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1 June 2018

Today's Topic: "Trends in Consumer products Markets in Asia / Thailand.
Why MNC's are losing out."
Rtn Gerard Geraets

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

CLEAN DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

PP John gave a very detailed and passionate overview of the Clean Drinking Water for Schools project, mingled with comments and side bars that added to his talk.

In following his plan, here are the main points he discussed.

Rationale

The schools we support are outside major towns and have no potable water supply. The raw water usually comes from a well. In the rainy season it is ok. In the eight-month dry season, it is awful.

Bad water makes kids ill. They miss school, drop behind and with their families not having a culture of fostering education, they expect to fail so they let the kids drop out.

With no education they become poor farmers like their parents. The cycle of poverty continues.

Technology

We propose a "cookie cutter" solution. We have a single-design 3000lpd RO system. We do not adapt it to fit different schools, rather we choose schools for which our solution is appropriate. The advantage of that approach are low transaction costs, rapid installation and a high number of installations per year.

We install a reverse osmosis water filtration system which can deliver clean drinking water for 400 children 24 hours a day for up to 10 years. The costs with construction of a shelter, raw water and electricity connections, storage tank, delivery, installation and a maintenance fund of 25,000 Baht comes to between 120 to 150,000 Baht

Excess water is made available to the village families who save on buying bottled water in the dry season

Strategy

Since the beginning, over 20 years ago we have installed 596 CDWS throughout Thailand. In 2013 we changed our Strategy to emphasize Sustainability.

We now concentrate our on-going review only on systems that are less than ten years old and located in District 3360. This reduces our focus area to 145 existing systems.

Visits to Existing Systems

Since 2015, we have documented 147 visits to 86 (out of 145) schools. We repeat-visit when repairs are needed as we must follow up.

Our Database records all dealings with each school.

The CDWS in 72 of the 86 schools visited are running well. Three are currently under repair and 11 have been abandoned. No system under six years old has been abandoned.

New Systems

We target to install about ten systems per year and to document a working-life per system of 5-10 years.

In practice, this last Rotary Year we installed 15 new systems and relocated a further seven. That was too much work for the current committee.

In RY 2018-19, we already have an oral commitment for ten systems from C&C Travel of Denmark.



Challenges

The main challenge is a lack of RCBS Manpower. Our Water Team is small and even older than our club average and includes Rotarians Marco, Michael G-H, Ola, Michael B, and John Q.

Our District 3360 Partners (CP Supaporn and PP Supapol) are retiring, thus putting even more work on to us as they now go around their region finding schools, talking to people and completing a great many of the initial steps on our behalf.

This last point about the Supa-team is worrying. At present we target to visit each school before awarding a CDWS to check if all is ok, at the time of Installation of the machinery, at Inauguration and then approximately every two years thereafter.

With (say) 140 systems in operation and ten new per year that would imply about 100 visits per year without including repairs and rejections.

The bottom-line is that unless more people can begin to help, our Clean Drinking Water Systems initiative is going to slow down, if not fade into history.

SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 25 MAY 2018



PP Nigel and Khun Khob figuring out Installation seating



Rtn Worrakit, PP Mark and Rtn Michael



PP Don and PP Nitti sitting in a tree...



Rtn Yod and Rtn Ola catching up on things



P Dougie and Treasurer Peter going over numbers



CP Geoff and Former member Rudi

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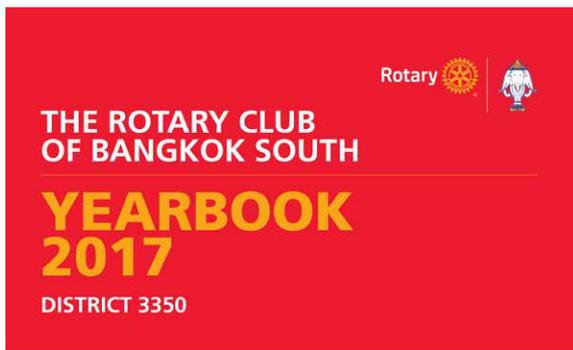
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1 JUNE 2018

Happy Birthdays:

PE Dean Outerson June 2
Marcel Dubbelman June 3

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

None

Attendance for 25 May 2018: 55%

Present 35, Make-up 7, Absent 34, Exemption 29, Total 105

Visiting for 25 May 2018:

From Local

None

Invited Guests:

Bernard Colin
Donghuo Jiang
James Dull
Rudy van der Hoeven
Tanachote Vongsurbchart

Introduced by:

Tim Cornwall
PP Narain Suradejvibul
Mark Wolf
PDG Alex Mavro
PP Nick Pisalyaput

Recent Makeups:

RC Bangkok, 24 May 2018: Gerard Garaets

Makeups:

Installation Prep., 21 May 2018: Billy Popham,
P Douglas Riach, Mike Ellis

Board, 21 May 2018: Adrian Topham, Alastair Timblick,
Dana Caron, PE Dean Outerson, P Dougie Riach, IPP Krin
Charnmaytesakul, Mark Wolf, PP Nigel Hardy, PP Per Dibber,
Peter Upperton, PN Tim Cornwall

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 8 June 2018 – Mr Roy Tomizawa on “1964 – The Greatest Year in the History of Japan: How the Tokyo Olympics Symbolized Japan’s Miraculous Makeover”

Friday, 15 June 2018 – Israeli Ambassador H.E Dr. Meir Schlomo on “Changes in Middle - East, Israel - Thailand relationship.”

Friday, 22 June 2018 – No Weekly Meeting – due to Installation Dinner on Saturday, 23 June 18 at InterContinental Bangkok.

Saturday, 23 June 2018 – Annual Installation Dinner at InterContinental Bangkok. Please contact **Khun Khob** at info@rotarybangkoksouth.org or **02632 9160** for more information.

Friday, 29 June 2018 – Fellowship lunch at Charcoal. Details to be advised.

Friday, 6 July 2018 – President’s Day

Friday, 13 July 2018 – Rtn Prasert Mangkornkarn on “Why I Love Soy Sauce”

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