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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROTARACT CLUB OF UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA



Ayubowan!

Dear Rotaractors,

I am so glad to share my thoughts with you all through the first joint bulletin between Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of San Francisco, Philippines. This fellowship between the two clubs grows stronger by collecting memories from Rotaractors from both ends by overcoming the physical barriers and joining hands with the virtual bridge. Ever since the beginning of this friendship, the two clubs have worked together, bringing insightful initiatives. I believe that this joint bulletin will be a great testimony to the relationship that the two clubs maintained.

Rotaract has been the change to the people and influenced the youth community to develop their leadership skills while serving the community. We have seen thousands and one example of how this movement changed the lives of many societies worldwide. Being in one of the most robust youth movements that make the change and impact the lives of others, I believe that as a movement, we redefine the spirits of the lives of all the people around us while spreading positive energy and happiness.

Being one of the leading clubs in the university, We, Rotaract Mora have been fuelling this by creating sustainable communities and sustainable impacts for the last 26 years. This costs so much energy and volunteer hours for our very own Rotaractors. I have seen Rotaractors from both ends work together to bring an impact to the communities and fellow human beings without even considering the physical boundaries through this bond and fellowship. This is the beauty of this movement. Rotaractors from two corners of the world work together for a common goal to create memories and impact through the International Services Avenue of Rotaract.

We hope to have beautiful memories in both physical and virtual spaces in the years to come.

We believe this partnership between two peer Rotaract clubs will bring more insightful projects and knowledge sharing in the future.

Thank you

Rtr. Bimsara Somarathna

President 2021-22

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROTARACT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO



Dear Rotaractors,

As President of the Rotaract Club of San Francisco, I am honored to sign this Twin Club Agreement with the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa. We have envisioned ourselves to be part of something great since our club's inception. Working with the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa is both an accomplishment and an honor.

This agreement represents a significant accomplishment for us as a club because we have included ourselves in being connected internationally and working together to increase the impact of Rotaract. It is also an honor to have worked with a Rotaract Club that has been around for a while and whose performance has been recognized internationally.

The formation of this twin club relationship demonstrates that our vision has become a reality. This agreement exemplifies Rotaract's motto "Fellowship through Service" and demonstrates how we cross borders for community service. Our club is looking forward to an exciting year ahead as Twin Clubs, working on many projects together and sharing ideas for future community service.

I wish the best of luck in our future endeavors and hope that our friendship will last a lifetime.

Thank you
Rtr. Augustus Nicko T. Bas
President 2021-22
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From the very start, the Rotaract movement has been flourishing under the banner of Service Through Fellowship for decades. Thus, Rotaract aspires to provide members with prospects both to assist the society at large and to establish new ties while extending a helping hand to their brethren beyond geographical boundaries. It is with great joy that we leave these remarks for the Joint Bulletin of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of (name) for the Rotary International Year 2021-22.

The understanding and relationship between our clubs have grown substantially since our Twin Club Agreement was signed. It goes without saying that the adventure we've embarked on promises to provide us with a plethora of fresh experiences and possibilities to pursue. Despite the pandemic running rampant, we have managed to pull off interesting and unique endeavors under the International Service Avenue by sharing commonalities and appreciating differences.

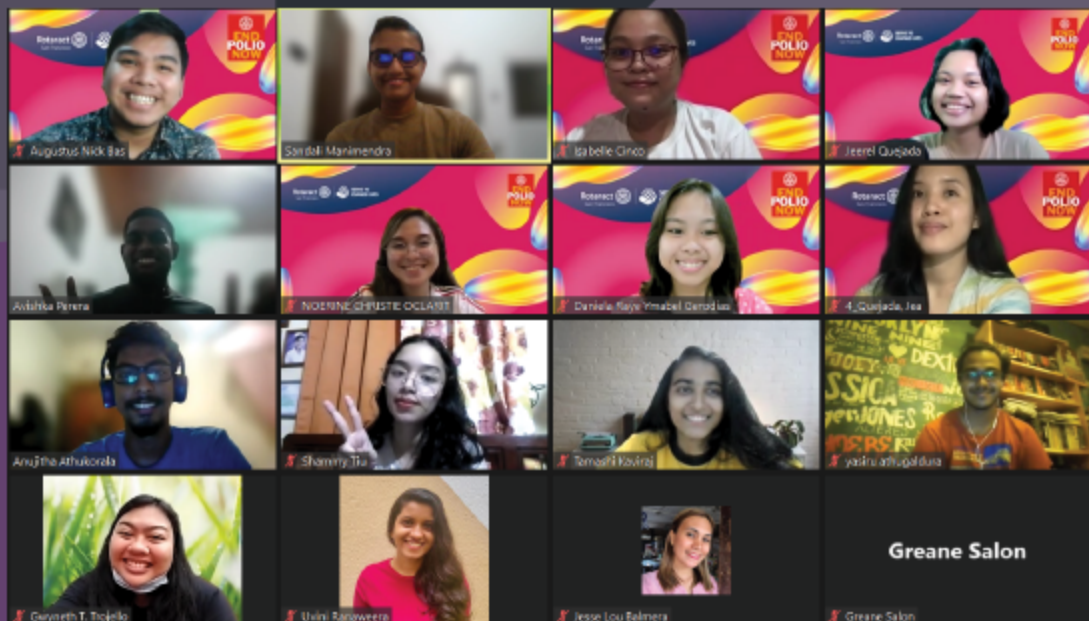
So let's jump right in and see the beginning of a story about two twin clubs striving to make a difference in the world while creating lasting experiences and establishing fraternity through service. So hold on tight! As you go with us, be prepared for a thrilling roller coaster ride!

Happy Reading!
Viva La Rotaract.

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1. FIRST JOINT MEETING >>



- As a result of receiving an invitation from Rotaract Club of San Francisco for a twin club agreement, the first joint meeting was held on December 12th, 2021 as an initiation.
- With reliance on building fresh and solid companionship between the two clubs, the President of Rotaract Club of San Francisco and the President of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Rtr. Nick Bas and Rtr. Bimsara Somarathna respectively then discoursed the gathering.

- Concise presentations on the respective Rotaract Clubs were directed by both of the corresponding Co-Directors of International Services. There Rtr. Shammy Tin of the Rotaract Club of San Francisco briefed on the brand-new initiatives and impending projects.
- Rtr. Avishka Perera of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa briefed on the signature campaigns carried out under the avenues of International Service, Community Service, Club Service, and Professional Development.
- Here an invitation to build the club website was made and as the prime intention of the meeting, discussions carried out to planning were made in relation to the joint project, which was drafted to be commenced.

Rotaract District 3220

- 8000+ Rotaractors
- 75 Active Rotaract Clubs spanning across 8 of 9 administrative provincial in Sri Lanka

Rotaract District Initiatives

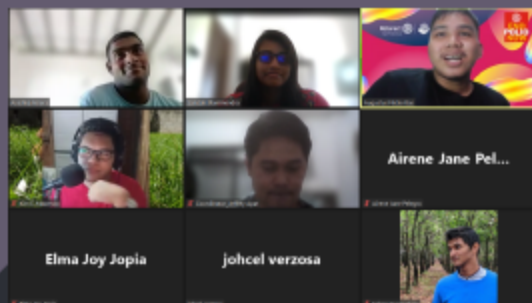
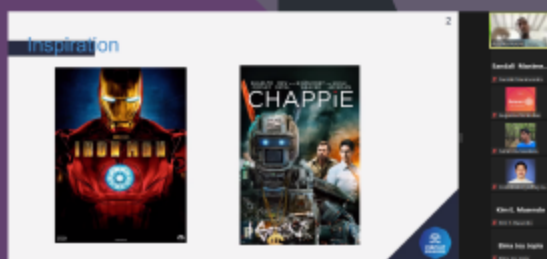
- Yaluwa (World Down Syndrome Day)
- RCL
- TogetherSL
- RYLA

Rotaract Together Rotary RYLA

2. COGNIZANT»

- "Cognizant" is a project that is fixated on delivering knowledge beyond the span of mainstream education, through properly intended interactive sessions.
- Perpetuating on the International Day of Education, this sub-project of the International Services avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa targets on expanding the horizons of students' ideation.

- Sessions on Mathematics, English and Robotics are guided by lecturers, undergraduates and rotaractors in an interactive aspect.



- Enrichment of the sense of education in the society, allocation of knowledge and resources among clubs and advancement of cooperation among international clubs are the objectives of this project.

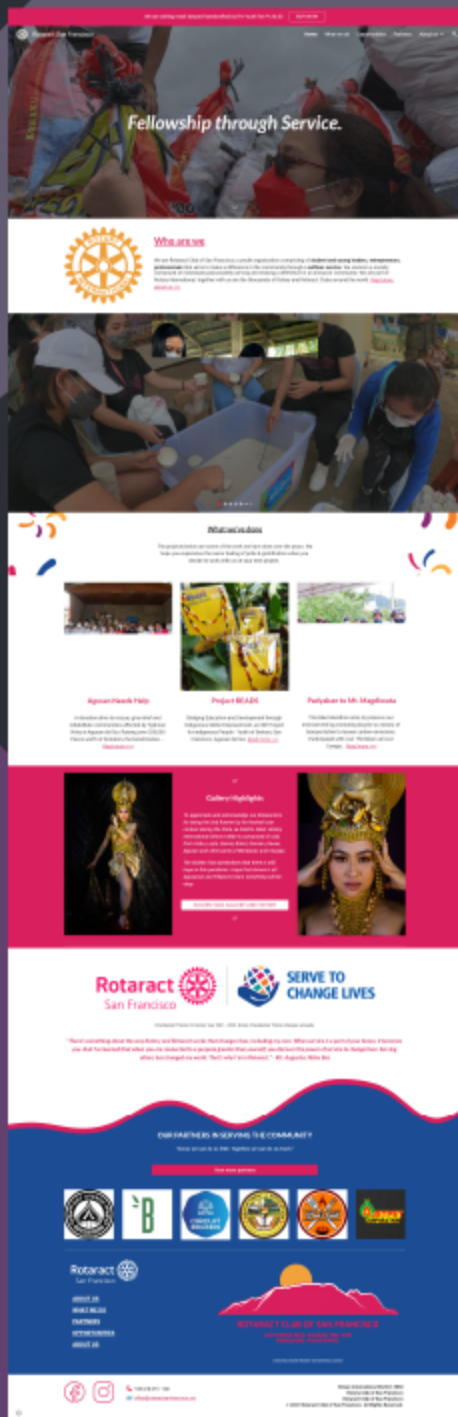


3. IMAHE >>

- Initiated under the international service avenue of the Rotaract club of Moratuwa, the main focus of project IMAHE will be on developing and launching Rotaract web-sites.
- IMAHE will be carried out in two main phases.
 - In the first phase, the Rotaract club of Moratuwa will lend a hand to the Rotaract club of San Francisco in launching their first website.
 - The second phase would focus on organizing a webinar series for other Rotaract clubs in the Philippines region to elevate their knowledge of creating and managing websites.



- Completing the requirements for a Twin Club Agreement, exchanging knowledge and broadening the contact list of the International Service Avenue can be pointed out as the main objectives of the project IMAHE.
- The second phase of the project is expected to be launched in the upcoming rotaract year.

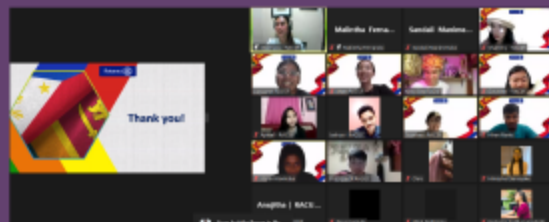


4. CO-MINGLE >>



- "Co-Mingle" is preferably known as an annual cultural exchange schedule held on behalf of the Annual "Pink Agreement" between the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of San Francisco, Philippines.
- Conferences were made on culture-oriented divisions on the expanse of folk poetry, folk dances, cultural festivities, attire, cuisine, nationality, antiquity, etc.

- Rumination on the artistic cultural variance of Sri Lanka and Philippines, propelling of the classical yet exceptional Sri Lankan culture to an international arena and alliance of international clubs can be deemed as the missions of the venture.
- Needless to say, this event was desisted by wavering cultural perception, companionship and partnership between the two nations.



5. TWIN CLUB AGREEMENT »



- With aspirations and promise of building more friendships, the Twin Club Agreement was attested between the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and the Rotaract Club of San Francisco, Philippines.

- No doubt that The Twin Club Agreement paved the way for the socialization of Rotaractors in terms of training and functioning, worldwide, as a one family.

- The two clubs vows to harbor the memories that will be created within the validity period of two years, from 29th April 2022 to 29th April 2024.

- The covenant gave life to perceptive and intermutual dialogues through the projects such as "Co-Mingle" and the "Cognizant" between the two communities.

- As for the primary targets of the Twin Club Agreement,

1. Spotighting the international aspect of Rotaract Service and Friendship.
2. Securing a long-term relationship with another club that will precede ongoing campaigns.
3. Appreciation and perception of another culture and nurture goodwill,

were recognised.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE

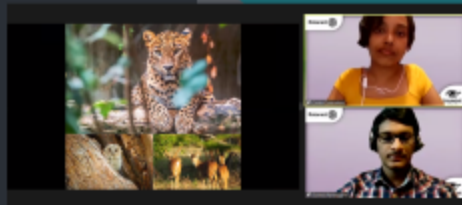
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1.TOUR EYE



- Aspiring to unfurl the onlookers for novel and contemporary travel approaches in the 'new normal', counting to spark an enthusiasm in post-pandemic journeying to diverse havens, "Tour Eye" is yet another remarkable episode organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with Rotaract Clubs of Karachi Creators - Pakistan, Mwenge Catholic University - Tanzania, Pokhara University - Nepal, Plovdiv - Bulgaria and Viman Nagar - India.
- Conducted in commemoration of World Tourism Day 2021, growing and persevering favorable inter-relationships with foreign Rotaract clubs is one of the key intentions of the International Service arm of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa.
- The campaign schemes to accomplish their main missions such as encouragement of post-pandemic traveling to the highlighted countries and thereby advocate tourism in these countries, heartening of traversing new habitudes of international travel in the pandemic, illustration of the masked exquisiteness of each of the advertised countries and lastly on hopes of inception and enhancement in friendships between Rotaractors from distinct countries.



- The "Tour Eye" virtual tour was resolved with bolstering alliance between countries and hopes infixed in all to sojourn the stunning havens physically as soon as the pandemic becomes a thing of the past.

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2. BOON DIGITI



- Boon Digiti was initiated under the International Service avenue as a joint project with the Rotaract club of Mwenge Catholic University, Tanzania.
- The project was launched upon the invitation from the Rotaractors of Mwenge Catholic University to teach them Information Technology prior to their visits to schools in Tanzania.
- Thereby with the knowledge that we shared with them, they will be able to teach the basics and practical skills of Information Technology (IT) for more than 3000 school students of African and South Asian regions with the collaboration of ten Rotaract clubs.
- The organized syllabus for the project was carried out in 4 phases this year.
 - An introduction to computing and MS word
 - MS excel
 - MS PowerPoint
 - MS publisher and windows installation
- They have started teaching students in Tanzania with the knowledge that we shared and the teaching process is to be continued to many other schools.



- Extending the scope of the project we have planned to launch a website and design more courses and publish them as the second phase of the project. This phase also will allow us to share our knowledge with African and South Asian regions and to evaluate the knowledge using questionnaires, assessments, and quizzes published through the website.

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- RMMUN, an acronym for Rotaract Mora Model United Nations, enforced by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, connotes to exhilarate the diplomatic and debating qualifications of the future pioneers of the world.



- There are several sub-projects of RMMUN : Congrego, Colloquium and Covenant Cognizant and UN International Days.

3.RMMUN



- As the largest sub-project driven by RMMUN, Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations (SLRMUN) can be conceded as the signature project of the International Services Avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, that administer real-life experience of MUN to over +150 ambitious delegates and provision of mentoring to its associates
- Committee-wise, this sub-project principally convenes on influencing subjects associated with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), General Assembly 3 (GA3), United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).



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1.WALK FOR PEACE



- The walk for peace commenced the celebration of World Rotaract Week in San Francisco, Agusan del Sur, Philippines participated by several organizations and agencies in the municipality and province. The event aims to promote world peace and friendship through service. Posters for peace were printed and paraded in our community by the different participating organizations.



- The walk aims to raise awareness of world peace by posting banners with messages about peace, friendship, and love in the streets of San Francisco.
- This event aims to promote peace not just in our community but also in the entire world as well.

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2. ROTARAC TOURS



- The RotaracTours project is a project that aims to promote tourism and local business in Agusan del Sur, enriching the economy and tourism and at the same time having fellowship with Rotaractors.



- Rotaractours aims to bring together Rotaractors from all over the Philippines to one place and develop their leadership skills through these trips.
- This is possible through partnerships with local government agencies, local businesses, hotels, resorts and other establishments that can provide resources for this project.



- The project aims to bring together two important elements: first, it will promote tourism by organizing tours; second, it will enrich the bond between Rotaractors, where Rotaract's motto "Fellowship through Service" is fulfilled.

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- Project BEADS: Bridging Education and Development through Indigenous Skills Empowerment aims to provide assistance in the learning of Indigenous Youths especially those residing in Borbon. Borbon is a far-flung Baranggay in the outskirts of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur.
- With the goal of inculcating the concept of sustainability in our projects, and not just mere provision of basic needs, we provided beads for our conduction of skills development training seminars in bead-making for the youths of Borbon. We were able to teach them how to make necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and face mask lanyards. Indigenous people are known for their intricate handicrafts and skills in art-making like bracelets, necklaces, and other useful things and accessories. Hence, all we have to do is to keep the culture alive.
- The handicrafts created by the indigenous youths weekly will be sold by Rotaractors starting December 2021. Proceeds will be used to sustain the project, provide income, and finance the 2 Wifi Broadbands that we installed in their Baranggay. The youths were also provided with pre-loaded sim cards individually for their own internet connection aside from the community-shared WiFis we donated.

3.BEADS



- This project hopes to empower indigenous people to be ready globally in terms of their education.

WORLD'S PEACE DAY

by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

Peace is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence. In a social sense, peace is commonly used to mean a lack of conflict and freedom from fear of violence between individuals or groups.

Why is peace so important you may ask? Conflict guts economies, wrecks societies, and breaks social bonds. It does incredible amounts of damage in ways that make it hard for countries to recover, to grow, and to thrive. Therefore peace is an essential underpinning of development.

The current situation in Sri Lanka and Ukraine, is a prime example to show how crucial peace is to a healthy growth of a country.

Due to the economic crisis blossoming under a reckless thieving management, the entire country is in chaos. The scoundrels in control are sucking the life out of the beautiful island as they have done for many years. As the country is at risk of being driven to a definite demise, the willful citizens have decided to raise their voices defending the voiceless island. These days, the country is facing shortages of gas, medicine, fuel, electricity and so much more leaving the poor citizens in tiring predicaments. These helpless souls have banded together as one ignoring religions, races, and social classes. Citizens are overwhelmed by the rising prices of daily commodities, youths feel lost as all their innocent dreams and hopes are being taken away from them by selfish rulers. Now for them life is fight or die. They're raging inside. As their inner peace is disturbed on a massive scale their hazardous yet justified reactions have threatened the external peace of the country. So we can say the entire country is in external and internal turmoil.

The world's peace day provides globally shared data for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace. Sri Lanka has been fortunate enough to be able to overcome much more hopeless situations in the past. And our sincere hope this year is to bring peace for our citizens and for our beautiful motherland soon.

WORLD'S PEACE DAY

by Rotaract Club of San Francisco

IT IS TIME: As we all know, the world is a very dangerous place right now. Globally, everywhere is a war zone. Wars in Ukraine, in the Philippines, the killing of Lumads, and the assassination of peace advocates, it's clear that we need to fight for peace even harder than ever before.

And this year's World Rotaract Week is an opportunity to do just that!

This year's World Rotaract Week will focus on Peace and Anti-Terrorism. We'll be encouraging everyone, especially young people in our communities, to get involved with activities that celebrate Rotaract's impact on their communities and the world at large. We were able to spread peace and friendship through these activities: a peace walk through town with posters for peace; a candlelight commitment for youth, informal sectors and government agencies to be agents for peace.

We believe that showing our commitment to peace will show others how important it is to them as well. And if we can spread this message globally—and make sure everyone knows what they can do to help make the world safer—then maybe someday we'll live in a world free of war!

That's why World Rotaract Week is so important: it gives us an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate all that we've done to make a difference. This year's theme is "peace" and "anti-terrorism," which speaks volumes about what we need right now: a voice that says "no more."

It's time to stand up for what you believe in!



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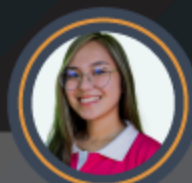
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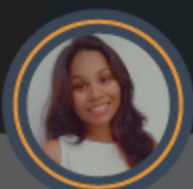
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