



COUNCIL OF PAST GOVERNORS IN TAIWAN'S WELCOME LUNCH FOR RI PRESIDENT D.K. LEE AND FIRST LADY YOUNG JA

*The Yuan Shan Club of Taipei West Restaurant
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Knowing that RI President D.K. Lee and First Lady Young Ja would arrive in Taipei on October 16 for the Rotary institute, the Council of Past District Governors in Taiwan had a special lunch meeting in honor of them in the Yuan Shan Club of the Grand Hotel on October 16, 2008 at noon. However, D.K. Lee's flight would not land at the Taoyuan International Airport at 12:30 pm; the council changed its program to have lunch first and then to start its welcome programs when RI First Couple have arrived in the club.

RI President D.K. Lee and Young Ja were greeted at the arrival gate at the Taoyuan International Airport by RI Director Jackson Hsieh and Juliet and Past RI Vice President Gary Huang and Corinna, it's already 12:30 pm. They rushed to Yuan Shan Club. On the way D.K. Lee and Young Ja repeatedly expressed sorry that

all past district governors and their spouses had to be kept waiting in the club. When they entered the club, they shook hands with each and every past district governor and his/her spouses and kept saying sorry for being late.



Council President Trading Kuo then started the programs by extending heartfelt welcomes to RI President D.K. Lee and First Lady Young Ja on behalf of all past district governors in Taiwan. He appreciated RI first couple's first thing did after landing in Taiwan, rushing here to meet with all past RI officers to show their respect. President Trading also welcomed all current and past RI Board members, TRF chair and

trustees present at the lunch; he said that really graced the council's meeting. District Governor Kega Yao also gave his welcome remarks in his capacity as governor of the host district in charge of the meeting. Past RI Vice President Gary Huang briefed RI President D.K. Lee on the many outstanding achievements the Council of Past District Governors in Taiwan had accomplished and contributed, such as membership recruitment, increased contribution to The Rotary Foundation, the set up of Taiwan House at LA International Convention and the establishment of Japan and Taiwan Rotary Goodwill Conference. Though RI President D.K. Lee felt a little bit hungry and exhausted, he attentively listened to Gary Huang's briefing. He thanked all past district governors in Taiwan for what they did for Rotary and expressed hopes that they would keep up to help Rotary extension on the Island. RI Director Jackson Hsieh said D.K.

Lee and Young Ja intentionally came to meet with members of the council in Taiwan first that was to reflect they really respect all the fellow RI officers and their spouses in Taiwan. He also commended the council for the many good things it did to help Rotary grow in this nation; he said that have proved their continued dedication to Rotary in carrying out RI programs, in particular, the president's call for stressing on reducing children's mortality this year.

In conclusion, President Trading presented RI President D.K. Lee and Young Ja with gifts of gratitude. And the host District Governor Kega Yao presented a poem he wrote by himself and recited it to the president in English and Mandarin. The meeting ended at 2:50 pm. Then the president and Young Ja , Gary Huang and Corinna, Jackson Hsieh and Juliet took some food in hurry and went to the special room in the back for the press conference scheduled at 3:00 pm.



Welcome Lunch

