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Rotary International 2002-2003

Avoidable Blindness

Task Force
Next to life itself, God's most precious gift is sight - Protect it, Save it, Restore it.

Avoidable Blindness Conference of Asia, Jan. 18-19

Organized by:

- The Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
The Group 7 Clubs of District 3300
Rotavision 2020 (Rotary International Zone 6)

Registration Fee is US \$65 (The Fee covers conference bag, materials, welcome reception and cocktails, 3 tea/coffee breaks, 1 lunch and the Grand Farewell Dinner)

Venue: The Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Here is an opportunity to attend the Avoidable Blindness Conference of Asia on 18-19 January 2002 at the Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. This is being organized because:

- 180 million are visually disabled and 40-45 million of them are blind
About 90% of the world's blind are in developing countries
80% of the world's blindness is avoidable, preventable and treatable
Cataract is responsible for 50% of the world's blindness

Objectives of the Conference

- To create greater awareness of avoidable (preventable) blindness in the

- Asian Region, which currently has reached alarming proportions.
For interaction between Rotarians, Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, professionals, NGOs and others involved in the work of prevention of blindness.
To involve a greater proportion of the public including NGOs, parents, schools and people generally in early detection of eye problems and prevention of blindness.
To consensually evolve common strategies, methods and measures in the battle against Avoidable Blindness.

This Rotary Initiative in association with WHO, will ensure that avoidable blindness is tackled. The hotel rates are shown in the Registration Form (page *** of this newsletter). Please be there because:

Next to life itself, God's most precious gift is sight-protect it, save it and restore it.

Please make it a point to attend and be part of this brigade to take the blind from Darkness to Light.

Yours in Rotary,
PDG REKHA SHETTY
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www.rotarytaskforces.org/avoidable_blindness

Registration Form

AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS CONFERENCE OF ASIA

18 - 19th January 2003 • Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Please register me

Name : _____ Rotary Name : _____
 Rotary Club of : _____ Designation : _____
 Company : _____
 Address : _____
 Tel No (Office) : _____ Tel No (House) : _____
 Fax No : _____ Email : _____

Please also register

Name	Rotary Club of	Designation	Registration Fee (USD 65 / RM 250 per person)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
TOTAL :			

Hotel booking

Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Category	Daily Rate Per Room	Total No of Room(s)
Deluxe Room Renaissance Wing	RM 228++ per room per night	
Superior Room New World Wing	RM 188++ per room per night	

	Date	Time	Flight No	Hotel Deposits USD / RM	
Arrival					
Departure					

**Deposits are at one night's room rate
 *Rates are subject to 10% Service Charge & Current Tax
 Rates are inclusive of one breakfast

Payment

Enclosed is Bank Draft / Cheque No: _____ for USD / RM : _____ payable to **"The Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital-ABC Account"**

Please debit the sum of USD/RM : _____ from my VISA / Master Card.

Credit Card No :

Expiry Date : _____ Cardholder's Signature : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Please return this Registration Form together with the payment to:
The Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital
Lorong Utara B, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor DE, Malaysia.
P.O. Box 514, Jalan Sultan Post Office, 46760 Petaling Jaya, Selangor DE, Malaysia.
 Tel: 603 - 7956 1511 (9 Hunting Lines) Tel: 603 - 7954 9627 (Hotline) Fax: 603 - 7957 6128
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Rotary Gift of Sight—Kenya 2003

Article from the Nairobi Presidential Conference home page at:

<http://www.rotarynairobi.org/conference2003/index.htm>

This article was kindly contributed by Todd Lindley, DDS Rotary Gift of Sight - Kenya 2003 Grantwriter and District Foundation Chairman, District 6060 Eastern Missouri, USA

The host committee for the RI Presidential Conference hoped to have a major humanitarian service project to carry out around the time of Rotary International Bichai Rattakul's Presidential Conference in February 2003. Through contacts formed via Rotary's Avoidable Blindness Task Force a committee was formed and contacts were made to perform some IntraOcular Lens Implantation eye surgeries beginning the week before the Conference and then continuing after the conference.

Two local hospitals agreed to work with the host committee and The Rotary Foundation. The PCEA - Kikuyu Eye Clinic and Lion's SightFirst Eye Hospital are providing the locations and management of the medical care for our blind patients. There will be local Kenyan ophthalmologists and also Rotarian ophthalmologists and assistants from the United States and perhaps Denmark and India will be performing the surgeries

A Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation was applied for and approved. There are many international partners who are making this project a reality and played a critical role in bringing eyesight back to 1,000 of our fellow Kenyans.

Rotary Club Project Sponsors:

- Nairobi-Langata, Kenya
- Aars, Denmark
- Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair, Scotland
- Kingsport, Tennessee, USA
- Slidell Northshore, Louisiana, USA

Rotary District Project Sponsors:

- D1440 - Denmark
- D6060 - Eastern Missouri, USA
- D6840 - Louisiana & Mississippi, USA
- D7570 - Eastern Tennessee and Virginia, USA

Project Schedule:

Surgeries will begin the week of February 17, 2003 at both hospitals. Rotary President Bichai Rattakul has scheduled a meeting with Lions President K K Fukumashi on February 18th. President Bichai will visit the Kikuyu Eye Clinic on February 19th and will visit the Lions Hospital on February 21st.

Surgeries will not be performed while the meetings of the Presidential Conference are being held, but will begin again the week of February 24, 2003 and will continue until all surgeries are completed.

Plans have been made for a national journalist to visit the project and articles and pictures have been requested by The Rotarian, official magazine of Rotary International and The Lion, official magazine of Lions Clubs International.

There are 1,000 Kenyans who are blind now at the end of 2002 and New Years Day 2003 who will soon regain their eye sight thanks to the Rotary Gift of Sight - Kenya 2003!



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Volunteers at the ABTF stall

ABTF Represented at Health Exhibition

We put up a ABTF Stall at Arogya 2002, (meaning 'Health') an Exhibition organized by Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment for 3 days - 6, 7 and 8th Dec. at Kanteerava Indoor Stadium. There were over 110 exhibitors made up of various NGOs, Nursing homes, hospitals, drug companies, etc., covering 'health' aspects of people.

Over 10,000 people visited the exhibition over 3 days. A lot of Awareness and the Role of Rotary in AB problem was depicted.

Rtn.Dr.Prithvi Raval
PDG District 3190

Coordinator for ASIA (2002-2003)
Avoidable Blindness Task Force

Photos from the Rotary Eye Hospital project of Rotary Bangalore North.

This project is supported by The Rotary Foundation. The Mission of the project is to provide sight to poor and needy people and add value and dignity to their lives. Rotary Eye Hospital has already performed 4000+ cataract surgeries with intra ocular lens.

The hospital has well equipped facilities and experi-

enced doctors. On the 6th of November 2002 Past R.I. Director Rtn. Kalyan Baneerjee, trustee The Rotary Foundation inaugurated the General Ward and Hall of Vision.

Rtn. G. R. Shantharam
Chairman—Rotary Eye Hospital
68th Cross, 10th 'A' Main
5th Block, Rajajinagar
Bangalore 560 010



Another Successful Avoidable Blindness Project

RC Brigades of 3190 has in the last three months completed 5 eye camps in rural areas and approximately 2517 people were screened. 387 of them were diagnosed as having some Avoidable Blindness problem. They have completed 298 cataract surgeries and distributed 89 spectacles for refractive corrections. Members of the club and local philanthropists raised the entire cost of US\$ 2800.

Rtn. Dr. Solanki, ophthalmologist, was instrumental in helping out professionally. Congratulations to President Rtn. Vyas and members of the club on completing a 'Self Sufficient' project.

Rtn. Dr. Prithvi Raval



Workshop for 3190 Leaders and Adjacent Districts

Monday, 13 January 2003

Note : Each Session will have a 15 minute presentation and 15 minutes of interaction

- 3.00 - 3.30 p.m Registration
- 3.30 - 3.50 p.m Inauguration of the workshop
- 4.00 - 4.30 Session I - Blindness in Children
- 4.30 - 5.00 Session II - Cataract and IOL surgery
- 5.00 - 5.30 Session III - Corneal Blindness
- 5.30 - 6.00 Session IV - Glaucoma and others
- 6.00 - 6.30 Session V - Infrastructure and Resources available
- 6.30 - 7.15 Tea / Coffee break
- 7.15 - 7.30 Club formalities
- 7.30 - 8.30 Concluding Session

Tuesday, 14 January 2003

- 7.30 - 7.35 Welcome
- 7.35 - 7.40 Summarizing the Workshop
- 7.40 - 8.00 Presentation by Dr. Prithvi, Area Coordinator, Asia
- 8.00 - 8.10 District Governor's Address
- 8.10 - 8.28 Open Session - Questions and Answers
- 8.28 - 8.30 Vote of Thanks

Relevant Informative notes and booklets will be distributed.

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