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RCCD - New Sister Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN



JOSE MARI L. YUPANGCO
Club President, RY 2023-24

Greetings of Solidarity!

There's a saying that we meet certain people for a reason. Perhaps we feel this way when we share common values and interests with the other party. This phenomenon is particularly the case with our newest sister club, the **Rotary Club of Cheonan-Dongho** (RCCD) of South Korea (District 3620).

About a month after our induction ceremony, we had an exploratory virtual meeting between the Board of Directors of RCMPD and RCCD on August 2, 2023. Almost immediately, there was a deep sense of connection to undertake a joint project that guided the constant communication to pursue a sisterhood agreement between the two clubs.

Six weeks later, a team of 6 members from RCCD led by its President, **Mr. Dawon Yong-un Cho**, arrived in Manila on September 13, 2023, for the sisterhood signing agreement ceremony held at Manila Polo Club in Makati City. The ceremony was witnessed by **District 3830 Top Gun Governor Jay Tambunting**, and **PDG/Current District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman Al Montecillo**.

On November 9, 2023, the RCMPD team comprising of **Past President Raissa H. Posadas**, **President-Elect Eric I. Quiason**, Peace & Conflict for Service Committee **Annabel Uy Braganza**, and the undersigned visited RCCD to meet the rest of its members, and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in connection with a new Global Grant: Certificate Program for Upskilling Child Development Workers (CDWs) on November 12, 2023. The objective of the project was to create a comprehensive 6-month



upskilling program for child development workers (CDW), which includes, among others, mentoring, monitoring, and assessing the program's effectiveness, knowledge, and skills of the individual CDW.

With all that has transpired only in the past three months, whether fate or destiny, I describe it as "a match made in heaven."

Special thanks to **Maribee Campos Lamers**, our International Service Committee Chair and members, **IPP Leah Quesada**, our TRF GG Committee Chair and members, **Mabel Esteban**, Deputy District Rotary Foundation Chair, our community partners, and all our club members for your usual support and assistance.

The RCMPD and RCCD solidarity will bring more hope into the world!

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Yupangco', written in a cursive style.

자매 “JAMAE” IS KOREAN FOR SISTER



A NEW, MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP

The Rotary Club of Cheonan Dongho is officially our sister club! This “match made in heaven” by the District TRF leaders of both D3830 and D3620 was cemented by the mutual positive vibes at a virtual meet and greet.

This September, we welcomed them to Manila for their first sisterhood visit. It was a whirlwind of activities, from business and project alignment meetings to dinners; braving through Manila traffic to get a clear indication of RCMPD and its projects.

In attendance from Korea were Dawon Yong-un Cho (President), Myun-hwan Hwang (Trainer), Nak-bong Jun (Chairperson of the volunteer activity commission), I.J. Kim (Chairperson of the global volunteer activity commission), Dae Hun Kim (member), Yun Sub Bae (member).



Intl . Services Chair Maribee Campos and Sonie Aguilar meeting the Korean delegation at the airport



Bags of Filipino delights for our guests, meticulously put together by Sonie and Kathy.



Schedule

September 13, 2023

10:55 am Arrival KE621
 01:00 pm Lunch and Business Meeting, Rockwell
 05:15 pm Sunset Dinner and Signing of Sisterhood Agreement
Manila Polo Club

September 14, 2023

09:00 am Meet and Greet with RCMPD Interactors, and Distribution of Donation of School Supplies
Francisco Benitez III Elementary School
 11:00 am Lunch at Costa Del Sol hosted by TGP President J.M. Yupangco
 01:00 pm. Immersion with Early Child Development class in Pateros, Rizal
 06:00 pm Dinner hosted by PP Raissa H. Posadas



Enjoying the sunset view from the East Terraces of the Manila Polo Club are representatives from RCMPD and visiting sister club RC Cheonan Donggho with Top Gun Governor Jay Tambunting and District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair PDG Al Montecillo. From RCMPD are RY 2023-24 President JM Yupangco, CP Carol Mercado, PP Raissa Hechanova-Posadas, PP Ricky Trinidad, PP Rina Lopez, PE Atty. Eric Quiason, Treasurer Ria Dam, and Directors Corina Kalaw and Toni Urrutia.

RC Cheonan Donggho from District 3620 is RCMPD's 3rd international sister club, in addition to RC Honolulu Sunset (US) and RC Greater Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).



D3830 Governor Jay Tambunting along with RCCD club leaders



Day 1 Lunch and Business Meeting



Day 2 Lunch at Costa Del Sol, City Club, hosted by TGP Pres. JM Yupangco



IMMERSION WITH RCMPD INTERACTORS



RCCD donated one hundred (100) sets of school supplies, with thirty-six (36) distributed to Interactors and FBES3 kids, thirty-five (35) to FBES3 indigent kids at Christmas, and the rest during the honor student recognition ceremony.



IMMERSION WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CLASS, PATEROS



We took RCCD representatives to a child development center in Pateros to observe a typical pre-school class.



DINNER HOSTED BY PP RAISSA



A Family Photo of RCMPD and RCCD members with District Officers Mabel and Erywn



PP Raissa gifted a copy of her Dad's (PRID Paing Hechanova) published Rotary book.



RCMPD Club Members and Friends



PP Raissa, our gracious host, prepared homecooked dishes for our Korean guests



RCCD Club Members

Foreground: I.J. Kim, Dawon Yong-un Cho and Nak-bong Jun
 Row 2: Myun-hwan Hwang, Dae Hun Kim, Yun Sub Bae

RCMPD RY 23-24 Board of Directors



PDG Peps Bengzon, DDRFC Mabel Esteban, Global Grants head Erwyn Alcomendras and Club TRF Giving Bobet Vera



Toni, Sharon, Tin and Anara dancing to BTS' "Dynamite"



Leaders of both clubs



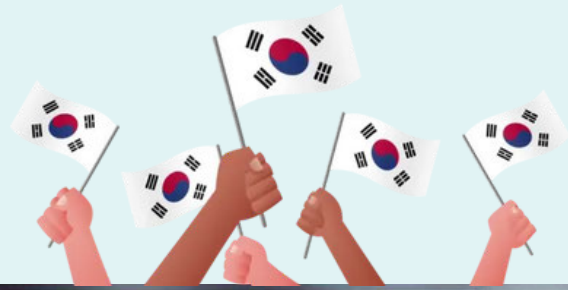
MOU Signing Global Grant #2457741

Certificate Program for Upskilling Early
Childhood Development Workers
November 12, 2023



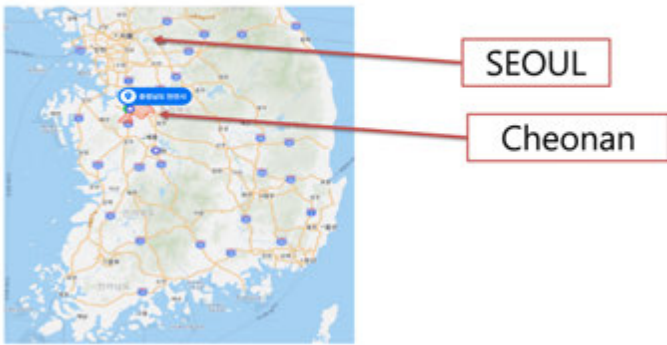
Club Presidents and RCCD Global Grant Primary Contact sign MOU





RC CHEONAN DONGHO, DISTRICT 3620

Cheonan - location



2.5 hrs. from Seoul

Cheonan - Status Table

Population	690,733
Number of businesses	2333
Birthrate	1.0 (korea average 0.78)
University	10
The number of young people Rate	35.4 %

Cheonan - local specialty



Volunteer Activity

- **Socially Disadvantaged Class Child Lunch box Support Business**
- **Residence improvement Business**
- **Disabled person Sponsor Business**

Its Service Projects



Welcoming committee at Incheon Airport, Seoul



Welcome Dinner in Cheonan. Thank you for the warm welcome.



November 9, 2023

Arrival in Seoul, drive to Cheonan
Welcome Dinner

November 11, 2023, Saturday

Lunch and Business Meeting
Sightseeing at the Independence Hall of Korea
Dinner, Singing and Dancing at Karaoke Bar

November 12, 2023, Sunday

Mass at SOLMOE Shrine
Lunch
Coffee at the hip Road Cafe 1950
MOU Signing at Pres. Dawon Yong-un Cho's Office
Dinner



LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING



The Rotary tradition of club banner exchange.



Presentation of RCMPD's proposed Global Grant



Productive meeting and sumptuous lunch





LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING



Banana chips from Raissa, dried mangoes from Anabelle and abaca placemats from JM for the Koreans



The two Presidents-Elect





SIGHTSEEING AT THE INDEPENDENCE HALL OF KOREA IN ZERO DEGREE WEATHER !!!



Cheonan has South Korea's largest history museum at 24,000 sqm.



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The Independence Hall of Korea is a visual history of the struggle for independence in Korea.

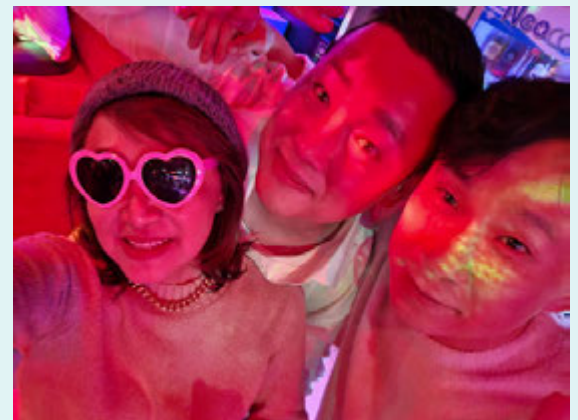




KARAOKE-ING WITH KINDRED SPIRITS !!



What happens in Korea ... stays in Korea ?



SUNDAY MASS AT THE SHRINE OF SOLMOE, THE BIRTHPLACE OF KOREAN CATHOLICISM



One hour from Cheonan, the Shrine of Solmoe in Dangjin is the birthplace of St. Andrew Kim Daegeon, the first Korean Catholic priest. French priests arrived here in the late 1880s, using the waterways to spread Catholicism inland.

Pope Francis visited Solmoe in Korea for 2014 Asian Youth Day.



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COFFEE AT THE ROAD CAFE 1950



COFFEE AT THE HIP ROAD CAFE 1950



Road Cafe 1950 is a beachfront restaurant in Pyeongtaek. Because of its proximity to the American base, this cafe has a lot of American decor and a distinct western vibe.





GOODBYES



We have never seen a bus like this ! Amazing !!



Our RCCD friends at the hotel seeing us off and bringing special giveaways

Fellowship



Thank you RCCD for the warm hospitality, friendship and collaboration!





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