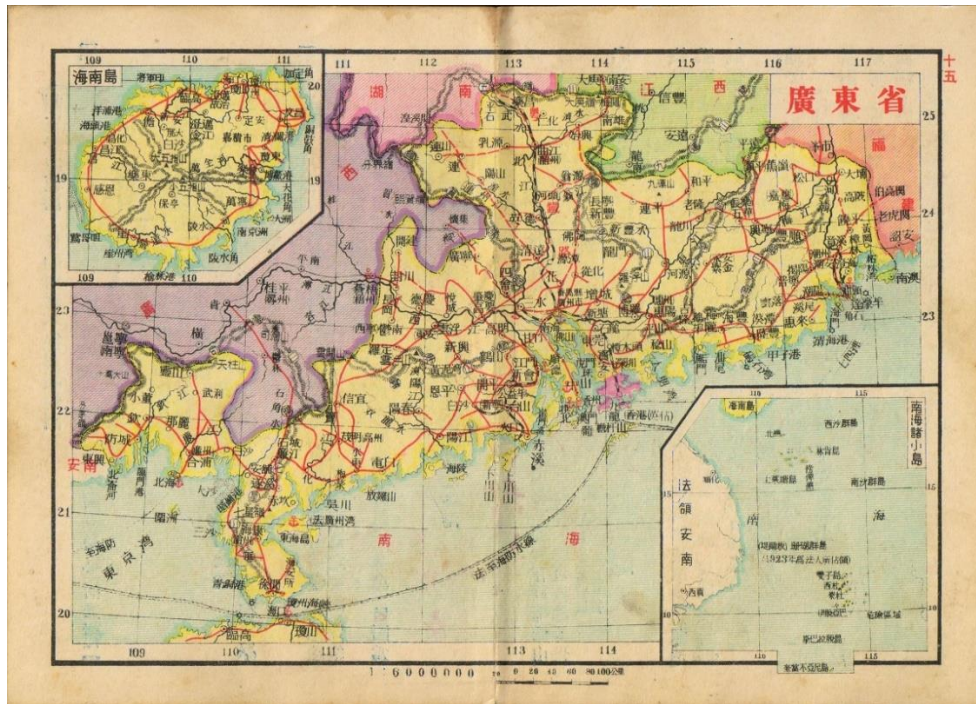


Kwangtung Province (廣東省) or in the modern spelling as “Guangdong Province” was a provincial-level administrative region under the Republic of China (中華民國) jurisdiction in 1911-1949. It was one of the 22 provinces established during the Ch’ing Empire (大清帝國) era. The provincial capital was Kwangchow (廣州), but was commonly called by the foreigners as “Canton” while nowadays the spelling is “Guangzhou”. “Canton” was the name in English given in the 19th Century. “Canton” derived from Portuguese “Cantão” or “Cidade de Cantão”, a muddling of dialectical pronunciations of “Kwangtung”. Although it originally and chiefly applied to the walled city, it was also used in English in reference to the entire province of Kwangtung generally. It was adopted as the Postal Map Romanization of “Kwangchow” and remained in common use until the gradual adoption of *pinyin* “Guangzhou” in 1950s. As an adjective, “Cantonese” is still used in describing the people, language, cuisine and culture.



中華民國廣東省 (1911-1949) 版圖

The provincial map of the Republic of China showing the territory of the Kwangtung Province in 1911-1949



Map of the Kwangtung Province showing the locations of Canton (廣州) and Swatow (汕頭)

Swatow (*Shantou*) (汕頭) locating at the northeastern coast was opened in 1860 for foreigners and became a trading port according to the Treaty of Tientsin (天津條約) signed in June 1858. The Ch'ing Empire signed the Treaty with the opposite parties of the Russian Empire, Second French Empire, British Empire, and the United States of America. People in Swatow speaks their own dialect which is completely different from the Cantonese.

During the 1930s, 2 Rotary clubs were formed in the 2 major international trading ports of Canton and Swatow in South China, since the first Rotary Club of Shanghai (上海扶輪社) was introduced from the United States in July 1919:

- (1) Canton Rotary Club (廣州扶輪社) was admitted to Rotary International on 25 April 1932, Charter No. 3509, but was terminated on 21 December 1950; and
- (2) Swatow Rotary Club (汕頭扶輪社) with Charter No. 3973 conferred on 21 May 1936, but was finally also terminated on 21 December 1950 during the "Campaign to Suppress Bandits in Northern Kwangtung" (鎮壓反革命運動) from September 1950 to January 1951.

Swatow (Shantou) 汕頭

Swatow is today one of the three prefectural-level cities of the Teochew region, the other two being Teochew (*Chaozhou*) (潮州) and Gek-yor (*Jieyang*) (揭陽). Swatow, a city in the northeastern Kwangtung Province, lies on the coast of the South China Sea a short distance west of the mouth of the Han River (韓江), which, with its tributary, the Mei River (梅江), drains most of the eastern Kwangtung. The Han River forms a delta, and Swatow is on an inlet that extends

about 10 miles (16 km) inland on the southwestern part of the delta. The city stands at the narrow seaward end of this inlet, where the delta on the north shore approaches the rocky promontory to the south. The harbour is impeded by a sandbar and is subject to irregular weather and typhoons. In spite of these disadvantages, Swatow is the regional centre and chief port for the eastern part of Kwangtung. The Han River is navigable by shallow-draft boats to Meichow (*Meizhou*) (梅州), some 35 miles (55 km) above Hingning (*Xingning*) (興寧).

Until the 1850s Swatow was a nondescript settlement of only 5,000 people, many being fortune-seekers attracted by a European smuggling post on the islet of Masoo (*Mayu*) (媽嶼). With the aid of willing native agents, the foreigners not only sold opium here, but also carried away thousands of men---mostly victims of clan wars, kidnap, gambling and deception, to work in the sugar plantations on Cuba or the guano pits on the Chincha Islands. Raw anger against the Westerners was contained only by the protection of the corrupt Ch'ing Empire officials.

In 1860, Swatow was opened for foreigners and became a trading port according to the Treaty of Tientsin. Subsequently an American consulate was established in Masoo. The British followed to set up a diplomatic office in Swatow 6 months later. It then developed rapidly into a major port and centre of transportation and commerce. By the 1880s Swatow was no longer just a port, but an emerging industrial centre with factories producing bean-cakes, oil extractions, flour, canned food, milled rice, matchsticks and fabrics, and heavy industry plants for ship-building and iron melting. Foreign missionaries introduced embroidery to Swatow and Teochew, helping a poverty-stricken region and endowing the diaspora with a distinct profession. Delicate, elaborately patterned Swatow embroidery and lace items continue to be popular purchases in Hong Kong, especially among Western tourists. Following connected with electricity and public water supply, as well as by railway to Teochew, light-rail to Changlim (*Zhanglin*) (樟林) and modern ferry services to other major towns, Swatow attained city status in 1919. Swatow thus depended on the Han River and on a reasonably good highway system to give it access to its considerable hinterland, which includes parts of southern Kiangsi (*Jiangxi*) (江西) and southwestern Fukien (*Fujian*) (福建) provinces, as well as eastern Kwangtung. In 1922 a typhoon wrecked the port and killed some 50,000 people. Against the odds, the city recovered almost instantly with the generous support of Teochew natives abroad.

By the beginning of the next decade, Swatow was host to 10 foreign consulates, 2 major hotels, 6 foreign banks and a list of big name trading and petroleum firms---amongst them being British American Tobacco (英美煙草); Jardine Matheson (渣甸洋行); Butterfield & Swire (太古洋行); Brunner, Mond & Melchers (卜內門洋行); Royal Dutch & Asiatic Petroleum (亞細亞火油); Standard Oil (標準石油); Socony-Vacuum Oil (美孚火油公司); and the Texas Co. (德士古火油公司). Stepping up to become an international centre of commerce, it commenced the construction of its first airport in 1929 and it became one of only 9 Chinese cities equipped with automated telephone system in 1932.

Despite the Great Depression overwhelming the rest of the world, Swatow was now in a golden age. Between 1932 and 1937, it trailed only Shanghai and Canton in foreign cargo throughput handled and was China's third busiest port. At the same time financial contributions

from Teochew relations in Southeast Asia continued to pour in. In 1936 the Swatow Post Office handled overseas remittances totaling \$40 million (Chinese National Currency). The money provided livelihood for almost two-thirds of the households in Teochew and supported also a vibrant entrepreneurial culture. Although its population was only 280,000 in 1943, Swatow had 66 business and industry associations and 2,836 companies registered in 1949.

Swatow was also one of the principal ports from which Chinese emigrants went to Southeast Asia. Being the Teochew people's gateway to the world in the early 20th century, it was the port where the Chinese embarked on their migratory journeys. It has been calculated that some 2.5 million emigrants left Swatow in 1880–1909.

During the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937–1945), the port was seriously damaged by Japanese bombardments in 1938. On 21 June 1939, Imperial Japanese troops invaded Swatow. Japanese military authorities occupied Swatow until 15 August 1945. In the Second Civil War, the Chinese Communist Army captured Swatow on 24 October 1949, 23 days after the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國) was proclaimed establishment in Peking (*Beijing*) (北京).



Imperial Japan's Bank of Taiwan, Swatow Branch, established in 1907.





The former Bank of Taiwan building is now the Cultural Museum of Shantou.



Various banknotes issued and circulated in Swatow



Swatow street scenes in the 1920s



Imperial Japan's Consulate in Swatow completed in 1922.



The Swatow General Chamber of Commerce took group portrait on steps in front of the United States Consulate.



Shipping and wharf services in Swatow provided by Butterfield & Swire (太古洋行).



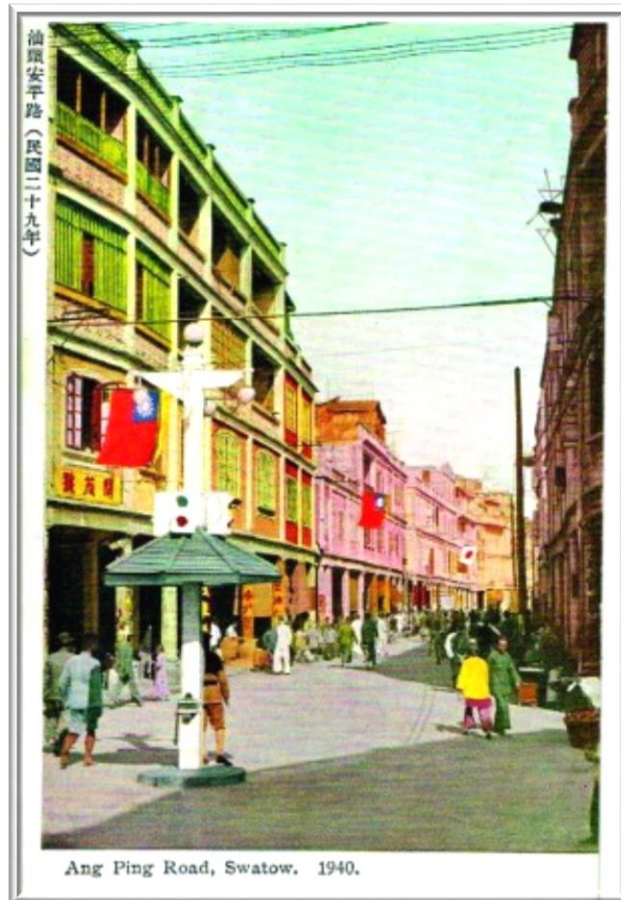
Swatow City Government Office Building completed in 1933.



新加坡胡文虎和胡文豹兄弟於1933年在汕頭所建的「虎標萬金油」永安堂製藥廠舊址。
The Tiger Medical Hall, Eng Aun Tong Swatow Branch (Singapore) in 1933---the largest building in the city.



The commercial business district of Swatow in 1933



Swatow in 1940

Birth of the 14th Rotary Club in China

The first idea of having a new Rotary Club to be formed in Swatow can be dated back to July 1933 after the oriental visit of Honorary General Commissioner James W. Davidson to Kwangtung. The issue has been discussed by the Extension Committee of Rotary International. There was not much progress until October 1934 the Committee Chairman requested “Peter” Ernest F. Harris (Shanghai Rotary Club President 1932-1933), Honorary Commissioner to China, to consider the possibility of organizing Rotary clubs in several cities including Swatow, and to identify the sponsors. However, there was not much progress with Swatow.

Since Swatow is located in Kwangtung, the nearby clubs of Hong Kong, Canton, and Amoy (in the neighbouring Fukien Province) were invited to be “sponsor”. It was August 1935. Rotary clubs in China were still non-districted but a brand new 81st District would be inaugurated two months later on 1 October 1935---compiling the territories of the Republic of China, the British Crown Colony Hong Kong, and The Philippine Islands (United States Protectorate), with only 15 clubs. The first District Governor was Dr. Chengting T. Wang (王正廷博士) of Shanghai Rotary Club, and his first priority of mission was to extend more new clubs in the District.

Progress with Swatow was still quite slow for the vacancy of a suitable person to act as the District Governor’s Special Representative to supervise the new club formation. In October 1935, the record of Canton Rotary Club showed: “Amoy takes a keen interest in the opening of new clubs. They have pushed along the opening of a Club at Swatow. This matter, I understand, has now been entrusted to Hong Kong, thanks to Amoy for a great part. I must say that, Swatow being in Kwangtung and our Looksee having been there long ago and told us upon his return that there was no club. Jim also being a regular visitor, that I felt somewhat sorry that we never took an interest in this. Is it not part of the duty of the Board of Directors, or a certain committee to study the possibility of opening new Rotary clubs, and suggesting same to the District Governor?” But the outcome was not Hong Kong. On 30 October 1935, District Governor Wang wrote to Professor Lancelot Forster (傅士德教授), Hong Kong Rotary Club (香港扶輪社) President: “I appreciate your efforts to get some member of your club to be your special representative in organizing a club in Swatow, although your efforts do not result in finding such a representative. Rotarian E. H. Munson of Foochow Club has finally consented to act as such. He has had a good meeting with the leaders there, and will return to Swatow again in the near future. So the honour of sponsoring Swatow will now go to Foochow.”

Formation of the new Rotary Club in Swatow had then been brought about largely through the good work of Edward Harold Munson (孟遜), YMCA Secretary, of Foochow Rotary Club (福州扶輪社), Fukien Province. Dr. Peter Pan (潘作琴醫生), who had been elected president of this new club, was the most active man in Swatow to cooperate with Munson. Through their joint efforts sufficient number of charter members were secured and an organization meeting was held on 15 March 1936. District Governor Dr. Chengting T. Wang recommended, on 13 April 1936, the election of this Club as a member of Rotary International. With 16 charter members, the Club met on every Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at Swatow International Club (汕頭國際聯歡社)---the clubhouse of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

List of Charter Members (with Classifications)

The Rotary Club of Swatow was admitted to Rotary International on 21 May 1936, Charter No. 3973, and became a member of the 81st District.

- (1) [President] Dr. Peter Pan Tsoh-Chen (潘作琴醫生) (Physician) (T. C. Pan Consulting Office)
- (2) [Vice President] Chang Ching-Hui (張景惠) (Customs Service) (Public Revenue Service 海關)
- (3) [Secretary] Frits George Huygen (霍伊根) (Embroidery Supplies Retailing) (G. E. Huygen & Co. 開健洋行)
- (4) [Treasurer] H. T. Lee (李華材) (Shipping) (Butterfield & Swire 太古洋行)
- (5) [Sergeant-at-Arms] Chia C. Huang (黃家齊) (Railroad Transportation) (Chao-Chow & Swatow Railway Company 潮汕鐵路股份有限公司)
- (6) Ben Louis Baker (馬便磊) (Social Service) (Swatow Christian Institute 汕頭普益社)
- (7) Clifton T. Chang (張智) (Banking) (Kwangtung Provincial Bank, Swatow Branch 廣東省銀行汕頭分行)
- (8) Daniel S. K. Chang (張嵩高) (Education) (English Presbyterian Mission Middle School 私立聿懷中學)
- (9) William C. H. Chen (陳振興) (Life Insurance) (Asia Life Insurance Co. 美商亞洲人壽保險公司)
- (10) Dr. J. C. Hsu (徐仁傑醫生) (Clinics) (J. C. Hsu Clinic)
- (11) Rev. Kenneth G. Hobart (賀播德牧師) (Christianity - Protestantism) (American Baptist Mission 美北浸信會差會)
- (12) Fred Maloof (馬祿孚) (Drawing Work & Embroidery Retailing)
- (13) Pang Shao-Hsien (彭紹賢) (Young Men's Associations) (Young Men's Christian Association 基督教青年會)
- (14) Ernest Henry Scott (司徒爾) (Mission Administration) (English Presbyterian Mission 大英長老會)
- (15) Tam Shau-Wing (譚壽榮) (Postal Service) (Post Office Swatow 汕頭郵務管理局)
- (16) Tong Wen-Fu (唐煥勳) (Salt Revenue Service) (National Government Salt Revenue Department 財政部鹽務稽核所廣東分所汕頭支所)

Message from District Governor Dr. Wang to Charter President Dr. Peter Pan

It is a great pleasure to welcome the Rotary Club of Swatow as a member of Rotary International. May I offer my congratulations, first, to your Club and, secondly, to you for having been elected as its first president. Your Club has the honor of being the third to be admitted to membership in Rotary International from your district, and the one hundred and thirty-second in the whole Rotary world in this Rotary year.

You and your fellow members will enjoy many interesting contacts with Rotarians from other clubs. These I am sure will be a source of mutual inspiration and will give rise to the formation of enduring friendships. The organization of your Rotary Club should keen much to your community and to the individuals who stake up your Club. Rotary is far more than a name,

and it certainly is not an inanimate object. Instead, it is a dynamic organization of individuals, its success or accomplishments depending entirely on the activities of its individual members.

To a large extent you will think of Rotary in terms of your own Rotary Club, your contact with it, and its activities. But I trust you will not overlook the fact that your Club has become another link in a chain of nearly 4,000 Rotary clubs scattered over the face of the earth. In other words, you have affiliated yourself with a world-wide organization.

Invasion and Occupation by Imperial Japan

In the late evening of 7 July 1937, outbreak of the Marco Polo Bridge Incident, also known as the Lugou Bridge Incident (盧溝橋事變/七七事變) in Peiping (北平) (*Beijing*) was used as an excuse by the Imperial Japan to launch full scale aggression to China. Very soon, the Japanese military forces speared down south to Kwangtung. By the end of the year, the Canton Operation (廣州戰役) was to blockade China to prevent it from communicating with the outside world and importing needed arms and materials. Control of Canton and the Pearl River Delta provided a base to make the blockade of the Province more effective by seizing southern China's major port and isolate the international port of the British Crown Colony Hong Kong (英國殖民地香港). Another international trading seaport Swatow was first seriously damaged by bombardments in 1938. On 21 June 1939---the Dragon Boat Festival (端午節) of the year---Imperial Japanese troops invaded Swatow. Within one day, on June 22nd the entire city was captured and occupied, until 15 August 1945 the Japanese Empire was defeated.

Certainly, during the wartime the Rotary Club activity was greatly disturbed and interrupted. Here below are some report excerpts from Swatow Rotary Club to Rotary International Secretariat. On 12 August 1938, Ben Louis Baker, Co-Secretary of Swatow Rotary Club, wrote to Rotary International Secretary Chesley R. Perry:

The delay in getting this check forwarded to you is due to the war conditions. We were severely bombed at the beginning of July. This caused a suspension of our meetings for a while and the temporary removal from Swatow of some of our members, among them our Secretary. ... Following the bombing of this port last September, our Club discontinued meetings for quite a while. Later we get together again, tho not all of our members could return. Meetings kept up, tho alarms were frequent and planes visiting us. The bombings in June and July were much worse than our experience in Sept., but still we were meeting again before end of July, which shows how the morale of our people picked up. We are now going strong, and, as you will note from the list of our members, have added to our numbers despite the horrible time in which we live. Not only we are going, we are doing not a little social service the while, which I will mention elsewhere.

Dated 2 February 1939, Baker wrote:

You will note on the list of members, several are marked 'dropped' (maybe reinstated later). These are members who have left Swatow temporarily on account of war conditions. We are unable to know when they can return; we are not in a position to secure others of the same

classifications to take their places. It has been difficult to keep in touch with these members, some of them, and we are not sure of their desires. So we have dropped their names tentatively from the list; but in the event of their return to Swatow and wish to keep up their Rotary membership, they will be reinstated.

The continuance of war conditions and the recent visits of the Japanese planes keep us in more or less unsettled state. It is difficult to keep our Rotary attendance and spirit. But we are not giving up, and we are hoping for better days ahead in the months before us. We enjoy the reports of Rotary successes in other parts. We wish Rotary International the best year yet during 1939.

Dated 4 August 1939, Baker wrote:

The material which, under date May 28, you sent out for the President- and Secretary-elect of our Club has come to me. I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging your communication; but I am sure you have noted in the papers that our City was occupied on June 21, and that is reason sufficient for a great deal of things unaccomplished that ought to have been done.

Briefly the situation with us is as follows. Swatow was severely bombed over a fairly long period in May and June even before occupation, and the Club found it inadvisable to continue meetings. Most of our members and all of the officers had their businesses, their families and themselves to look after and no one was able to care for the responsibilities of the Club. I was myself ill in a hospital in Hong Kong for 6 weeks of that period. A number of the members left Swatow before occupation. Just now our President, our Treasurer, our Secretary, our Sergeant and a number of members are away, and there will be no return until things take out on a new aspect.

The International Club building where we held our meetings has been occupied, and despite protest and request is still held. The City is dead. Those of our members who are here are finding it requires all their time and strength to look after their own affairs. Even our coming and going is subject to some limitation. Our Vice-President is now our Postmaster, and has to care for his job under the new control, and is not in a position to push Rotary matters. You know the Japanese banned the Rotary as did the Germans. So our Club will not be lovingly looked upon.

Since my own return to Swatow, just a few days ahead of occupation, I have not been able to confer with other members; but I am fairly sure the suspension of meetings in May came before the new elections, so we do not have new officers. For the time those on this letter head will have to be considered our officers until we get where we can begin meetings again. For the present I am unable also to make any payment on our dues. But just as soon as it is practicable to do so will take the matter up with such of our members as remain here. Just now it is getting to be a very real question as to our supply of rice and fuel. And if there comes a shortage, as now threatens, we may have some very hard times here. In normal times Swatow sees tens of thousands of bags of rice, 300 lbs each, imported each month for the local and inland population. None has come in since June 30. And there has been no shipment of exports either. So you can appreciate we are in the midst of terrible times. As I find it feasible I will confer with other members remaining here and we will come to some decision as to what is to be done under

existing circumstances. All will be wanting first to see how things will go here under the new regime before committing themselves, I am sure. Just as soon as I have anything definite to write you will do so. I regret most deeply to have to send such word as this from our Swatow Club. I hope sincerely I can improve on this information shortly, but the future looks dark for us for some time to come. I am glad to say that so far as I have heard none of our Rotarians have suffered personal harm or harm to their families, tho all have suffered terrible disruption of business affairs, disruption that threatens to engulf some of them.

Dated 27 February 1940, Baker wrote:

Our members remaining in Swatow following occupation by the Japanese in June got together, but decided not to attempt regular meetings. There is no International Settlement in Swatow so we are directly under the authority of the 'powers that be'. This is of especial significance to our Chinese members, who might easily be subject to very much undesired attention on the part of those who are none too fond of Rotary. Hence the decision not to hold meetings or function as an organization.

After months of waiting, the situation, on the surface at least, seems a bit more favorable. Recently the members of the Club remaining in Swatow got together again, also an informal meeting in the home of one of the members. There are only seven all told, three of them being Chinese. It was felt we might attempt regular meetings if not too frequent and if they were held in the homes of the members. We are going to try every two weeks until we see how things come to pass.

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Mails here are censored and are very uncertain and delayed. We have had no advice from our District Governor since "occupation" of Swatow in June. So I am sending this communication to you direct.

In the September 1941 Issue of 《The ROTARIAN》 magazine, there was such a piece of news:

Hats Off to Swatow, China!

Just a letter, but read between the lines! From the Rotary Club of Swatow, China: "We have at present seven members here ... trying to further the Object of Rotary ... Attempts were made and failed to organize somebody for relief work. Through the tireless effort of two Rotarians, with backing by the rest of our members, an organization called International Relief Association was formed ... A grant of \$60,000 (Chinese currency) was secured from the American Advisory Committee ... All missions put their hands to the pumps and some 30,000 people were benefited.

Communications with the United States were disconnected after the outbreak of the Pacific War on 7 December 1941. In view that the Swatow Rotary Club was not functioning normally, not able to communicate, and also not able to pay the membership dues for the last 7 members, Rotary International decided to terminate on 31 December 1943 the Club's membership.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CHICAGO, 211 West Wacker Drive
ZURICH, 74 Bahnhofstrasse



APPLICATION FROM CLUB

For Membership In
Rotary International

To the Secretary of Rotary International:

This club, having been duly organized on 15th March, 1936, as the Provisional Rotary Club
of Swatow, Kwangtung, China with 16 charter
(State, Province, etc.)

members, each representing a different classification, of whom a roster list is hereto attached, now applies
for membership in

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International, hereby ratified
by this club, and the following

understandings and agreements:

1. As our constitution, we have adopted the standard club constitution prescribed by Rotary International. This club understands that the club constitution can be amended only by convention of Rotary International. No change in, or amendment to the by-laws adopted by this club which might conflict with the constitution of the club or with the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International will be made without first submitting the same to the secretary of Rotary International for approval by its board of directors.
2. This club will be bound by any and all amendments to the standard club constitution which may be adopted hereafter (as provided in Article I, Section 3, of the by-laws of Rotary International, and in Article XIII of the constitution of this club).
3. This club will remit payment for its members' subscriptions to THE ROTARIAN as provided for in the club by-laws upon receipt of invoice covering such subscriptions. (An obligation of membership in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland. Elsewhere—voluntary.)
4. NO FURTHER MEMBERS will be elected until this club has received official notice of its election to membership in Rotary International. Thereafter this club will faithfully endeavor to add to its membership at least one and not more than three new members each month during the first year of its existence.
5. This club, as a club, will not become a member of, or assume obligations of membership in any organization other than Rotary International.

And furthermore, in our desire to develop true Rotarians, and a Rotary club that will be a properly functioning unit in Rotary International, this club is hereby pledged to maintain the following

fundamental characteristics of Rotary:

1. The classification principle of membership.
2. Attendance, at least in the required minimum for continuance of membership.
3. Fellowship, in the establishment of intimate and lasting friendships.
4. The use of the club meeting in the making of broader business men—in training men to become more capable of rendering service in their vocations and in the community in which they live.
5. The requirement that members strive for the betterment of their craft, particularly stressing higher business standards and practices.
6. An obligation to do effective but non-duplicative service in their community, state or province and country.
7. Service to humanity.

The following documents required to complete this application are attached hereto:

1. List of charter (founder) members, dated and certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
2. Constitution and by-laws of the club, the adoption of which is certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
3. Check for \$100.00 U. S. Currency, covering the charter fee as provided in Article I, Section 2 of the by-laws of Rotary International.

The present officers are:

Pres. T. C. Pan
V. P. Ching Hui Chang
Sec'y Frits. George Huygen
Treas. H. T. Lee
S. at A. Chia C. Huang

Regular weekly meetings are held:

Day— Thursday
Hour— 12;30 P.M.
Place— Swatow International Club

Complete list of members of the
board of directors:

1. T. C. Pan
Ching Hui Chang
2. Frits. George Huygen
3. H. T. Lee
4. Clifton T. Chang
5. Shao-Hsien Pang
6. Ernest Henry Scott
7. _____

Dated 4th. April 1936, Provisional Rotary Club of Swatow

Attest: [Signature] By [Signature]
Its Secretary Its President

P.O. Box 20 Swatow 1, West Tung I Avenue, Swatow
Postal Address Postal Address

This list shall contain not less than fifteen names nor more than thirty-five, except in cities of more than 100,000, in which case it may contain not more than fifty names.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Forward two copies to the District Governor and retain one for club files.

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THE PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB OF Swatow List Closed 4th. April 1936
(Date)

the Secretary of Rotary International,

Via DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE (or that of Commissioner)

The following have been duly elected to and have accepted charter membership in this club and have paid all required fees and dues for the current period.

NOTE: Classification given charter member must describe service rendered by his firm. More than one member from the same firm is not permitted on charter list. Only after the club has been officially elected to membership in R. I. can it admit additional active members. Every question must be answered.

Name of member	1) Ben Louis Baker	5) Wm. C. H. Chen (Bill)
Name of firm	Swatow Christian Institute	Asia Life Ins. Co.
Executive position	Assistant Manager	District Manager
Club classification	Social Service (4)	Life Insurance (40)
Business address	Swatow Christian Institute	8, Ngnan Heng Hong
Residence address	Chang Leng, Swatow.	As above.
Name of member	2) Ching Hui Chang	6) J. C. Hsu
Name of firm	Customs Service	J. C. Hsu Clinic.
Executive position	Superintendent of Customs	Superintendent
Club classification	Public Revenue Service (32)	Clinic Superintendent of Clinic (38)
Business address	Superintendent's Office, Customs.	1, Guan Heng Lane,
Residence address	As above.	16, Tong Ma Road,
Name of member	3) Clifton T. Chang "Chif"	7) Kenneth G. Hobart
Name of firm	'tung Prov. Bank, Swatow Branch.	American Baptist Mission
Executive position	Manager	Officer.
Club classification	Finance - Banking (23)	Religion - Protestantism (66)
Business address	Kwangtung Prov. Bank, Swatow.	Kakchieh, Swatow.
Residence address	8, Haipong Road.	As above.
Name of member	4) Daniel S. K. Chang	8) Chia C. Huang
Name of firm	E. P. Mission Middle School,	Chao-Chow & Swatow Ry. Co.,
Executive position	Dean & Teacher	Chief Engineer & Manager
Club classification	Education - middle school (19)	Civil Engineer
Business address	E. P. Mission Middle School	Railroad Transportation (72)
Residence address	8, Si Tek Road	Chao-Chow & Swatow Ry. Co.
		22, Kwangchow St.,

(Please indicate which members, if any, were formerly members of a Rotary club, and give name of that club.)

List of Charter Members

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The Provisional Rotary Club of Swatow

Name of member	9) Frits. George Huygen	14) Ernest Henry Scott
Name of firm	G.E. Huygen Manager	English Presbyt. Mission Business Manager
Executive position		
Club classification	Embroidery Supplies Retailing (18)	Business Manager Mission Administrator
Business address	P.O. Box 20	E.P. Mission, Swatow (66)
Residence address	5, Ming Wai Hong	As above
Name of member	10) H.T. Lee	15) Tam Shau-wing (S.W. Tam)
Name of firm	Butterfield & Swire	Post Office, Swatow.
Executive position	Chinese Manager	Officer
Club classification	Shipping (73)	Postal Service (14)
Business address	B. & S. Swatow	Post Office
Residence address	33, York Siang Back St.,	As above
Name of member	11) Frtd. Maloof	16) Tong Wen Fu
Name of firm	Frtd. Maloof	National Govt. Salt Reve. Dept.
Executive position	Proprietor	Officer (Chief Collector)
Club classification	Drawing Works & Embroidery Rta (18)	Salt Revenue Dept. Service (32)
Business address	98, Kialat Road,	75, Shang Yet Chieh,
Residence address	As above	5, Tung Yi Tung Hang
Name of member	12) T.C. Pan (PRESIDENT)	17)
Name of firm	T.C. Pan Consulting Office	
Executive position	Proprietor	
Club classification	Physician (49)	
Business address	1, West Tung I Avenue,	
Residence address	As above	
Name of member	13) Shao-Hsien, Pang	18)
Name of firm	Y.M.C.A.	
Executive position	Officer	
Club classification	Young Men's Ass'n. (4)	
Business address	Y.M.C.A.	
Residence address	As above	

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CHICAGO, 211 West Wacker Drive
ZURICH, 74 Bahnhofstrasse

No application for membership in R. I. will be considered unless accompanied by this form duly filled in and signed by the District Governor.

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Recommendation of District Governor

Transmitting Application of Provisional Club for Membership in Rotary International

To the Secretary of Rotary International:

Herewith I transmit the following documents, duly completed and signed, comprising the application of the newly formed Provisional Rotary Club of Swatow, China. for membership in Rotary International.

- 1) Application form
- 2) List of charter members
- 3) Standard club constitution and club by-laws
- 4) Check for \$100 (USA Currency) in favor of Rotary International

This club was organized officially on the 15th day of March 1936.
by* Mr. E. H. Munson with 16 charter members.

The history of the organization of this club is as follows:

This Club has been brought about largely through the good work of Rotarian E. H. Munson of Foochow Club. Dr. Pan, who has been elected president of this newly organized club, was the most active man in Swatow to cooperate with Munson. Through their joint efforts sufficient number of charter members were secured and an organization meeting was held on March 15th, 1936.

I recommend the election of this club as a member of Rotary International.

Respectfully submitted,

April 13, 6
1936

Signed

Cheng T. Wang
Governor, District No. 81st.

*Insert name of the district governor or other Rotarian who represented Rotary International at the official organization meeting.

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NOTICE *of* ELECTION *to* MEMBERSHIP
in ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
of the
ROTARY CLUB *of* SWATOW (KWANGTUNG), CHINA (DIST. NO. 81)

as of

(date) May 21, 1936.

C.R.P.

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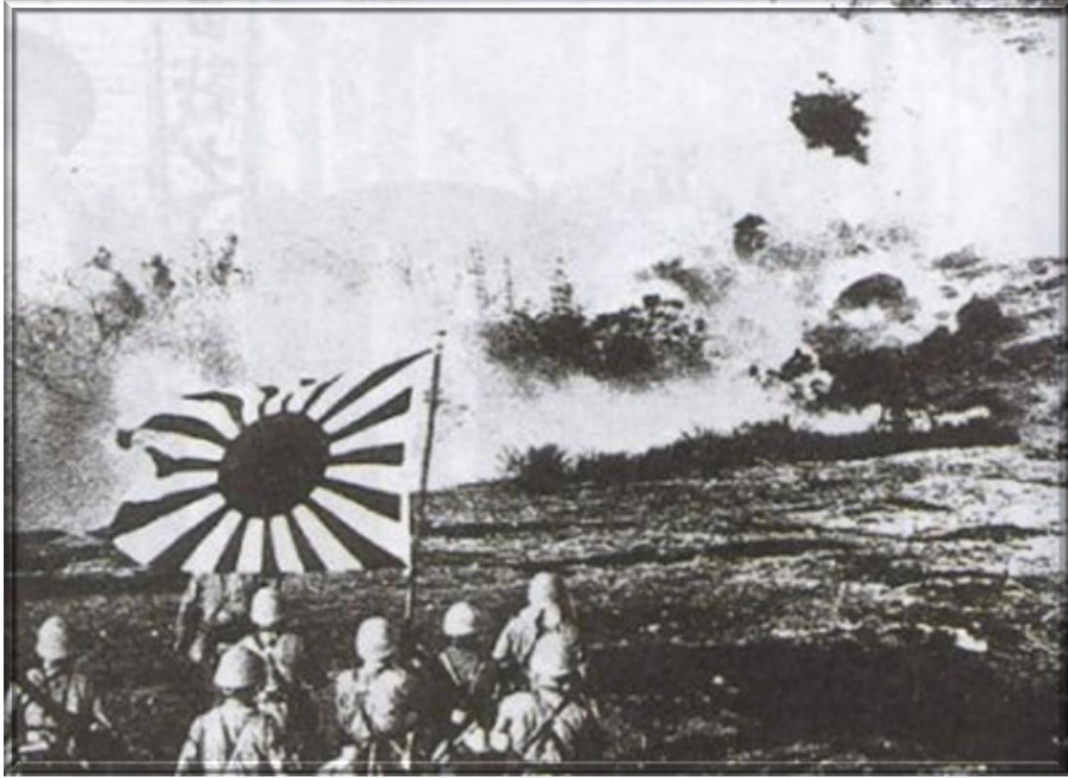
May 21, 1936

Date

The charter number assigned to this club by EX is:

Charter No. 3973

A.Y.H.



During the Imperial Japan's occupation in 1940, many buildings in Swatow had air raid defense nets on their rooftops. The building on the right was the Nansheng Company 南生公司 (department store) in the downtown.

Re-organization after the World War II and Finale

After the War Victory and the Fall of the Japanese Empire in August 1945, District 96-97-98 Governor Dr. Chengting T. Wang (王正廷博士) wrote on his Governor's Monthly Letter dated 15 April 1947:

From information on hand I am glad to be able to announce that definite steps are being taken to revive our Hangchow, Swatow and Wuchang clubs. I am still awaiting words from Hong Kong regarding Amoy and from Nanking about Wuhu. I am sure I will be able to make an announcement on the last-mentioned two clubs in my next letter. In spite of frequent enquiries I have not been able to get any news about Changsha in Hunan, Kweilin in Kwangsi and Kaifeng in Honan. I will deeply appreciate to hear from Rotarians in any club who are able to give me a lead in contacting old Rotarians in those three places.

In June 1947, former Rotarians of Swatow Rotary Club put effort to re-organize the Club. With 15 members, Swatow Rotary Club was re-admitted to Rotary International on 7 November 1947. Former Charter President Dr. Peter Pan served again as the Club President.

Notable Rotary progress was indicated for the various Districts in China, if the Annual Conference of the 96th District held in the spring 1948 in Hong Kong could be used as measuring sticks. District Governor Dr. Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬醫生), of Hong Kong Rotary Club, reported the largest attendance in history, with the Wuchow Rotary Club (梧州扶輪社) sending half of its members, and the newly re-established Rotary Club of Swatow being represented by nearly one-third of its membership. Every Club in the District agreed to undertake the organization of a new Club during the next year. Unfortunately, battle fire went on everywhere in the Chinese Mainland due to Civil War between the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) (中國國民黨) and the Chinese Communist Party (中國共產黨).

In the end period of the Second Civil War, the Chinese Communist Army captured Swatow on 24 October 1949, 23 days after the People's Republic of China was proclaimed establishment in Peking. Without favourable political and social environment, Swatow Rotary Club finally decided to disband and was terminated on 21 December 1950, together with Canton Rotary Club, during the "Campaign to Suppress Bandits in Northern Kwangtung" which was from September 1950 to January 1951. The Campaign was a counter-guerrilla / counterinsurgency military action the Communists fought against the Nationalist guerrilla that was mostly consisted of bandits and nationalist regular troops left behind after the Republic of China central government moved its capital to Taipei of the Taiwan Province (臺灣省臺北).



APPENDIX

To the Secretary of Rotary International:

We, the undersigned president and secretary of the provisional Rotary Club of Swatow, China, are pleased to inform you that on June 30th, 1946, this provisional (date) Rotary club was organized and now seeks admission as a member club of Rotary International.

This club has seen and has adopted or agrees to adopt upon receipt the constitution for a Rotary club prescribed by convention of Rotary International for adoption by all member clubs of Rotary International. The club will adopt by-laws based on the by-laws recommended by Rotary International for a Rotary club, with the understanding that any deviation from the recommended by-laws will not be out of harmony with the provisions of the club constitution or the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International.

The officers of the club are as follows:

	Classification	Address
President: <u>Dr. T.C. Pan</u>	<u>Physician</u>	<u>1 West Tung I Avenue</u>
Vice-President: <u>Mr. Chu Li-chuen</u>	<u>Merchant</u>	<u>127 Wing Wo Street</u>
Secretary: <u>Mr. Ho Pin-chuen</u>	<u>Banker</u>	<u>28 Chu Ping Road</u>
Treasurer: <u>Mr. Yang Chih-yuen</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2 Yung Peng Rd.</u>

Board of Directors:

<u>Rev. Carl M. Capen</u>	<u>Mission Secretary</u>	<u>Kialat, Swatow</u>
<u>Mr. H.K. Lee</u>	<u>Merchant</u>	<u>108 Siang Peng Rd</u>
<u>Mr. K.M. Lee</u>	<u>Brokerage</u>	<u>41 Siang Ping Rd.</u>
<u>Mr. Whang Shien-chi</u>	<u>Shipping</u>	<u>11 Tong Yi Shee Hong</u>
<u>Mr. Wong Chuen-sam</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	<u>Socony Lane</u>
<u>Mr. Y.S. Chang</u>	<u>Embroidery</u>	<u>74A Shang Yeh St.</u>

This club agrees that it will meet once each week, even though it may not be possible to meet for luncheon or dinner. As soon as conditions permit the club will have its meetings in connection with luncheon or dinner.

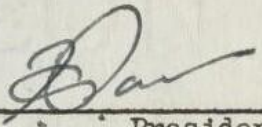
The club agrees that it will adhere strictly to the classification principle of membership and that it will not admit members with classifications which duplicate those of other members of the club. A list of the members of the club, together with their classifications, and business and residence addresses is attached hereto.

If possible we desire that the number assigned to the former Rotary club in this city be assigned to this club.

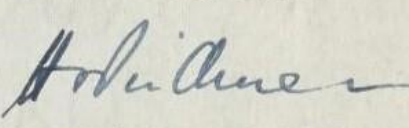
We understand that no charter fee will be required and that per capita tax is to be paid to Rotary International, beginning 1 July, 1946, at a preliminary rate of ~~the equivalent of fifty cents~~ ^{one dollar} U.S. currency per semiannum, to be paid at the current rate of exchange, with the understanding that gradually as economic conditions improve the per capita tax will be increased until the club is paying to Rotary International at the then current rate of exchange per capita tax at the rate established by Rotary International for all Rotary clubs in the world. *U.S. \$2.25 semiannually as*

The club desires to subscribe to "The Rotarian" for all its members; subscription rate \$1.00 U.S. currency per semiannum. (This clause is optional -- please delete if it does not apply.)

The club has ^{did} ~~does not~~ have the charter ^{#3973} issued to the former Rotary club in this city. *THE SAME WAS LOST DURING THE WAR.*



President



Secretary

Swatow, June 30th, 1947.

Date

Regular weekly meetings are held:

Day Thursday

Hour 12.30

Place Swatow Foyer

shall contain not less than
names nor more than thirty-
ve, except in cities of more than
100,000, in which case it may con-
tain not more than fifty names.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Forward original and one
copy to the District Governor.
New club to keep one copy.

RECEIVED Via Air Mail
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THE PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB OF Swatow List Closed 30th June 1947

To the Secretary of Rotary International,

The following have been duly elected to and have accepted charter membership in this club and have paid all required fees and dues for the current period.

NOTE: Classification given each member must describe the principal service rendered to the public by his firm.

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Name of member	1. Rev. Carl M. Capen <i>Religious</i> (16)	5. Mr. H. K. Lee (18)
Club classification	Foreign Missionary <i>Protestantism</i>	Merchant of China Produce
Name of firm	American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	Cheong Long Hong
Executive position	Mission Secretary	Manager
Business address	Swatow Christian Institute	108 Siang Peng Road
Residence address	Kialat, Swatow	1 Siang Peng Road, Swatow
Name of member	2. Mr. Y. S. Chang (18)	6. Mr. K. M. Lee (23)
Club classification	Drawn work & Embroidery	Security Brokerage
Name of firm	Y. S. Chang & Co	Hongkong & Shanghai Bank
Executive position	Manager	Chinese Manager
Business address	3 Sen Tek Lane, Li Ang Road	41 Siang Ping Road
Residence address	74A Shang Y eh Street, Swatow	41 Siang Ping Road, Swatow
Name of member	3. Mr. Chu Li-chuen (19)	7. Mr. S. P. Lee (13)
Club classification	Merchant of General Commodities	Lighterage
Name of firm	Kung Kee & Co.	Lee See Hue Lighter Co.
Executive position	Chairman of Board of Directors	18 Yok Sin Street Manager
Business address	127 Wing Wo Street	18 Yok Sin Street,
Residence address	170 Sheung Yip Street, Swatow	18 Sze Wai Road, Swatow
Name of member	4. Mr. Ho Pin-chuen (23)	8. Mr. T. H. Lim (49)
Club classification	Banking Foreign Exchange	Dentistry
Name of firm	Bank of Communications	Mr. T. H. Lim
Executive position	Manager	Dentist
Business address	28 Chu Ping Road	240 Kialat
Residence address	7 Soony Lane, Swatow	240 Kialat, Swatow

(Please indicate which members, if any, were formerly members of a Rotary club, and give name of that club.)

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The Provisional Rotary Club of Swatow

Name of member	9. Dr. T. C. Pan	14. Mr. Yang Chih-yuen
Club classification	Physician	Government Treasury and Banking
Name of firm	Pan Clinic	Central Bank of China
Executive position	Superintendent	Manager
Business address	1 West Tung I Avenue	2 Yung Peng Road
Residence address	1 West Tung I Avenue, Swatow	2 Yung Peng Road, Swatow
Name of member	10. Mr. H. S. Sim	15. Mr. Y.K.Li
Club classification	Swatow Telephone Administration	Government: Municipal
Name of firm	Swatow Telephone Administration	The Swatow Municipality
Executive position	Superintendent	Counselor
Business address	203 Kialat	Municipal Building, Swatow
Residence address	100 Kialat, Swatow	" " "
Name of member	11. Mr. Philip M. S. Tsai	16.
Club classification	Shipping Coastal	
Name of firm	Poling & Co	
Executive position	Manager	
Business address	Yuen Hing Hong	
Residence address	18 Yuen Hing Hong, Swatow	
Name of member	12. Mr. Wong Chuen-sam	17.
Club classification	Petroleum	
Name of firm	Standard Vacuum Oil Co.	
Executive position	Representative	
Business address	Socony Lane	
Residence address	Socony Lane, Swatow	
Name of member	13. Mr. Whang Shien-chi	18.
Club classification	Shipping Ocean Line	
Name of firm	China Merchants Steam Navigation Co	
Executive position	Manager	
Business address	56 Hwei An Street	
Residence address	11 Tong Yi Shue Hong, Swatow	

Note: Sign and submit the third sheet of this form in EVERY case.

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(Name of club)

NOTICE *of* ADMISSION *to* MEMBERSHIP
in ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
of the

ROTARY CLUB *of* Swatow, China (DIST. NO. 96)

as of

(date) 7 November, 1947

P.C.L.

7 November, 1947

Date

The charter number assigned to this club by AGS is:

Charter No. 3973