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## Kowloon East is first 100% Major Donor Club

**T**HE ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS SCORED A MAJOR MILESTONE that even founder Arch C. Klumph might not have envisioned. “I’m happy to announce tonight that we have our first 100% Major Donor Club: the Rotary Club of Kowloon East in Hong Kong,” said 2006-07 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Luis Giay at the RI Convention’s Major Donor Dinner on 18 June. “Every one of the club’s members – about 40 in all – contributed [US]\$10,000 or more to our Foundation. What an example this club has set in leading the way to help build the future of our Foundation.” Each member’s decision to become a Major Donor reflects the generosity and involvement essential to the Foundation’s purpose, as Klumph put it, “of doing good in the world.” In the Grand Ballroom of the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown Hotel, more than 900 Rotarians and guests attended the Major Donor Dinner. During the ceremony, Giay honored three Kowloon East club members who were present – past club president Albert Poon, 2007-08 District 3450 Governor Peter Wong, and 2006-07 club president Stephen

Yow – along with Past District 3450 Governor Alexander Mak, of the Rotary Club of Kingspark, Hong Kong.

“I’d like to present this special banner and certificate recognizing your impressive achievement,” Giay told the group. “Thank you for your outstanding example, and please share our gratitude with the other members of your club.”

Giay went on to suggest a new feat for the Kowloon East Rotarians: to become the first Rotary club with 100 percent membership in the Arch C. Klumph Society, which honors people who have given at least \$250,000 to the Foundation.

It was Giay, with assistance from Mak, who challenged Kowloon East Rotarians to become Rotary’s first 100% Major Donor Club. On a visit to Hong Kong in February, Giay proposed the goal to honor past club president Solomon Lee for becoming a member of the Arch C. Klumph Society.

It didn’t take long to receive a commitment from the Kowloon East club. By the end of May, all the members had agreed

to become Major Donors.

This isn’t the first time the club has been a leader in generous giving: It was also one of the first 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs. Other accomplishments include a project that supports 120 schools in remote regions of China, as well as efforts that led to one million people being immunized against hepatitis B.

“It’s good to lead by example. We hope other clubs will follow suit,” Mak said just before the ceremony. He added that he was especially proud of the club’s immunization initiatives in China.

“We think this is the best foundation in the world,” said Wong. He added that the club’s members, most of whom have been Rotarians for at least 15 years, trust the Foundation to keep doing exceptional work throughout the world.

By raising the bar on their support, Kowloon East club members have increased the Foundation’s ability to save and change lives through its humanitarian and educational programs.



Major Donors Mak, Wong, Yow, Poon, 2006-07 District 7210 Governor Carole Tjoa, and her husband, Seng.



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The program is available in more than a dozen countries, including Canada and the United States. In addition to helping the Foundation, cardholders may receive member benefits and be eligible for points programs. Get more information at [www.rotary.org/shopping/creditcard.html](http://www.rotary.org/shopping/creditcard.html).

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### FOUNDATION NEWS

## Changes in Foundation leadership

**P**AST RI PRESIDENT **BHICHAJ RATTAKUL** RESIGNED AS CHAIR OF THE Rotary Foundation Trustees on 1 August but will continue to serve as a trustee this year. In keeping with the Foundation Bylaws, Trustee Vice Chair Robert S. Scott, of the Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ont., Canada, will be trustee chair for the remainder of 2007-08. A past RI vice president and director, Scott has served RI and the Foundation in many capacities over the years, most recently on the International PolioPlus Committee, which he will continue to chair. He also succeeded Herbert A. Pigman as volunteer codirector of the highly successful 2002-05 polio eradication fundraising campaign.

Past President Rattakul cited health issues as his reason for “making the very difficult decision” to step down. In assuming the new leadership role, Scott plans to continue the focus on the 2007-08 Foundation goals to eradicate polio, support the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, show that peace is possible through support of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, and reconnect with Foundation alumni.



**Bhichai Rattakul**  
Past RI President