

Major Impact

Rotary Club of Kowloon East, Hong Kong, RI District 3450, became the first club to achieve the status of 100 percent Major Donor Club in Rotary. This district has over 60 clubs with nearly 1,800 members and comprises of Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia and is a part of Zone 10. Hong Kong has about 50 clubs. Rotary Club of Kowloon East which was chartered in 1970 has about 40 members now. The entire leadership of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation were thrilled to see the enthusiasm of the members of this club.

Back home in India, we were hoping to announce the achievement of a club which can become a 100 percent Major Donor Club. This was a long wait. But the memorable opportunity came on July 9, 2011 when Rotary Club of Noida, in RI District 3010 announced that all its members have contributed to become Major Donors. This makes the club the second club in Rotary world to achieve this distinction.

RI District 3010 comprises the Union territory of Delhi, parts of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. With 123 clubs the district has more than 5,000 members. Rotary Club of Noida with 44 members now was chartered in 1983. The delight was compounded as this happened during the installation of Rtn. Asit Mittal as the District Governor of 3010 by Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. Rotary International Director Y.P. Das was also present during the occasion.

The leaders of the district and the present serving Governor deserve our praise for motivating the club to achieve this status. Rotary Club of Noida Central, to which District Governor Asit Mittal belongs is already a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow Club. The proactive DG Asit Mittal is capable of converting this also into

a Major Donor Club and probably produce more such clubs in his district.

Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee was a happy person to see over US\$ 700,000 being committed to The Rotary Foundation that evening. This will be the largest commitment received on a single evening to TRF in India. Adding to the charm of the occasion was contribution of US\$ 35,000 from the District Governor Nominee Vinod Bansal.

Novel programmes were also announced during the occasion by the District Governor Asit Mittal in addition to an impressive target of US\$ 1.5 million to The Rotary Foundation.

Hotel Ashoka in New Delhi had the ambience for this major event and a record attendance of 700 persons made the installation function a major success. The major work of the District Governor will be to raise the flag of Rotary in the capital this year and make a major impact on the citizens.



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RI President Kalyan Banerjee and RI Director Y.P. Das at the function.