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Today's Topic: "Changes in Middle - East, Israel - Thailand relationship."
H.E Dr. Meir Schlomo

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

HOW THE TOKYO OLYMPICS SYMBOLIZED JAPAN'S MIRACULOUS MAKEOVER

While Roy Tomizawa, our former club member and today's speaker admitted himself, his title, 1964, the Best Year in Japanese History, might be a bit on the hyperbole side of reviewing the country's history, 1964 does stand out as a turning point in the nation's history and as Roy suggested a moment of national pride and catharsis.

Beginning with a bleak picture of Japan in the early post-war era, one fact stands out as highlighting where they began in 1945 and the heights they reached by 1964.

In 1945, 40 per cent of all urban areas in Japan had been destroyed, in 1964, the nation launched not only the Bullet Train, but the Haneda Monorail, both still in use today and hosted the Olympics, being the first Asian nation to do so.

Roy shared some interesting insights into the time leading up to the Olympics stretching from the US occupation and censorship to the early boom period when the Japanese were given more freedom and with the end of censorship, started to reflect, symbolically criticize their occupiers, among other ways with the launch of the highly successful Godzilla movies, perhaps the first opportunity many of us had to glimpse modern Japan.

In his research, Roy has also found the importance played by Professional wrestling and the classic scenario of the smaller competitor taking on and defeating the larger opponent.

This very interesting idea culminated, he suggested in the final match in the no weight class judo gold-medal bout between



Anton Geesing, who at two meters and 120 kilos towered over his Japanese opponent Akio Kaminaga at only 1.75 meters and 102 kilos.

23 October 1964, the nations waited expectantly hoping and praying their man could overcome the odds and emerge victorious. Geesing won and the nation was devastated and that cathartic moment of national pride was denied, only temporarily though.

On the same day though, that purifying moment came, when Japan's woman's volleyball team was preparing to take on a larger, stronger adversary, the USSR. However, the Japanese won in three straight sets.

Another interesting side-bar and insight, in addition to the idea Godzilla was, in fact, a direct criticism of US nuclear testing at the time, was the story about Yoshinori Sakai, the final torch bearer who lit the Tokyo Olympic cauldron. Although a runner, he never competed in the Olympics but was chosen to light the cauldron for symbolism as he was born on 6 August 1945, in Miyoshi Hiroshima, the day the atomic bomb was dropped on that city.

According to Roy, this match, watched by the highest rated television audience program in history, Japan re-gained its confidence and moved into the modern era of growth and development that entrances so many visitors today.

An interesting hypothesis and one that Roy has developed through extensive research and interviews with many who were there, it will be very interesting to read his book when it is completed.



SNAPSHOTS FROM RCBS LUNCH, 8 JUNE 2018



Coins on Silom Committee has already started and is looking for support and supporters



Rtn Tyrone, newest member on the Fund Raising committee being welcomed by outgoing Fund Raiser, PP Nigel and incoming Fund Raiser, PP Mark



P Dougie, Rtn Shrimp and Rtn Alastair



Two visitors - Paul Jensen and Johnny Niska



Rtn Vinai and IPP Ken catching up



Rtn Carol and Rtn Mike discussing Eddie's Charity

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Details of the 17 to 22/23 June trip are as follows

All systems on the trip are Sponsored by C&C Travel of Denmark who have offered us another ten systems in RY 2018-9. Representatives of C&C will travel with us.

June 17: meet up in Chiang Mai and overnight there.

June 18: drive to Fang district of Chiang Mai and inaugurate a CDWS at Tung Luuk School in the afternoon together with RC Fang. Then drive to Chiang Rai and overnight there.

June 19: Drive from Chiang Rai to Phan District, Chiang Rai Province and inaugurate, together with RC Phan, a CDWS at Phan Phiset School in the morning and Pah Deang Wittaya School in the afternoon. Subsequently, drive to Phrae city and overnight there.

June 20: in the morning inaugurate, together with RC Phrae a CDWS at Muang Khai School and then drive to Li District, Lamphun Province to overnight in Li.

June 21: inaugurate, together with RC Chiang Mai Airport, a CDWS at Pah Phai School in Li then drive to Mae Sod District, Tak province to overnight in Mae Sod.

June 22: drive to Mae Tarn and inaugurate, together with RC Mae Sod-Muangchon, a CDWS at Ban Mae Tarn School in the morning, then return to Mae Sod.

Participants may then fly back to BKK from Mae Sod Airport on Nok Air on 22 June evening flight. Or stay one more night and take the morning flight on the 23.

In either case you can be back in time for the Installation Dinner for PE Dean!

Transport throughout the week will be in a comfortable 11-seater van. A second one can be hired if needed. Or you can drive your own car. You can join us for the whole week or select just one part of the trip.

You will certainly see parts of Thailand you did not know, and you will see them with the locals.

Please let anyone for the Water committee know if you are interested.





Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2701

15 JUNE 2018

Happy Birthdays:

PP Maarten Worp June 19
 PP Chatri Chiarapurk June 21
 PP Banvech Chantrasmi June 25

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Wolfgang Minderjahn June 20
 PP Chainarong Indharameesup June 24
 Ravi Sehgal June 24

Attendance for 8 June 2018: 51%

Present 32, Make-up 7, Absent 37, Exemption 29, Total 105

Visiting for 8 June 2018:

From Local

None

Invited Guests:

PP Graham Brain
 Johnny Niska
 Kasgif (Rotary Peace Fellow)
 Paul Jensen

Introduced by:

PDG Alex Mavro
 PN Tim Cornwall
 PP Andrew MacPherson
 PN Tim Cornwall

Recent Makeups:

RC Bangkok, 5 June 2018: Adrian Topham, PP Peter-Michael Schuster

Makeups:

Fundraising/Communications, 5 June 2018: PE Dean Outerson, P Douglas Riach, PP Mark Butters, PP Nigel Hardy, Patrick Gauvain

Membership, 6 June 2018: PDG Alex Mavro, PE Dean Outerson, P Douglas Riach, IPP Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Mark Butters, PP Mike Doyle, Rui Belo, Tevin Baechtold, PP Vichai Tantrativud, PN Tim Cornwall

Fundraising/COS, 8 June 2018: Adrian Topham, P Douglas Riach, PP Mark Butters, Mark Shaw, PP Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nigel Hardy, PP Niti Meyer, Patrick Gauvain

CLUB CALENDAR

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 – P'Doug's Last Day at the Podium and Ladies' Day at 12.00 hrs. at Charcoal Tandoor Grill & Mixology, Fraser Suites, Sukhumvit 11 at THB 1,000 (food and soft drink). Drink ticket @THB 200 for iced cold beer and selection of wines, cocktails and other liquors. **Please book with Khun Khob within June 19th.** Theme will be bad shirt, bad tie and bad joke day!

Friday, 6 July 2018 – President's Day

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

Friday, 20 July 2018 – Peace Fellow program (more details to be advised)

Friday, 27 July 2018 – No Weekly Meeting due to Asarnha Bucha Day Holiday

Friday, 3 August 2018 – Club Birthday Lunch (more details to be advised)

For more information about Bangkok South events contact:
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