



Fellowship Through Service

ROTARACT CLUB OF BANGSAR ***District 3300***

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DISTRICT AWARDS SUBMISSION RY13/14

BEST INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT: ROTARACT CLUB OF BANGSAR'S GOTONG- ROYONG WITH THE HONGKEES PROJECT



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Executive Summary

The joint project between the Rotaract Club of Bangsar and the Rotaract Club of Petaling Jaya was carried out in aims to benefit the community through providing awareness on cleanliness and to give a helping hand to those in need of it. Besides that, to build better understanding between two countries.

The project took place on the 29th December 2013 at a low-cost flat; Program Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) Kota Damansara. There were 9 members from RAC Bangsar and 5 members of RAC PJ together with 56 Rotaract members from Hong Kong. The two Rotaract Clubs from Hong Kong were Rotaract Club of New Era College and Rotaract Club of United College CUHK from the RI District 3450. We also had members from the District 3300 helping out and joining us for the dinner.

The project focused on cleaning of the emergency staircase and corridors of the flats. Through this project both the members from Malaysia and Hong Kong got the inside view of the living condition of the low cost flats' dwellers.

The activity commenced right after members were given the cleaning products and items. Members worked hard to clean the corridors and stairs of each floor especially since there were constraints due to water shortage. Aside from that, the flats were poorly maintained. Damaged furniture and shattered glass can be seen obstructing pathways causing a hazardous setting for residents or visitors. Members tried their best to clear the aforementioned items to provide a safer environment for the residents. After cleaning the two blocks, members gathered at the park at 4.00 p.m. for some refreshments and picture taking before leaving the area.

After the members of the clubs were refreshed, we all met up in Kampungku Restaurant, PJ for some authentic Malaysian food.

Objectives:

1. To nurture the spirit of serving the community.
2. To expose the participants to the real scenario of the poverty faced by the residents of PPR Kota Damansara.
3. To promote awareness on cleanliness and to give a helping hand to those in need of it.
4. To acquire organizing skills and enhance leadership by conducting this project.
5. To understand the needs of the community.
6. To foster good ties between two countries.
7. To foster friendship between clubs.
8. To exchange cultures of different countries.

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Organising Committee:

1. Christmas Cheer 2013

Organising Chairperson : Rtr. Ashley Phuah Hui-Hsin
Co-OC : Pres. Neoh Ka Kit (RAC PJ)
Treasurer : Rtr. Neela Murasu Kanan
Volunteers : Rtr. Shawn Sebastian, IPP Thirnishia Raman, Rtr. Seenivasagam, Rtr. Nantha Kumar, Rtr. Heong Kian Kee, Rtr. Ethan Christopher (RAC Bangsar), Rtr. Navina Rajendran, Rtr. Ganesh Muren, Rtr. Jeevan Sekar, Rtr. Caleb (RAC PJ), Rtr. Steven Ting, Rtr. Sook Mei, (RAC Ampang), Rtr. Alyson (RAC Pudu).

Project Schedules:

29th December 2013, Saturday

8.00 am : Arrival of members and participants
8.15 am : Briefing session
12.00 pm : Break
2.00 pm : Pack-up and back to hotel
7.00pm : Dinner

Budget and Accounts:

Item	Price	Total
Hardware	250	250
	Total:	250



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Project Planning and Execution:

The planning of the project was challenging as we were working with a large community. There were over 1000 unit of houses in the flats and there were various groups that we had to communicate with. The management of the flats, the residents association and also an NGO called Friends of Kota Damansara. However, we managed to overcome the problems and organize the gotong-royong. As mentioned above, the gotong-royong involved the cleaning of the corridors and staircases of the flats. We were given this task by the residents association as they felt that the staircases were dirty and hazardous for the residents to use. Besides that, we had to take into consideration of the large group of visiting rotaractors and their safety.

Through this project, we managed to tap into the following:

1. To develop professional and leadership skills

Members involved learnt how to communicate with various groups besides preparing project proposals and formal letters. They also learnt leadership because on the day of the gotong-royong, they had to direct and lead the visiting rotaractors.

2. To emphasize respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual

Many would think that city dwellers are well taken care of, but when we visited the flats in Kota Damansara, we realized that there are many people who are living below the poverty line in a city like Kuala Lumpur. Through this project, we wished to set an example to the residents in the flats to take care of the cleanliness of their flats.

3. To provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world

Participants of the project addressed the needs to have a clean living environment for the betterment of the community.

Project Impact:

This project definitely shed some light onto the flat dwellers of Kota Damansara. The residents were in awe seeing a large group of foreign rotaractors cleaning their flats. This made many of the residents curious and many came out of their houses to lend a helping hand. At the end of the day, the residents together with the local and foreign rotaractors were helping one another to achieve the goal which is to clean the corridors and staircase of the flats.

During the dinner, when everyone were more relaxed, we all had the chance to mingle around and get to know the other Rotaractors.

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