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Inter Country Committee (ICC) NEWS LETTER

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General Information

The initiation, implementation and continuous coordination of projects between a particular Inter Country Committee (ICC) pair of countries is done by working committee in each country mirroring the other. Each country working committee has office bearers: National Section Head, a Vice National Section head, Hony. Secretary, Treasurer and at least one member from each participant district. The office bearers as above alternate between the participant districts.

The role of ICC is analogous to a rotary embassy of one country responsible for continuous communication with the rotary embassy of other ICC paired country/ies. The difference from National Country embassies is that in rotary case the ICC embassy remains in its own country in each pairing.

Through continuous communication of ICC paired countries working committees evolve bonds of friendship, credibility and information exchange on cultural / business and ongoing / potential rotary service projects which lead to mutually beneficial collaboration between Rotarians of paired countries to achieve successful community service projects in each country/ other countries if required.

The ICC is a resource to rotary districts regarding international service projects initiation and implementation and includes exchange of knowledge, technology, finance and evaluation of community service projects.

The ICC proactively supplements the projects completion effort of every participating rotary district in a staff role. The executive governance of each rotary district remains with the district governor and his district officer in accordance with applicable rotary constitutional documents and rotary code of policies.



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MESSAGE

FROM NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR
PDG DEEPAK TALWAR

Inter country committees (ICC) In Rotary

The ICC is an affiliate program accredited by Rotary international and similar to rotary action groups (R.A.G.S.) based on common hobbies or service areas of interest. It is not a program administered by the Rotary board of Directors. The ICC is managed by an Executive Council which elects/ selects its office bearers every two years.

The objectives of an ICC are encouraging sustained contact between Rotarians, rotary clubs and rotary districts in two or more paired districts. The sustained contact leads to deep bonds of friendship, sister clubs arrangements, friendship/ family exchange delegations, business delegations, cultural assimilation and joint community service implementation collaboration in each paired country. The program gives a true flavor and experience of Internationality of Rotary. When all districts in a country agree to an ICC with all districts of another country, we have an ICC with its memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.), charter of activities and an official charter as per template approved by ICC executive committee.

In process of forming an ICC , if minimum two districts in each paired ICC country wish, they may form an sub national ICC and gradually invite other districts in each country to join the program by signing a protocol of Agreement.

The work of the sub national/ National ICC is carried out by following:

1. National Coordinator (NC) in each country who oversees and motivates rotary clubs and districts in his/ her country to form an ICC



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ICC working committee mirrored in each paired country led by a National Section head/ President/ Chair person , A vice Chair, a Hon secretary, a treasurer and two Rotarian members deputed by district governor of each participant district.

These committees in each paired country will initiate activities in consonance with objectives given above. Each activity is recommended to be monitored, finance arrangements made and recorded and contributions from committee members from each district are expected when their district is involved. The tenure of the working committee is indefinite subject to explicit consent of the National Coordinator in consultation with current district governors and approval of ICC executive committee.

We in India, till date have 45 ICCs at sub national level and 27 more are in pipeline. Since rotary internationally is present in 200 plus countries, the potential to form ICCs is immense. The ethos of an ICC is fellowship and service with humanity at its core over riding technicalities, positions and titles the role of which is just responsibility. Through this periodic E newsletter we will share with you salient information on ICCs formed, those in progress and potentials within our reach. We will also share snippets/ summary of accomplishments of ICCs over a period of time.

I encourage you to contact us and with consent of your district governor become a part of this wonderful program to give true shape and substance to the essence of rotary international mission: “We the people without boundaries join hands to do projects to make a positive sustained impact on lives of challenged world communities and in return earn their blessings which enrich our spirit enveloping it in perennial happiness.

**Warm Regards
PDG Deepak Talwar
National Coordinator (ICC)**



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M.O.U.s SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

INDIA

ARMENIA, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM-
LUXEMBURG, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CYPRUS, EGYPT,
FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN-
IRELAND, GREECE, INDONESIA, ISRAEL, ITALY-
MALTA- SAN MARINO, JORDAN, LEBANON,
LITHUANIA, MALAYSIA, MOLDOVA, PAKISTAN,
PALESTINE, PORTUGAL, RUSSIA, SPAIN,
SRILANKA- MALDIVES, SWITZERLAND -
LIECHTENSTEIN, TANZANIA-UGANDA,
TURKEY, UAE, NEPAL, CANADA,
USA, ZAMBIA, NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE
MALAWI, ZIMBABWE.



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M.O.U.s IN PROCESS

INDIA

BAHRAIN, TUNISIA, PHILLIPINES,
TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA,
HONGKONG, NEW ZEALAND,
TIMOR-LESTE,
SINGAPORE, THAILAND,
SOUTH AFRICA, MOROCCO,
ARGENTINA, (WEST INDIES) ANGUILLA,
BAHAMAS, B.V.I., CAYMAN ISLANDS,
HAITI, JAMAICA, TURKS & CAICOS,
U.S.V.I, ST. MARTIN, GHANA, BENIN,
NIGER, TOGO.



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SAMPLE M.O.U.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE (ICC) BETWEEN INDIA AND CANADA

Dated: Monday June 26th 2023

The rotarians, Rtn. Deepak Talwar and Rtn. Nevine Yassa, ICC National Coordinators of India and Canada, respectively, along with ICC initiating and forming districts through their current district governors mentioned here in under agree to sign this MOU in order to encourage continuous contacts between interactors, rotaractors, rotarians, rotary clubs rotary districts (herein after called as rotary entities) and service minded non rotary entities of both countries to promote and facilitate fellowship, intercultural understanding and community service projects between India and Canada and other countries if required.

To reach these said objectives, the ICC working committee of each country will facilitate periodic continuous communication between themselves, rotary entities and service minded non rotary entities.

Through continuous communication among other things, the ICC working team/s will promote and facilitate individual or group friendship exchanges, business and cultural delegations / develop a network of paired sister clubs in each country and facilitate them to have virtual / physical joint meetings to support current and future Rotary club, rotary district and rotary partners service projects, including the Rotary Foundation Global Grants.

The two countries ICC working committees will further act as bridge to connect non Rotarian individuals and entities to join rotary projects in both countries/ other countries to awaken and keep alive the rotary spirit in societies and communities.

It is understood that the ICC actions and activities are a proactively available resource, support and supplement available to districts in each country to support their service goals to meet the objectives of the rotary movement.



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Under the above conditions agreed and accepted by the two national sections of ICC India - Canada, they will follow a mutually acceptable time bound charter of activities in accordance with ICC terms and conditions applicable in rotary constitutional documents and rotary code of policies and abide by procedures and policies set by the ICC Executive Council of rotarians which oversees implementation of ICC objectives in world rotary.

The national coordinators of each country in due course, agree to regularly invite non participant districts in each country through their district governors to join this ICC by signing the established protocol of agreement and deputing at least one district rotarian to serve on the country ICC section working committee.

This M.O.U. signed by the participant districts through their below mentioned district Governors as on date and the ICC National Coordinators of the two countries, as on date, establishes the ICC between India and Canada.

The President of the ICC India – Canada from the side of India will be Rtn Namrata Suri and from the side of Canada will be S. Rajagopal President.

For the Committee of Canada

For the Committee of India

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National Section Head: Rtn Namrata Suri

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RI - 5060 DG Karl Ruether

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RI - 6380 DG Bala Murthy

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RI -7040 DG Pradeep Ahluwalia

RI - 3080 DG V. P. Kalta

RI - 3142 DG Kailash Jethani

RI - 3060 DG Shrikant Indani

ICC National Coordinator Canada
Rtn Nevine Yassa

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Rtn. Deepak Talwar



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SAMPLE CHARTER





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**Inter-Country Committee
India - Malaysia
Charter**
Date December 2nd 2021

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To Promote Peace and International Understanding
while Improving Awareness,
Engaging Diversities and Bridging Communities



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ICC President, India



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Rtn. Dato Ram Nair
ICC President, Malaysia



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SAMPLE CHARTER OF ACTIVITIES

Objectives:

- To provide a network which will unify Rotarians of India and Pakistan.
- IP-ICC will be a vehicle which will bring Rotarians together on common issues. • IP-ICC will hold activities for bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using programs and initiatives fitting into RI Strategic Plan. It will increase fellowship and inter cultural understanding amongst the people of both nations.
- To focus and coordinate to work as a team for long term commitments and create a climate of Goodwill and peace.
- Rotarians, spouses, retractors to participate in IP-ICC activities giving local expertise in each of the two countries and serving as ambassadors of Countries. Every member of the team is the ambassador of the partner country in his or her country.
- To work as team for common cause.
- To address for peace and conflict resolution which is one of the focus areas of the Rotary Foundation.
- To provide significant support to all programs of Rotary international.

Charter of Activities:

1. Identification of one major community service project to be implemented in RI 3271 or 3272 and one major community service project to be implemented in RI 3011 or 3012 with major resources Contribution by Rotarians in the other country with your without being a Global Grant.
2. Have youth exchange teams.
3. Conduct essay competition and debating competition at school and college level. Maybe we can have participants through video link.



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4. Have a joint Facebook page of India and Pakistan, what's app and other social media tools for all Rotarians from Pakistan and India. Similarly, we can have one for the retractors. Singing competition between youth of both countries.
5. Have dress also member of committee on both sides.
6. We can also have District teams visiting both districts.
7. Sister clubs can have joint meetings once a month or once in two months though Skype in which we can invite social activists, media reps, Business community, youth representatives, professionals and Intellectuals to share views through video link.
8. We have a joint bimonthly or quarterly newsletter called ICC - India Pakistan, Bulletin.
9. We ask all DG's to dedicate one page for views and news of Rotary clubs in each other's countries.
We can name itIndia Pakistan ICC corner!
10. Send delegations in RYLA held in both countries.
11. Make sister rotary clubs by pairing clubs of RI 3011 with clubs in RI 3271 and 3272 and pairing rotary
Clubs of RI 3012 with club s in RI 3271 and 3272.
5 clubs 3011 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3271
5 clubs 3011 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3272
5 clubs 3012 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3271
5 clubs 3012 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3272
12. Proposed activities of paired clubs:
 - One community service project each, one in Pakistan and one India with major resources by Pakistan club for India club project and vice versa. Project may be financed by global grant or otherwise. Once these projects are implemented, they should be widely publicized through print media, social media, and electronic media and in district conferences and other rotary meetings



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- One reciprocal per annum by club members to the sister club on home hospitality basis.
- Each sister club to create what's App/telegram groups of members of each club and keep each club apprised of major activities of the sister club.
- Each sister club to create a blog/social media film on common life in the area of the rotary club

Including its community service activities/fellowship activities and widely share with the sister

Club/other district through social media.

- Send one representative at least to an annual peace conference organized by the Inter country

Committee in India and Pakistan on an alternate basis on annual basis. f) Make a business directory of self-club and sister club members and circulate via social media/digital basis.

13. Hold an annual Peace Conference, one year in India and next year in Pakistan. Topics to be interactive with aim to generate positive ideas, discussions on resolution and reconciliation of pending disputes as perceived by both countries.

14. Hold one business/trade fair annually in each country on alternate basis for list of selected business of Rotarians or otherwise where attendees would be interested Rotarians or non-Rotarians of host/guest country.

15. India districts to propose one delegation of maximum 10 persons for a period of maximum seven nights to Pakistan and vice versa annually:

a) School students or College students

b) Members of the Press corps of the other country

(Each visit will have a definite approved agenda full of opportunities to imbibe the culture and life ethos of the other country.)

Home hospitality will be the basis of visit to maximum extent possible.

We will expect the press corps members of delegation after the visit to publicize the community service projects which Rotarians in other country are implanting in India or Pakistan and create an aura of goodwill and an ambience of her love affection and trust in which to work towards resolution of perceived inter country disputes



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16. Planned liaison with Embassies of the other country and ministry of interior/home in own country on regular basis with aim of:

- **Facilitation of obtaining visit visa for Rotarians and others of the other country.**
- **Creation of a list of Rotarians and prominent society members of the other country to which the Embassy/
Got of other country grants long term visit visas with minimum restrictions on a regular basis.**
- **Incorporation of other country Rotary events in a rotary year on calendar of Interior/home ministry in host country so that visas applied for are issued easily.**



ARTICLE 21.020

ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES 2022

D) With the exception of a multidistrict PETS, which shall be under the direct authority and control of the governors-elect in cooperation with governors, the ultimate responsibility for multidistrict events, activities, projects and organizations lies with the governors of the districts involved.

E) Recognition of a multidistrict activity, project or organization by RI in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI. A multidistrict organization may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. A multidistrict organization is not an agency of RI. Multidistrict organizations must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise.

F) In instances where multidistrict activities, projects and organizations are incorporated, the members of the corporation should be the governors of the districts involved or their appointees. The board of directors of any such incorporated activity, project or organization should be elected by the members of the corporation. Corporate structures not in harmony with these provisions will generally be considered as not in conformance with RI policy regarding supervision of multidistrict activities, projects and organizations by the governors. *(January 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 80)*

Source: May 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 279; February-March 1987 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 272; June 1996 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 304; June 1996 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 308; March 1997 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 237; February 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 283; November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; Amended by November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 59; September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 90; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118; July 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 16; September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 74; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; January 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 80. See also May-June 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 356.

Cross References

- 11.010.2. Multidistrict Activities—Approval to Solicit Cooperation*
- 20.070.6. Multidistrict PETS Guidelines*
- 34.040.7. Requests for Exception to Guidelines for Use of “Rotary” Name*

21.020. Intercountry Committees

Intercountry committees promote relationships between two or more international districts or two or more countries to increase fellowship and intercultural understanding among the people of various nations, foster stronger ties between members, clubs, and districts from different countries, and establish networks across borders, continents, and oceans.

While only districts may form and join intercountry committees, individual Rotarians, their partners, Rotaractors, and Rotary and Rotaract clubs may participate in their activities. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.1. Activities of Intercountry Committees

Recommended activities for Intercountry Committee participants include, but are not limited to: visiting each other’s countries and homes, strengthening friendships and projects so formed by encouraging clubs and districts to connect with clubs and districts in other countries, and contributing to world peace.



Intercountry Committees may also:

- exchange best practices for sponsoring new clubs
- develop a sister or twin club relationship between clubs in participating countries
- conduct Friendship Exchanges between the two countries
- initiate or carry out International Service projects
- initiate or carry out Vocational Service projects. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 34; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.2: Establishing an Intercountry Committee

Intercountry Committees can be national or sub-national relationships between two countries. National intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts in a country. Sub-national intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts participating in the relationship. An established Intercountry Committee shall inform the Executive Council of its formation.

A. Establishing a national Intercountry Committee

To form an Intercountry Committee between two or more countries, approval from all of the countries' district governors must be obtained. District governors from a given country who wish to delegate decision-making authority for establishing new national Intercountry Committees may do so with unanimous consent of all district governors in the country.

Interested Rotarians in each country should form a planning committee to establish an Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize an Intercountry Committee from each district's governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, identifying potential projects, and activities for the ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of an intercountry committee shall be taken from the names of the participating countries. Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the relationship shall evolve into a subnational Intercountry Committee.

B. Establishing a subnational Intercountry Committee

To form a subnational Intercountry Committee between two or more districts, approval from all of the district governors must be obtained.

Interested Rotarians in each district should form a planning committee to establish a district-level Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize a subnational Intercountry Committee from each participating district governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, inviting club presidents from each district to participate, identifying potential projects and activities for ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of a subnational Intercountry Committee shall be taken from the names of the participating districts. Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the name of the ICC shall be updated to reflect the remaining participants. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 1984 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 248; Amended by June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45



21.020.3. Governance

An Intercountry Committee is led by an Intercountry Committee chair, elected from participating districts for a three-year term. Intercountry Committees must abide by the rules governing organizations in their country and shall have officers including a chair, secretary, and treasurer. The chair should serve for three years while the other leaders should rotate on an annual basis. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; May 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 178; October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.4. Relationships with Districts

Intercountry Committees are encouraged to collaborate with the district governors of participating districts as well as their district international service committees, if one is appointed.

Intercountry committee chairs may contact district governors, district governors-elect, and district international service committee chairs in their country regarding the formation of a new ICC or to annually invite participation in an existing ICC relationship. *(September 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 36)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45; September 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 36

21.020.5. ICC Executive Council

The ICC Executive Council is a resource for districts and countries wishing to form a new Intercountry Committee. The Executive Council collects and shares best practices for forming Intercountry Committees and subsequent projects and activities. The Executive Council maintains a list of Intercountry Committee Chairs and active Intercountry Committees, made available through its website.

The Executive Council is led by a president, secretary and treasurer, elected by reported Intercountry Committee chairs. The president of the executive council serves a three year term, acts as the liaison between intercountry committees and Rotary International and submits an annual report to RI in July each year. The annual report shall include contact information for Intercountry Committee chairs, a list of Intercountry Committee relationships, and a summary of major projects and activities. Failure to submit an annual report by 1 August will result in termination of the president's term and will require the Executive Council members to elect a new president. The Executive Council may collect modest optional fees from established ICCs to cover website expenses. The Executive Council may not create additional governance or leadership positions for individual Intercountry Committees, nor does it have authority to approve or decline the formation of new ICCs. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.6. Relationship with Rotary International

Establishing an Intercountry Committee in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI, or any district or club. An Intercountry Committee may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. An Intercountry Committee is not an agency of RI. Intercountry Committees



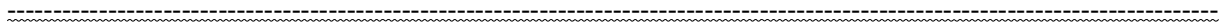
must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise. Intercountry Committees may not exist or function in any country in violation of the laws of such country. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: January 1908 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 105. Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.7. Finances

Intercountry Committees shall function without financial support from Rotary International. Modest optional fees may be collected from participating districts to cover operating costs of an Intercountry Committee. The fees may be used for administrative purposes or to support humanitarian projects and cannot be used to offset travel or other expenses incurred by an individual as a result of participating in activities organized by an Intercountry Committee or the Executive Council. If an Intercountry Committee or the Executive Council elects to collect fees, the Intercountry Committee's leadership or Executive Council's leadership shall prepare a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year at the beginning of each fiscal year. All bills shall be paid by the treasurer, or other authorized officer, only after approval by two other officers. An annual financial review by a qualified person shall be made of all the Intercountry Committee's and Executive Council's financial transactions and be shared with all participating districts. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281. Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45





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To: all the Family of the Rotary Inter-Country Committees

A : toute la famille des Comités Inter-pays du Rotary

You will find attached here a message from Mohamed Ghammam, ICC Executive Council Chairman.



Vous trouverez ci-joint un message de Mohamed Ghammam, Président du Conseil Exécutif des CIP.

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ICC Executive Council Webmaster

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ICC Africa Peace Forum
17-19 November 2023
Cairo, Egypt

ICC Africa Peace Forum

My dear family ,

The Cairo Forum will take place as planned and previously announced from Friday November 17, 2023. Everything is ready to receive you and welcome you in the best possible conditions.

Allow me to thank our friends, Organizing Committee Chair Abdulhamid El Awa, Annemarie Mostert, Christophe Koreki and all the members of the Cairo organizing committee for their continuous efforts over the months to ensure a successful Forum.

We will have among us our friends Patrick Chisanga Director of Zones 22 and 21 and Nicki Scott PRIVP who have assured us of their support for a long time. Likewise, our friends, upcoming international experts, Rotary partners in the field of peace, mediation and conflict resolution who have been working with us for months to prepare a rich and targeted program will also be present with us.


A significant number belonging to our ICC family have confirmed their arrival in Cairo to participate in this exceptional event. I am convinced that the Cairo Forum will be interesting to advance peace and we will spend pleasant moments together. We continue to believe that the road to peace will be long but we remain convinced that your efforts within the ICC to promote peace and build bridges are necessary more than ever. We believe that peace is possible everywhere in the world despite the difficult and painful times we are going through. See you soon in Cairo my dear friends. Hope and Peace.

Yours sincerely,

Mohamed Ghammam

PDG Mohamed Ghammam
Rotary International
ICC Executive Council Chairman

Peace begins with you
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I.C.C. ACTIVITIES

LEBANON

ICC India- Lebanon | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 27 September 2023 | 17:00 (Beirut Time)

Meeting location Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called by P. May Monla

Type of meeting Regular

Facilitator May Monla

Note taker Saïda El-Am

Attendees

Rajnish Mittal (India)

Bhaves Shah (India)

May Monla (Lebanon)

Saïda El-Am (Lebanon)

Lina Talih (Lebanon)

Agenda topics

Discussing Common Projects

Information on (Metals for Recycling)

Trip to India

After greetings, the attendees discussed the agenda topics.

Discussion

Project: Medication from India to Lebanon

After inquiry, Rajnish explained that the medications can be easily collected, yet the problem is how to send them to Lebanon. The attendees agreed that the best way to do it is through the Lebanese Embassy in India.

Actions

- Lebanese ICC partners shall make contact with the Lebanese Embassy in India and solve the sending issue.
- The two lists previously sent are to be re-sent to the Indian ICC partners.
- Indian ICC partners shall work on collecting the mentioned medications and other medical items.

Metals for Recycling

Further information was requested by Lebanese attendees, concerning the Metals for Recycling project once mentioned by Alowk Bansal on the common WhatsApp group (ICC India-Lebanon, on August 29, 2023). Rajnish explained that it is a business project, opening the opportunity of export-import of Metals for Recycling between interested Lebanese and Indian companies.



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Discussion

The attendees insisted on the importance of providing and sharing business opportunities, along with Rotary projects, through this ICC.

Trip and visits between the two countries

Rajnish explained that the best time to benefit from, good weather for a trip to his own district for example would be between November and March. Trip organization would depend on timing, duration and the occurrence of special events (such as District Conference for example). From the Lebanese end, attendees mentioned that spring weather is particularly nice in Lebanon, but visits can be arranged throughout the year, with the opportunity to benefit from winter weather (snowy mountains and different winter events).

Indian attendees expressed their intention to visit Lebanon, probably before or after the District Conference to be held in Jordan, in May 2023.

May also drew the attention on a special visit from the RI president to Lebanon in February 2023, making it a potentially good occasion to plan a visit to Lebanon.

Next Meeting

Due to different reasons, mainly bad internet connection in many parts of Lebanon, many members couldn't attend this meeting.

Next meeting is to be arranged between the members and scheduled by May Monla, who will inform the members on the WhatsApp group.



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BELARUS

Dear Friends in Rotary. As you remember we have organized meeting with Ambassador of India and ICC India-Belarus (online) last Monday. I hope it will be the beginning of real cooperation for new common Projects. I am sending for your attention the materials on the outcome of this general meeting for familiarization and getting started. Best regards,

I sincerely hope that you know those Rotarians in India who will want to support our club in these projects. I ask you to organize communication in such a way that information from the Rotarians of India comes to the e-mails: to the director of the organization that is the recipient in the project, to the curator from the Rotary Club Minsk, to the general mail of the club and to my mail - anis33@icloud.com





Rotary Club of MINSK

Projects proposed for cooperation

Culture and art

The partner of RC Minsk is the National Center for Contemporary Arts of the Republic of Belarus (<http://ncsm.by>), having a rich experience of international cooperation in the field of art, is open to cooperation and exchange of exhibitions of contemporary Belarusian and Indian artists at the exhibition areas of the center and our partners in India.

Contact: the Center Director Kryshchapovich S. E. +375 29 6399487

Curator from RC Minsk: Alla Narovskaya, PhD, e-mail: anarovskaya@gmail.com

Ecology

1. We would like to start the cooperation between Rotary Clubs of India and Belarus in the field of environment. Currently, we are developing a new project for schools - "Movement of millions of gardens".
2. Our school (Zhuprany secondary school) studies the water quality in rivers and natural sources, the impact of intensive agriculture in the region, monitors the activities and organizes educational work with the population – all done by students of Zhuprany secondary school (sponsored RC Minsk school). We request for international cooperation, exchange of experience with Indian schoolchildren, receiving grants for scientific research work for schoolchildren, participation in international conferences on clean water, the impact of agriculture.

Contact: Director of School Biziuk Vladimir, e-mail: vb3628013@gmail.com

Curator from RC Minsk: Natalya Porechina, e-mail: vinograd@tut.by

Children's health

1. Partner of RC Minsk Public Charity Organization "Belarusian Children's Hospice" expresses sincere gratitude for the long-term friendship, is ready to cooperate and establish contacts and hopes for assistance in establishing partnerships with children's palliative organizations in India.

Assistance is needed in organizing cooperation in the following areas:

- Organization of palliative care in remote rural regions (field service and field service).
- Training of nurses to raise their role in palliative care.

Contact of Hospice: Director Anna Gorchakova, e-mail: hospice.belarus@gmail.com

Curator from RC Minsk: Gliatsevich Lubov, e-mail: lubabel@mail.ru



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2. Sponsored RC Minsk - GUO "Special School No. 188 of Minsk" is the oldest educational institution for children with visual impairments in Belarus with more than a century-old history. We are looking for support in the following project: Equipping the school with video magnifiers (by now, the school has purchased 5 video enlargers out of 14 requested, three of which were donated to the school by the Rotary Club Minsk, two more were purchased by the Department of Education). Find attachment – The cooperation program between School and RC Minsk.

Contact: Director of School Kahanovich Lubov, m.tel. +375 29 3599355,

Curator from RC Minsk: Anischenko Alexander, e-mail: anis33@icloud.com

3. Partner of RC Minsk - The Children's Surgery National Applied Research Hospital (find attachment the Presentation of Children Heart project) appeals for support in organizing the supply of medical equipment, including for children's intensive care (find attachment - the attached letter of appeal to the RC Minsk).

Contact: Director of Hospital Drozdovsky Konstantin, e-mail: director@dhc.by

Curator from RC Minsk: Uretsky Dmitry, e-mail: uretskiy@mail.ru

4. Partner of RC Minsk - The Association «Social Communications and Mutual Assistance of Diabetics» (DiaPeople) appeals with a request to consider cooperation with our organization in order to find possible ways to provide Belarusian children with insulin pumps, consumables for them, and continuous glucose monitoring systems in the necessary quantity (find attachment - the attached letter of appeal to the RC Minsk).

Contact: Director of Association Zakhar Dudzinski, e-mail: diapeople.bel@gmail.com

Curator from RC Minsk: Kristina Yesman, e-mail: kristinamasyuk@gmail.com

Education

We are looking for cooperation in education, mainly between universities. We would suggest the following areas of interest – to promote the exchange of teaching staff, mainly researchers with the purpose of experience exchange, give lectures, conduct scientific research, undergo internships, and participate in conferences and other events. We are interested in carrying out the exchange of graduate students, undergraduates and students in order to develop academic mobility; as well as holding joint seminars, conferences, workshops, short-term education programs, etc. We are open to carry out joint scientific researches in the following areas: linguistics, pedagogics, intercultural communication; we would be glad to promote the implementation of joint educational and research projects, both bilateral and within the framework of international programs; - exchange, jointly prepare and publish educational, methodological and scientific literature; - organize distance learning programs; - develop cooperation in other areas of mutual interest.

Curator from RC Minsk: Grinevich Ekaterina, PhD, lecturer, e-mail: sidorofna@gmail.com

RC Minsk Secretary

Aleksandr Anischenko rotary.club.minsk@gmail.com



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Rotary Club of MINSK 08/16/2023

Rotary club Minsk, Belarus

ICC India-Belarus

Embassy of India in the Republic of Belarus Hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Signed this Memorandum of Understanding following the results of the joint (online/offline) conference

Memorandum

On 08/14/2023, a joint meeting of the Rotary Club Minsk took place, during which the members of the Rotary Club Minsk and the members of the ICC India-Belarus from India (attended online via ZOOM) met with Mr. Ambassador of the Republic of India to Belarus and the First Secretary of the Embassy. Mr. Ambassador presented to the participants brief information about the history, economy and culture of India, answered the questions of the participants of the Meeting. During the exchange of views, a number of areas and projects for cooperation were presented.

The sides expressed readiness to continue consultations and build cooperation in strengthening humanitarian, cultural and economic ties between countries and peoples, including within the framework of proposed and future joint projects.

A list and a brief description of the proposed projects and areas of cooperation, as well as a presentation of the Rotary Club Minsk, are attached to this Memorandum for the attention of the participants of the Meeting for further familiarization and consultations.

The memorandum was signed: From

Rotary Club Minsk

President of Club 2023-2024

_____ Dmitry Uretsky

From ICC India-Belarus

President from India side

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Form Embassy of India

in the Republic of Belarus

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The cooperation program between the state educational institution "Special School No. 188 of Minsk" and the Rotary Club "Minsk"

GUO "Special School No. 188 of Minsk" is the oldest educational institution for children with visual impairments in Belarus. Over its more than a century-old history, the school has undergone a lot of changes, both in the way of work and the principles on which the education of this category of children is based.

One of the most important tasks of the school is the training and upbringing of a full-fledged socialized personality of a student who will be able to be independent and successfully realize himself in later life.

For the successful implementation of this task, school teachers teach children not only basic educational knowledge, but also the use of technical correction tools that allow children to be mobile and move independently, as well as to be independent in everyday life.

Also, one of the conditions for high-quality education, upbringing, development, habilitation and rehabilitation of children with visual impairments is an accurate understanding by specialists of the features of the state of visual functions of each child and their accounting in the system of psychological and pedagogical impact.

All the knowledge and skills acquired by children at school are successfully applied by them in practice and give students full-fledged ideas about the world around them, which allow them to successfully interact with it.

The purpose of the cooperation is to increase the level of socialization and learning ability of schoolchildren with visual impairments, by equipping the material and technical base of the school, as well as organizing the interaction of children with the FIU with children enrolled in the program of secondary schools.

Tasks:

- ensuring the psycho-emotional well-being and health of participants in the educational process, using the skills of social partnership for personal and harmonious development;
 - development of students' ability to adequately navigate in an accessible social environment;
 - improving the quality of life (learning and socialization) of children with visual impairments by equipping the material and technical base of the school;
 - Improving the quality of available services in the field of culture and sports and reducing information barriers for visually impaired students through the creation of an accessible cultural space through typhocommentation.
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- Explanatory note

Modern school is becoming more and more confident as a full-fledged component of the social sphere of society, reflecting the characteristic features of our time. Given the high pace of development of society, special schools are also forced to constantly adapt to new realities. All this contributes to the quality education and development of children with visual impairments (developmental features). However, building a high-quality educational process can be difficult without social partnership and interaction between organizations, which provides ample opportunities for individual development of students, their realization in adulthood.

For high-quality and full-fledged education and socialization of children with visual impairments, additional equipment of the material and technical base of the school, the introduction of electronic learning tools and information communication technologies is necessary. All this allows students to be prepared and successful at the next stages of education, as well as the active involvement of visually impaired people in the atmosphere of cultural or sports activities, which ultimately will ensure accessibility and barrier-free for all categories of citizens.

Areas of cooperation

1. Organization of a video conference with school staff and parents (guardians) of students on the topic "Organization and provision of psychological assistance". Date of the next videoconference: November 5, 2022



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2. Restoration of the work of the ophthalmologist's office on the basis of the school. The presence of an ophthalmologist in the school contributes to the qualitative and timely monitoring of the condition of the visual analyzer of students, the appointment of treatment depending on the stage of correction, the recommended hardware treatment. Another important point is the continuity in the work between an ophthalmologist from a specialized kindergarten for children with visual impairments and a school.
3. Training of specialists in typhocommunication or organization of cooperation between the school and existing specialists. Typhlokommentation is a concise description of an object, space or action that a blind or visually impaired person is unable to perceive due to visual impairments. Such a description is usually prepared by a typhoon commentator.
4. Equipping the school with video magnifiers. At the moment, the school has purchased 5 video enlargers out of 14 requested. Three of which were donated to the school by the Rotary Club, two more were purchased by the Department of Education.
5. Organization of annual meetings of students of the GUO "Special School No. 188 of Minsk" with students of the GUO "Zhupranskaya Secondary School named after F.K.Bogushevich" on the basis of one of the schools, in order to increase the socialization of children with visual impairments, as well as to increase the level of awareness and education of secondary school students in matters of interaction with children with special needs development.

The program was agreed and approved on 11/14/2022.

Signatures of the Parties:

GUO "Special school No. 188 of Minsk" Acting
Director A.Zaleskaya

NGO "Rotary Club "Minsk" President
D.Uretsky





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In 2000-2005 open heart surgeries on 315 Belarusian children with severe heart defects were performed by the international medical team from 15 volunteers headed by Dr. William Novick.

Behind these surgeries are the saved lives of kids. Some of the surgeries were unique in the world medical practice, many of them were done for the first time in Belarus. More than a thousand children were given qualified medical consultations.

All surgeries and consultations were done gratis.

As a rule, the team makes a 14 day-trip to Belarus two times a year (fourteen trips from 2000).



Dr. William M. Novick is a noted cardiac surgeon, an Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Professor of the Paul Nemer Jr. Endowed Chair of International Child Health at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN. He is also the Founder and Medical Director of the International Children's Heart Foundation (www.babyheart.org).

Dr. Novick is listed in *the Best Doctors in America* 2003, 2004. The 30-minute "Chernobyl Heart" film by the American independent journalist Marlon De Leo which included the report on Dr. Novick's work in Belarus, was awarded with the OSCAR prize in the "short documentary film" nomination in 2004.

The World Heart Foundation recognized Dr. W. Novick as the *Humanitarian of the Year* 2005. In 2002 he was elected an *Honorary Member* of the Rotary Club Minsk in acknowledgement of his surgical skills, generosity and desire to save the lives of Belarusian children with heart diseases.

W. Novick and his team of high caliber medical professionals from the USA, UK, Canada, Croatia, etc. did life-saving surgeries on about 3000 children in 20 countries in the world.



In December, 2004 the Belarusian Government made a true Christmas gift for children "with broken hearts" by opening a newly built Children Cardiac Surgery Center (CCSC). Dr. Novick was personally invited by the country President, A. Lukashenko, who awarded the US surgeon with the F. Sopynya Medal for his merits in charity and humanitarian activities. This event was widely reported in the Belarusian mass media.

The President said that the decision of the Government to set up a specialized center for children's heart surgeries was strongly influenced by the results of Dr. Novick's missions, thus focusing the highlights of cardiac diseases treatment in children.

Eighteen billion rubles were allocated from the state budget to erect the CCSC which has state-of-the-art equipment. Young enthusiastic personnel (ages 25-40) are eager to put all their efforts to make the CCSC a real center of excellence in Belarus.



The RC Minsk members are involved in the purchase and delivery to the hospital of hot lunches, fruits and juices for Dr. Novick's team. International volunteers are busy with surgeries and intensive care for young patients all day long.



During each visit Dr. Novick and his team members actually work on a twenty-four-hour basis with only one day off. On this day Minsk Rotarians try to arrange some recreation and entertainments for the doctors (sauna, excursions to the countryside, museums, art studios, theatres, etc.).



Meeting and lunch at the Orthodox Monastery in Zhirovichy.

Tasting dairy products of the Belarusian cuisine at the Dudatsky ethnographic museum.



Lynne Hammond, Past President of the RC Hamilton, presents the "Baby Heart" Program in Belarus during the Rotary Day at the UNO in New York.

The RC Minsk establish contacts and coordinate activities with overseas Rotations and humanitarian organizations to raise funds to cover travel costs, to deliver medical drugs, supplies and other miscellaneous expenses.

Belarusians gratefully acknowledge joint efforts to save the lives of their children with heart pathologies.

- The Chernobyl Children's Project, Inc.;
- Federal Express Service;
- Rotary District 7900 Gift of Life Foundation;
- Rotary District 7500 Gift of Life Foundation;
- Rotary Club of Hamilton;
- Rotary Club of Bridgeport Sunrise;
- Rotary Club of North Haven;
- Rotary Club of Natick;
- Rotary Club of Newark;
- Rotary Club of New Canaan;
- U.S. Surgical Corporation;
- ATB Laboratories, Inc., USA;
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.
- SOFIA NGO



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Dr. Patricia Webster, Professor Assistant from the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MS, USA, traveled with the medical team six times to Minsk in the summer of 2005. Webster sponsored tickets for 7 children who had been operated by Dr. Novick for a 55 day recreation in Kansas City. (In cooperation with Misseri-Belarus NGO).

Dr. P. Webster was also the major sponsor and organizer of the International Conference on intensive therapy and critical care of children after heart surgeries in March 2-7, 2006. Lectures and practical training for Belarusian physicians were focused on a wide scope of subjects: congenital heart defects in infants, pulmonary and kidney insufficiency, neurology complications, infection control, peritoneal dialysis for children, nursing care in post-surgery period, etc.



Dr. Natalia Savitskaya, the Head of the Diagnosis and Consultation Unit from the Children Cardiac Center in Minsk, took a three month training course in pediatric echocardiography at the Kentucky University, USA, in July -September 2005, due to the support of the International Children Heart Foundation and Prof. Thomas di Sessa.

Minsk Rotarians sponsored US \$ 3,600 for travel, accommodation and PDM expenses.



Dr. Novick and his doctors willingly share their experience, knowledge and advanced surgical procedures with Belarusian colleagues thus fostering the development of the local school of pediatric cardiac surgery.



Lada Litvinenko and Larisa Stetsienko, coordinators from the Belarusian Children Foundation, with medical journals, delivered by Dr. Novick to the Children Cardiac and Surgery Center in Minsk.

The RC Minsk closely cooperates with the Belarusian Children Foundation that ensures customs clearing of medical drugs and supplies, hotel accommodation and breakfasts at privileged prices, through the Belarusian Department for Humanitarian Aid.

The Minsk Rotarians jointly with the Children Foundation provided the publication of a booklet with the information on treatment, care and behavior after surgeries for children and their family members.



A symbolic heart with the signatures of kids who were operated on by the international medical team.

Principal coordinators of the "Baby heart" program in Belarus from the Rotary Club Minsk:

A. Anisichayeva - RC Minsk President in 2005-2006
V. Rubszhansky - RC Minsk President in 2004-2005

In 2000 Vladimir I. Rubszhansky (to the right) sponsored US \$ 10,500 in air tickets for the medical team members.

The total contribution of Minsk Rotarians to this program is US \$ 24, 180.

The dedicated professional work of Dr. Novick and his colleagues considerably reduced the death toll for doomed cardiac children in Belarus.

Medical missions also have significant humanitarian outcomes.

Dr. Novick's visits to Minsk demonstrate that international cooperation of non-governmental organizations and Rotary Clubs in particular, may lead to quality and effective results that are exemplary in many ways.



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For contact:
Dr. W. Novick: rotarymink@com
The Rotary Club Minsk: rotary_minsk@mail.by

CHILDREN MUST NOT SUFFER FROM THE LACK OF MONEY IN ADULTS.



Dear Deepak.
Dear Friends in Rotary.

Find attachment:
short report about last sponsored children meeting - Zhupransky Picnic with photos:

Best regards,
Alex

"Bulba Fest in Zhuprany"

Rotary Club Minsk organized a meeting (departure by minibus) of 12 children of the sponsored school 188 of Minsk for children with visual impairments to the village of Zhuprany – a sponsored school for the event "Zhupransky picnic" (held every six months – a meeting of children from 2 sponsored schools).

This time the meeting was dedicated to the World Food Day.

World Food Day, celebrated annually on October 16, was proclaimed in 1979 at the conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The main goal of this Day is to raise the level of awareness of the population about the problem of hunger existing in the world.

Events and competitions were organized during the meeting:

1. Recipe contest "How to use leftovers: non-obvious ideas for breakfast, lunch and dinner" (send photos and descriptions of recipes online in advance). According to the results of the competition, an online recipe book is compiled, which is posted on the websites of schools for public access.
2. Contest of clever and clever girls "What do you know about potatoes?" – a team game with questions about the properties of potatoes, its history, interesting facts and volcanic riddles.
3. Culinary Bulba battle. 3 mixed teams take part in the competition, each with 4 participants: 2 schoolchildren from the Zhupran school and 2 schoolchildren from school No. 188. The teams draw out the name of the dish (draniki, croquettes and casserole) and cook it for 30 minutes. All participants of the Fest taste and vote.
4. Contest "Guess the melody" – jazz music from cartoons sounds https://dzen.ru/a/YHA9Q3dgggx09ARH?utm_referer=www.google.com
5. Arm wrestling competitions: mixed pairs participate.





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Thu, Nov 2, 3:06 PM
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to me, Gideon, Adv, reubenyocef

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Respected PDG Deepak Talwar

Greetings from israel

In Late September/early October,a group of

Rotarians from Rotary club of Delhi SouthEnd visited Israel,mainly for business purposes along with meeting with rotarians in Israel

We were invited by them for a meeting with over dinner and it was a very held in an amicable atmosphere,get to know each other and exchange views

Our president Zina isakov, rotary club of Ramla Israel exchanged flags with President Siddhartha from rotary club of Delhi South End, attended also by PP Shimon Gonen and myself Zipora Meir ICC Israel India chair

Looking forward to having more fruitful relationship between our clubs and other clubs in your area, especially to promote

Interaction between the clubs, sooner

The tense situation prevailing here in this extremely difficult period incurring from the atrocious acts of hamas terrorists on Israeli civilians and the war going on



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On this occasion our heartfelt gratitude to you all dear rotarian friends for your help and support, especially to Modiji for his overwhelming support to Israel

Hopefully the situation will be back to normal soon, we can proceed our rotary activities

With warm rotary greetings

Zipora Meir ICC Israel India chair





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Rotary Ramla Club
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15.10.2023

RESPECTED ROTARIAN FRIENDS

IN THESE DAYS, ISRAEL IS FACING A GRAVE SITUATION INCURRING THE HORRENDOUS TERROR ATTACK OF THE HAMAS ON 7TH OCTOBER 2023, INFILTRATING FROM GAZA STRIP TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS, DOING MASSACRES , KILLING HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS, INCLUDING BABIES , PREGNANT WOMEN AND ELDERLY HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS , COUNTING 1400 DEAD, OVER 3000 WOUNDED AND OVER 200 ABDUCTED TO GAZA.

AS OF TODAY THEY HAVE FIRED OVER 8000 ROCKETS ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF ISRAEL , CAUSING ENORMOUS DAMAGE , KILLING AND WOUNDING CIVILIANS , AND MANY ARE DISLOCATED.

THE ATROCIOUS ACT OF TERRORISM SHOULD BE CONDEMNED BY THE CIVILIZED WORLD

ON THIS OCCASION , WE WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT MESSAGES AND PRAYERS

WE WOULD BE MUCH OBLIGED , IF YOU COULD KINDLY PROVIDE A DONATION TO OUR RELIEF FUND FOR THE SAKE OF AFFECTED PEOPLE ESPECIALLY YOUNG CHILDREN, VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK.

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SPAIN

Minutes of the meeting Spain-India ICC 12th October 2023

1.- Rtn. Ms. Namrata Suri is officiating the meeting from the Indian team.

Rtn Patricia Martin Rico introduces the members of the spanish section team attending the zoom meeting

2.- Rtn. Xavi Mestres presents the Spanish Rotarian District 2201, his Club and their projects in a Powerpoint to all. He also includes a video from a Spanish outbound in India and his experience.

3.- Rtn. Eloisa Moreno presents for all the ROTARIAN project "UNO POR LA PALMA" FROM DISTRICT 2201, and asks for collaboration from the ICC India-Spain.

This is a project borned after the eruption of the Vulcano in La Palma in Sept 21, destroyed a great deal of the island. Rotary's project is to build a school there to restore the one that was destroyed.

This is a macroproject and a lot of money is needed. The name of the project, "One for la Palma" refers to the action of donating at least 1 euro each person that wants to collaborate with this project

4.- Rtn. Patricia Martin Rico presents the proposal of enhancing the New Generation Service Program between both countries and presents in a Powerpoint an experience of a Spanish male nurse that was in Indore, India , RD 3040 for 2 months and really had a great experience.

Our ICC wants to offer as much help as possible to the NGSE Program between India and SPAIN

I contacted our NGSE Program District Chair in 2203, Sra. Angeles Aspergilla to try to give a structure to this help and ask her to contact her peers in the other 2 district of Spain to join our next zoom meeting

We would like them to tell us about this Program and hear what they need and how we can match those needs

We want to let them get to know us better as ICC and learn how we can help and what we can offer

- Districts involved in the ICC, that could grow
- Possibilities for recruiting Young professionals or students interested in the program (Rotaract, Universities..)
- Possibilities for offering companies or cooperation in different áreas in the different districts (doctors, nurses, veterinarians, music, tourism, lawyers, engineering, management, business....)

We would like to know if there are special legal needs.

5.- The India team asks about the possibility for Friendship exchange. We will look at it and discuss with our Clubs



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We will be having a new meeting in December 23 /January 24th

For that meeting we would like to have:

- 1.- a power point presentation of one of the Indian Districts participating in the ICC**
- 2.- Information about your participation in the “One for la Palma Project”**
- 3.- Proposal of a service project in India**

We finish the meeting at 12,30pm spanish time

Attending Rtns from Spanish section team:

- Patricia Martin
- Xavi Mestres
- Eloisa Moreno
- Michael Bharwani excuses his absence

Thanks to everybody :-)

Gracias a todos :-)



U.S.A.

India – USA 2nd Zoom Meeting

Ref: 8.17.23 "Minutes" w/Zoom Recording URL below, Photographs Attached. Minutes within Agenda References, India-USA ICC (U.S. & India Divisions), Thank You Zoom Participants & YouTube Recipients! Next Zoom Meeting: 9.21.23. Welcome!

Watch Now the July Zoom Meeting Recording for full Details of our Event and Minutes Backup: <https://youtube.com/live/GZDugnMYFs0>
Feel the Power! Hear the sincerity!! Understand the commitments made to create the very best India-USA ICC possible.
Please mark your calendars for the next India-USA ICC Zoom Meeting, September 21st, 2023 (9.21.23).
Welcome One & All!

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Thank You to Each Participant for Such Wonderful and Active Participation during our July Meeting.
Minutes Backup Watch Now the Zoom Meeting Recording for full Details at: https://youtube.com/live/Jucyasy_YXg
Referenced Minutes in Red for Thursday, August 17th, 2023, 11:00 A.M. EDT/10:00 A.M. CDT/8:00 A.M. PDT USA/8:30 P.M. IST, India
Moderators: Dr. Samuel Lee Hancock, CM, RID 7620, India-USA ICC, U.S. Division President & PP Vijay Narayan Kewalramani, RID 3142, India-USA ICC, India Division President
Zoom Meeting Thursday 9.21.23 at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87255172333?pwd=a0p30VBpLzVTWFkxdVZZeWJaUUVGQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 5517 2333, Passcode: ICC

1a) Dr. Sam: (2 minutes) Welcome to all for participating in our India-USA ICC. We are pleased you are here in full support and participation. We trust you will become an active participant, volunteer, and supporter of the India-USA ICC Family over the months and years ahead. (Achieved as presented and covered in the Zoom Recording.)

1b) PP Vijay (2 minutes) Special Welcome for the India Division Participants. Welcome, Greetings, & Benefits of the India-USA ICC now and into the future. We are pleased you are here in full support and participation. We trust you will become an active participant, volunteer, and supporter of the India-USA ICC Family over the months and years ahead. (Achieved as presented and covered in the Zoom Recording.)

2) Dr. Sam: (10 minutes or Adjusted Based on Number of Participants) 30 Second Elevator Introduction: Your Name, RC, District, Rotary Position Title if any, and Why Participate in the India-USA ICC. Please put all of your particulars in "Chat" as to your: Full Name; Rotary Nickname if Any, Rotary Club; District, Position Title(s) if Any, Local Telephone/WhatsApp Number, Best email Address, and One [1] Project Local or Global Grant You would like to discuss in the future. (Achieved as presented and covered in the Zoom Recording. Copy of the Chat Box entries are available including each participant who was willing to share.)

3) PP Vijay: (10 minutes or Adjusted Based on Number of Participants) 30 Second Elevator Introduction: Name,



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Project Local or Global Grant You would like to discuss in the future. (Achieved as presented and covered in the Zoom Recording. Copy of the Chat Box entries are available including each participant who was willing to share.)

**A very special enthusiastic and insightful Overview was shared with all participants by our Honorable Deepak Talwar, National Coordinator, ICCs of India. PDG/PP Deepak is always a fount of knowledge and wisdom about the power, purpose, and promise of our India-USA ICC and all ICCs of India. Please listen to his presentation in the Zoom YouTube Link.

4) Dr. Sam: (3 minutes) Relevant comments during the years and months leading up to chartering YOUR new India-USA ICC where, "we want action, create meaningful projects, and greatly expand the number of Global Grants being created through this very special ICC." We have heard your comments. PP Vijay and I are determined to help lead this organization to be at least 80% ACTION, PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND EXCHANGES and only 20% idle talk, management, and formula. With this in mind, in this monthly meeting we featured four [4] "sample" programs and projects as "ideas" or more to the point "idea starters". Sure you are most impressed with the presentations and the short Q&A session. (This was a great start towards creating a welcoming, informative, and supportive environment within which to expand the number of Global Grants between India and the United States Rotary Clubs and Districts plus possibly third [3rd] countries with demonstrated need. This fulfills the mission and vision of the International Global Grants Projects Fairs. Links & Overview in #5. & #7 Below. Excellent presentation by each presenter in 5.a.) ~ 5.d.) Below. Please watch each presentation with slides about these special projects. Reach out directly if interested to create a Global Grant with any Project Lead.

5.a.) "Sample #1" (5 Minutes) w/Slides: (Confirmed) George L. Small, PDG (2017-2018) Rotary Club of Canon City, CO, USA, RID 5470 and Dr. Luke Javernick, Executive Director, River Science. This is an ongoing world-class rivers testing, clean up, remediation, improvement, and out-of-doors STEM/STEAM educational program for high school students. This is recognized as one of the most innovative approaches to cleaning up much polluted rivers with hazardous carcinogenic chemicals leaching out of thousands of open-cut gold, silver, and coal mines abandoned over the past 175 years. Focused upon: practical, hands-on education; environmental protection; enhancement of native woodlands, farming areas, state and federal parklands, and outdoor recreation.

5.b.) "Sample #2" (5 Minutes) w/Slides: (Confirmed) Larry Strober, Chair, Rotary International Global Peace Poles Projects, RID 5100. Larry will be speaking about Rotary International's Global Peace Poles Projects around the globe. What? How? Impacts? Outcomes? One idea directly related to the Global Peace Pole Project can be an audacious project proposed to follow one of the five [1 OF 5] major Peace Walks/Marches titled as "Following in the Steps of Mahama Gandhi, Planting Peace Poles and Peace Groves to Foster Peace and Environmental Rejuvenation in His Memory". This is an initiative to more firmly connect Rotary International's First Area of Focus, "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution" and its natural bookend with the Seventh Area of Focus "Supporting the Environment" This effort will be to involve as many Rotary Clubs, Rotaractor Clubs, and Districts to focus on the balance of Peace and Environmental Quality through the fusion of Peace Poles and native species planting of trees as Peace Groves. This project can be viewed as a world-wide model program.

5.c.) "Sample #3" (5 Minutes) w/Slides:(Confirmed) N.K. (Gopi) Gopinath, PP, Water & Environmental Projects Chair, Rotary Club of Madras, Chennai, RID 3232, Tamil Nadu. Under the title of "Enhancing Water Storage for a Sustainable Future" the Rotary Club of Madras has been engaged in improving the local water bodies for many years. The Club has embarked upon Creation and Restoration of Lakes and Ponds which will



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help surrounding communities immensely by improving the ground water levels. The Club is refurbishing five [5] lakes this Program Year 2023 - 2024 year, totalling about 500 acres [202 hectares]. In community schools the Club is augmenting clean drinking water facilities creating potable drinking water for students. One hundred [100] schools will be given potable water production technologies with 10 schools in the first phase. The total cost of the lakes project will be in the region of US\$250,000+/- and that of the Schools will be US\$50,000+/-

5.d.) "Sample #4" (5 minutes) w/Slides: (Confirmed) Vijay Kewalramani, India Division President, India-USA ICC, RID 3142. India & USA Collaboration Global Grants with 3rd Countries. This is a discussion about the possibilities of joint Indian and United States ICCs collaborating with a third [3rd] country to develop a Global Grant which is implemented in that country with great needs in a specific or specific areas. Through our combined ICCs we can more easily identify international partners, funding sources, subject-matter experts, and DDF provided by such an India and U.S.A partnership. For example one area of great need is Maternal Health in such countries as Uganda and Nigeria. With two of the largest Rotary programs in the World of Rotary we may seek to create one or a number of such projects through our ICC.

**There were two outstanding new Global Grants Projects presented this August with the help and assistance of PP Vijay. Many thanks to PP Sameer and PP Sudhir for your great leadership for the two important projects.

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**Project 1) Presented by PP Sameer Sarangdhar, RC Thane Suburban, RID 3142. www.matchinggrants.org #G-3194. Title: Construction of Seven [7] Check Dams at Seven [7] Villages in Shahapur, Maharashtra, India. Total Cost US\$55,000 RCTS US\$9,500, RID 3142, US\$10,000; Balance Global Grant from RI Foundation; and

**Project 2) Presented by PP Sudhir Joshi, RC Nashik, RID 3030, www.matchinggrants.org #G-3193, Blood Donation & Collection Van and Refrigerated Centrifuge. Mobile blood donation van will be used for blood donation camps. Blood Bank Refrigerated Centrifuge will be used for preparation of blood components from collected whole blood. Please go to the www.matchinggrants.org web site to locate #G-3193 for the complete financial needs, collected resources, and more expansive project overview.

6) Dr. Sam (2 minutes): Four [4] Announcements:

Shab (Chehab) AlWar, Founder, IGGPFs: Discussed about having a very special Presenter in our September Meeting. Confirmed is: Shab (Chehab) AlWar, Founder, International Global Grants Projects Fairs (IGGPFs) & Chair, RI International Service & Global Grants Committee. Shab will share about the importance of Global Grants, the ease and power of first submitting your Global Grant(s) in the IGGPF through www.matchinggrants.org to potentially find your international partner(s), matching funds, DDF, even subject-matter experts and local community opinion leaders to participate in and strengthen your Global Grant(s) resources, ideas, participation, community outreach, & outcomes.

September GGs Challenge: Vijay and I are challenging any Indian or U.S. Rotarian to become one of the first five [1 of 5] to submit their new Global Grant(s) on www.matchinggrants.org. Send such 'G' number(s) to Vijay and me. We will introduce these new GG applications during our September 21st, 2023 meeting. If interested, you need to have submitted your application and received your 'G' number(s) and sent to us before or by Wednesday, September 13th, 12:00 Noon PDT. Along with your 'G' number(s) send your full name, Rotary position if any, Club name, District number, along with your WhatsApp number and email address to PP Vijay at: vnkewalramani@gmail.com and me: Dr_Sam_Hancock@emerald-planet.org so I can add you in our September 21st "Welcome" email Agenda. This Welcome email will be sent on Thursday, September 14th, 2023. We should announce this is an experiment to determine if we may use this format to help expand, grow, and strengthen our ICC's members and guest's submissions of and participation in Global Grants. Welcome to participate and obtain your opportunity for a three to five [3 - 5] minute feature in our email communications and during our actual September meeting. You will also receive an URL link to the Zoom recording of your presentation.



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We will be meeting the third [3rd] Thursday of each month, or as a special session called by the respective Country President, at: 11:00 A.M. ET/10:00 A.M. CT/8:00 A.M. PT (USA)/8:30 P.M. Indian Standard Time (IST). Welcome to any and all of our monthly meetings; and

We will have our next meeting of the India-USA ICC, U.S. & Indian Divisions, on: Thursday, September, 21st, 2023 (9.21.23).

7) Dr. Sam & PP Vijay: (2 minutes) Adjournment and Final "Thank You" to ALL Participants.

8) Reminder: Join Zoom Meetings monthly, 3rd Thursdays, at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87255172333?pwd=a0p3OVBpLzVTWFkxdVZZeWJaUUVGQT09>

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Ref: 10.19.23a "Minutes" India-USA ICC (U.S. & India Divisions), w/Zoom Recording URL below Photographs Attached. Minutes in Agenda References, Thank You Zoom Participants, YouTube Recipients, & Presenters! Next Zoom Meeting November 16th, 2023. Welcome!

Thank You to Each Participant for Such Wonderful and Active Involvement during our October Meeting.

"Minutes" Backup Watch Now the Zoom Meeting Recording for full Details
at: <https://youtube.com/live/8Onll7VZk5o>

Referenced "Minutes" in Red for Thursday, October 19th, 2023, 11:00 A.M. EDT/10:00 A.M. CDT/9:00 A.M. MDT/8:00 A.M. PDT USA/8:30 P.M. IST, India

Moderators: Dr. Samuel Lee Hancock, CM, RID 7620, India-USA ICC, U.S. Division President
PP Vijay Narayan Kewalramani, RID 3142, India-USA ICC, India Division President; &

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Special Recognition:

RECAP: 2023 World Culture Festival Welcomed the World to Washington, D.C. with Monumental Three-Day Celebration of Peace, Inclusion, Harmony, and Support of the Environment. This was an incredible event hosted by Sri Sri Ravi Shandar and his NGO [The Art of Living Foundation](#) – organizers of the [World Culture Festival](#) – estimate nearly one million people experienced the free, three-day celebration of peace, harmony, and environmental protection.. Attendees on the National Mall were treated to 23 hours of family-friendly programming, including 60 performances by over 17,000 international artists, musicians, dancers, and world-renown thought-leaders representing cultures from every corner of the globe.. The event was live-streamed with a daily attendance of 1.7 Billion viewers world-wide. This was indeed a most spectacular and awe-inspiring event. (All agreed a fantastic event. Number of participants have already reviewed the [The Art of Living Foundation](#) Remarks covered in the Zoom Recording.)

Order of Business:

1a) Dr. Sam: (1 minute) Welcome to All for participating in YOUR India-USA ICC. The September meeting was very well attended. We are pleased you are here in full support and participation. We know you will be an active participant, volunteer, and supporter of the India-USA ICC Family over the months and years ahead; (Achieved as presented and covered in the Zoom Recording.) and



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1b) PP Vijay (1 minute) Special Welcome and Greetings for the India Division Participants. We are pleased you are here in full support and participation. We know you will be an active participant, volunteer, and supporter of the India-USA ICC Family over the months and years ahead. (Achieved as presented and covered in the Zoom Recording.)

2) Dr. Sam: (10 minutes or Adjusted Based on Number of Participants) 30 Second Elevator Style Introduction: Your Name, RC, District, Rotary Position Title if any. Please put all of your particulars in "Chat" as to your: Full Name; Rotary Nickname if Any, Rotary Club; District, Position Title(s) if Any, Local Telephone/WhatsApp Number, Best email Address, and One [1] Rotary Exchange Program You would like to discuss in the future. (Achieved as presented, covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)

3) PP Vijay: (10 minutes or Adjusted Based on Number of Participants) 30 Second Elevator Style Introduction: Name, RC, District, Rotary Position Title If any. Please put all of your particulars in "Chat" as to your: Full Name; Rotary Nickname if Any, Rotary Club; District, Position Title(s) if Any, Local Telephone/WhatsApp Number, Best email Address, and One [1] Rotary Exchange Program You would like to discuss in the future. (Achieved as presented, covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)

4) Dr. Sam: (1 minute) Last month we focused upon "Global Grants" between the United States and India along with the new expansion of a India - U.S. collaboration with in-need or at-risk communities in third [3rd] countries. The request in September is to have a special focus upon various types of "Rotary Exchanges". With this in mind, we are featuring six [6] "Examples" of various types of Exchanges programs and projects as "ideas" or more to the point "idea starters". Sure you will be most impressed with the presentations and following all six [6] presentations we will have time for a short Q&A session. (Achieved as presented, covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)

5a) Dr. Sam: "Example #1" (5 Minutes) w/Slides: May Y. O'Brien, Member, RID 7620 Rotary District Environment Committee; Co-Chair, International Grants Committee; & Member, Embassy & International Relations Committee, Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. May has a history of working on joint humanitarian and development projects around the Globe. May has over two decades of experiences involved in Club and District Exchanges including involvement in various Intercountry Committees (ICCs) for Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. She has been involved in Sister and Twin Clubs' Exchanges along with assisting in coordinating International Water Summits and Host Club Family Exchanges between France and the United States. She has also been involved in hosting while coordinating on-site tours and cultural experiences through various Rotary Friendship Exchanges. May has been able to enjoy multiple Rotary Clubs, Districts, and Countries through such Bilateral Relationships.

* (Achieved as presented by May in cooperation with Mark Wilson in 5c) below. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below. Thank you May! Great presentation.)

5b) Dr. Sam: "Example #2" (5 Minutes) w/Slides: Fanny Yayi Bondje, Rotary Youth Exchange Student, The Rotary Youth Exchange is truly "A life in a year!" The Rotary exchange program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience of the world around them while challenging themselves beyond what they could have imagined. This adventure allows students to study, live, and experience a new culture. This program aims to build peace one young person at a



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time and responds to the call of Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self. Her overseas location was Brussels, Belgium. She directly credits her Youth Exchange travel and on-site studies as a major contributor for achieving her current professional position as Program Associate, Evaluation and Adaptive Learning Team, Results for Development (R4D) NGO in Washington, D.C. (Achieved as presented by Fanny. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below. Thank you Fanny for your wonderful presentation & slides.)

5c) Dr. Sam: "Example #3" (5 Minutes) w/Slides: Mark D. Wilson is the official representative to the various Twin Clubs organized through the "Embassy & International Relations Committee", Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., RID 7620. Mark, as a Consultant with The World Bank Group (Ret.), has three decades of involvement with and representation for numerous Twin Clubs in Europe, Middle East, and Asia. Mark links various overseas Twin Clubs through weekly email correspondence to encourage international Club meetings participation by Zoom, Newsletters Exchanges, while fostering In-Person Friendship Exchanges between countries. Through such long-term involvements Mark is personal friend of our current Rotary International President "Gordon R. McInally". Mark is leading the RID 7620 Host District Team to Welcome RI President Gordon for on-site visits and reception in RID 7620 and a day of community projects' meetings, interactions with local humanitarian and community services organizations, on-site tours with meetings Mayor's Office, Washington, D.C. City Government Administration, and a City-wide and District-wide reception with and through the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. (Achieved as presented by Mark in cooperation with May O'Brien in 5a) above. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below. Thank you for your outstanding presentation working with May.)

5d) PP Vijay: "Example #4" (5 minutes) w/Slides: Bala Murthy Imm. Past District Governor RID 6380 (2022-23), PP, Rotary Club of Troy Michigan, Imm. Past President, Rotary International Travel & Hosting Fellowship, Founder & Imm. Past Chairman, Rotary Yoga Fellowship, AKS Member, and Former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Bala will talk about Fellowships as one of the most interactive and sustainable long-term types of exchanges. His immediate project is entitled, "Our Happiness Journey, Rotary Yoga & Meditation Fellowship: Where Wellness Meets Happiness". Bala will also give a short Overview about the importance for Exchanges and Fellowships to be in collaboration with the Rotary International Travel & Hosting Fellowship. (Achieved as presented by Bala. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below. Thank you Bala for your consistent and persistent leadership in the DMV and now in Michigan. You can be most proud of your outstanding efforts.)

5e) PP Vijay: "Example #5" (5 minutes) w/Slides: PP Prashant Sehgal, Rotary Club of Delhi Restoring Smiles, RID 3011, has been regularly conducting Rotary Youth Exchanges with other countries across the Rotary World. PP Prashant is considered an expert Mentor and Rotary Opinion-Leader on the "Do's & Don'ts" of Youth Exchanges. He serves as a most valuable resource for the other Clubs in RID 3011 and around India. Through this presentation he is offering his ideas, suggestions, and valuable experiences on the purpose, values, and long-term positive impacts of such Rotary Youth Exchanges. (Achieved as presented by PP Prashant. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below. Thank you for your leadership for RID 3011 and India. You can be most proud of your outstanding efforts.)

5f) PP Vijay: "Example #6" (5 minutes) w/Slides: PP Girish Mittal is an active member of the Borivali East Rotary Club, RID 3134. PP Girish has been instrumental in Valious Rotary Friendship Exchanges and also with Vocational Training Teams (VTTs). He is also Past Chairman of the Rotary Fellowship Group of "Rotarians on the Internet" (ROTI). PP Girish is considered an expert Mentor and Rotary



Opinion-Leader on the "Do's & Don'ts" of ROTI and the VTTs. Through this presentation he is offering his ideas, suggestions, and wisdom gained from his many experiences on the purpose, values, and long-term positive impacts of such Vocational Training Teams (VTTs) and ways Rotary Clubs can leverage the use of the Internet through Zoom and other web-based hosting platforms to benefit Rotary Clubs and Districts across India. (Achieved as presented by PP Girish. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below. Great interactions and comments throughout the entire ICC meeting. We learned much about VTTs. Thank you! You can be most proud of your outstanding efforts.)

6. Dr. Sam & PP Vijay: (3 minutes) Q&A Session about the above Examples or any ideas which may be generated out of these real examples of viable Rotary Exchanges. Such exchanges can be quite different in scale and scope yet may trigger entirely different Exchanges over the months and years ahead. Please keep your observations and/or questions under 60 seconds so everyone wishing to share your thoughts, questions, or comments can do so. We invite any of you to add in "Chat" your imagined or actual real Exchange along with your name and direct contact telephone or WhatsApp number and email address for further follow-up about your ideas or concepts. Please consider this as "Sharing Time" for further informal discussion(s) in the coming months of our Zoom meetings. (Achieved as presented by PP Prashant. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)

7) Dr. Sam (1 minutes) IGGPFs "Friendly Reminder", 10.17.23, 6:00 p.m. PT (U.S. & Canada) Zoom
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2113420592?pwd=ODAyendVL3dCcVV6S1MvRnhZeG5qZz09>

Overview and Invitation to the **monthly International Global Grants Projects Fairs (IGGPFs)**. Third Tuesday of each month. 6:00 P.M. PT. Project(s) submission at: www.matchinggrants.org Once you register your proposed project please keep your 'G; number and bring with you to this coming week's IGGPF workshop. Invitations will be sent to all those in the India-USA ICC email lists, both the U.S. Coordinating Committee and the Indian Coordinating Committee. We can add anyone you may know interested in a new, very progressive, potential high return/low investment of time and effort, in this alternative Global Grants process. Welcome! (Achieved as presented. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)

8) Dr. Sam (1 minutes): Two [2] Announcements:

- We will be meeting the third [3rd] Thursday of each month, or as a special session called by the Country President, at: 11:00 A.M. ET/10:00 A.M. CT/9:00 A.M. MT/8:00 A.M. PT (USA)/8:30 P.M. Indian Standard Time (IST). Welcome to any and all of our monthly meetings; and;
- We will have our next meeting of the India-USA ICC, U.S. & Indian Divisions on: Thursday, November, 16th, 2023 (11.16.23).
- (Achieved as presented. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)

9) PP Vijay: (1 minute): Announcements for India Division as desired. (Achieved as presented. Covered in the Zoom Recording, Photos Attached Below.)



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AG Rtn. Rajnish Mittal

Oct 31, 2023,
1:06 PM (10 days
ago)

to me, Bilal, Iyad

Dear PDG Deepak,

A zoom meeting was held on 6th September of ICC India-Palestine in which India's Ambassador to Palestine HE Renu Yadav was also present. Various possibilities to increase cultural and business ties between the two countries were discussed.

Also a trip of Rotarians from the business community of Palestine to India was proposed within this Rotary year.

Best regards,



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SWITZERLAND

ICC India facilitated Global Grant between district 1980 Switzerland and rotary club of Delhi Premier for construction of check dam in Haryana India under water and sanitization focus area of rotary international an amount of USD – 4000/ was given against Global Grant number GG 2013031

PAKISTAN / NEPAL / TURKEY

ICC India facilitated Global Grant between rotary clubs in Gurgaon RID- 3011 and districts 3271 Pakistan, 3292 Nepal, and 2430 Turkey towards a skilling to employment project under Global Grant application number GG 2453349 each of foreign districts donated USD – 3000/ each for a total of USD – 9000/ for said GG application.

TURKEY

ICC India facilitated Global Grant of a rotary club in RID – 2430 Turkey for a project to manufacture and distribute sanitary pads to women from socio – economically society sections. RID – 3011 donated USD – 3500/ from its DDF.



SAMPLE OF STEPS FOR FORMATION OF INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE (ICC)
(INSTEAD OF SPAIN PLEASE SUBSTITUTE NAME OF FOREIGN COUNTRY INVOLVED)

Step 1

1. Paco Chapa is National Coordinator Spain
2. Deepak Talwar is National Coordinator India
3. Aniel Sahni will be the President
4. Let Rtn. Paco Chapa National Coordinator of ICC Spain give you names of at least two district governors in Spain and names of president and Vice President from Spain
5. Finalise the MOU in consultation with NC ICC Spain and president ICC India Spain section for Spain
6. Prepare a tentative agenda for max 60 minutes meeting as follows:

MOC

Welcome address: National Coordinator India

National Anthems of both countries

Short film on India

Inspirational address DG 1 India

Inspirational address DG 2 India

Meeting handed over to MOC in Spain

Short film Spain

Inspirational address DG 1 Spain

Inspirational address DG 2 Spain

Reading of MOU by NC Spain

E signing of screen shared MOU by verbal acceptance of same by each signatory on MOU

Toast and congratulations to all present for MOU digital signing ceremony.

Vote of thanks ICC Coordinator Spain

Meeting adjourned by National Section Head / president ICC Spain section of India / Spain ICC

7. In coordination with Paco Chapa and all MOU signatories and agenda participants fix a date and time on zoom for signing the MOU.

Step 2

Based on Step 1, I will get official charter issued by ICC executive committee Rotary international

Step 3

In India and Spain separately an ICC working committee should be set up such as:



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India

President: RI 3011

Vice President: RI 3170

Secretary: RI 3170

Treasurer. : RI 3011

Member: 1. RI 3011

Member: 2 RI 3011

Member: 3. RI 3170

Member: 4. RI 3170

Same committee for Spain formed by President ICC Spain sharing positions between involved districts and having two members separately from each district which is part of ICC India/ Spain.

Step 4

In consultation with President Spain, you finalize an annual charter of activities for the said ICC

Step 5

Start virtual activities immediately and physical when feasible

Step 6

National Coordinator India to write letter to each district in India asking them to join ICC India /Spain and depute two members from accepting districts to join working committee.

National Coordinator of other ICC country to write to other districts in said country inviting them to join ICC and depute two members in the ICC working committee for that country.

If you need any clarification feel free to contact me

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National Coordinator (India)

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Editorial

PP Rtn. Subhash Dewan

Dear friends in Rotary,

It is heartening that for the first time, we have a lady RI President Rtn. Jennifer Jones, in a long history of rotary international.

Essence of all human beings is the same existence, that we merely are bestowed different individual talents & Gender roles. We are like actors on a stage called Planet Earth, giving our one life time performance. The Creator gave us abilities not for our own use but for the benefitting the world.

In the Rotary year 2000-01, when I was President of my R.C. Delhi South-West,

R.I .President, Frank Delyn on his visit to our R.I. district said, we the Rotarians in your country India & ones in mine Mexico, should thank ourselves that we have never-ending opportunities to do our best in our developing world, otherwise Rotarians in the affluent western world have to literally look around For such avenues.

Friends, we Homo sapiens have devastated this beautiful planet in the last 200 years, which was not done in past millions of years before. It becomes our solemn duty to save it for our future generation, for the better life for our Children. The greatest hope can come from our Rotary World, spread out in 200 countries. It was Rotary which with help of WHO, decimated crippling diseases Like Polio & others, but this journey, has to go on, till it reaches the last person in misery.



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Here is our PDG Deepak Talwar of R.I. Dist. 3011, India, who has taken the challenge of doing well to society by clubbing two binary nations & Rotarians, in R.I. Districts together to alleviate poverty & hunger, illiteracy, malnutrition, sanitation, clean water & health issues; plus bring International understanding, conflict resolution, through goodwill for all.

At recent Armenian Rotary conference PDG Deepak Talwar's address was very motivational and musical. We wish the cold & hot war between Armenia & Azerbaijan. Rotary can be act like mediation. No longer can a bigger nation bully a small neighbour, we're saying in going on between Russia and Ukraine.

I can prove this by self-example, as in his year of his Dist. Governorship 2005- 6, Deepak chose me to write his 'Governor Monthly Letter' as Editor. It was in that year he took us, a good number of Dist. Rotarians to Pakistan (our estranged neighbour) on good-will mission to resolve conflict & to bring human- touch, at least between our two peoples, who have same roots, culture & language. I wrote the awesome experience in our Mega issue, to show, how his initiative brought such enormous bonhomie thru' people to people contacts, which continues till date.

So my appeal to DGs & PDGs of all our friendly countries, to join his "ICC & Rotary" crusade in order to take Rotary to pinnacle of "Service above Self"

Warm Regards
PP Rtn Subhash Dewan
