



## REMARKS

AT CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

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Convener, 2008 Taipei Rotary Institute

The Auditorium (10th Floor)  
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### Recognition and Appreciation

Dear fellow Rotarians,

You just heard the closing remarks of our Institute Chair PDG. Micro. I want to thank him and his entire organization committee for the amazing program they worked so hard to prepare for all of us to enjoy. They have proved their outstanding performance in various Rotary programs, and now I'd like you all to join me in showing our appreciation by giving them a round of applause.

And now we would like to thank all of our VIPs and their spouses, President DK Lee, and Past Presidents, Trustees Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe, Matt Capras, and Bhichai Rattakul and all current Directors, Trustees, Past and Incoming RI Officers for traveling so far from abroad to be with all of us here. We are grateful to have you share your noble experience and lessons with our participants so they can bring back home with them the knowledge and inspiration that you carry. Thank you for giving us more power to make a difference in Rotary. Everyone, please join me in giving our VIPs and spouses a big hand.

Of course, our RI Staff who have come and assisted in organizing the training seminars and preparing our new Rotarian leaders with their year ahead, have been a tremendous help and without them, these gatherings would not be possible. Thank you all RI Staff members,

Ryan Davenport, Sarah Remijan, Eric Schemling, Joy Walker and Howard Chang.

You all may have noticed that this year's Institute had a remarkable turnout, and that, my friends, is all because of the tremendous job our Attendance Promotion Chairs have done from each country. This year's Taipei Rotary Institute actually broke records with the 1,100 participants, and I am truly honored and ever more grateful for the Promotion Chairs' hard work.

Since I joined Rotary in 1988, my Rotary career has flourished over these past 20 years all because of one man—and that man is RI Past President Gary Huang. Without the opportunities he has given me as my mentor to assist in the organization of Rotary activities and the chances to get together with other senior Rotarians to learn from all of them, I would not be in the position I am in today. I owe my Directorship to this man, and now my wife Juliet and I would like all of you to join us in showing our heartfelt appreciation to Gary and his wife Corinna. Thank you.



When I decided to hold the 2008 Institute in Taipei last year, I consulted Taiwan's then 7 current and past

District Governors of Taiwan. Their 100% support they brought forth, with funds and souvenirs and time, made this gathering a great success. Words cannot express how grateful I am to them, and how honored I feel to work together with such a strong and dedicated group of individuals for the projects I feel most passionate about.

This year, our Spouse Program Chair Betty and her team really planned a wonderful program, with so many exciting and unique presentations. All of the time and money that went into the programs really paid off and made this year's Spouse Program a very memorable experience for all of the spouses who attended his Institute. Please join Juliet and I in giving Chair Betty and her team a round of applause.

Last but not least, I want to sincerely thank the Organization Committee for being so patient and efficient with all of the Institute planning, the Multimedia Committee, Sergeant-in-Arms, Receptionists, and all



Interpreters, Thank you so much for your exceptional assistance.

Now I'd like to take this time to present awards to our very Distinguished guests and Committee Members to show our appreciation for being here and being so supportive. I'll invite Chairman PDG Micro to join me with the awards presentation.

Thank you!

