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We meet every alternate Thursday at THE ANTELOPE, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 at 8.00 pm.		
Rtn Subasish Halder President	Rtn Swapnamita Roy Secretary	Rtn Sukanta Khan Treasurer
		PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul Editor

REPORT ON "SWIKRITI" - DISTRICT AWARDS -PART II FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024 HELD AT SPRING CLUB ON 07-09-2024

Rotary District Awards recognize exceptional service and leadership within Rotary clubs. Two key individuals play a crucial role in a club's success: the President and Secretary.

An exemplary Club President demonstrates:

- Visionary leadership, guiding the club towards meaningful projects and goals
- Effective communication, inspiring members and fostering collaboration
- Passionate commitment to Rotary's values and mission

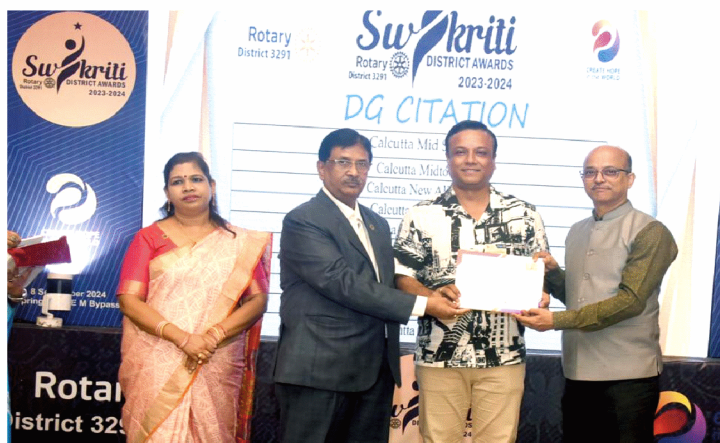
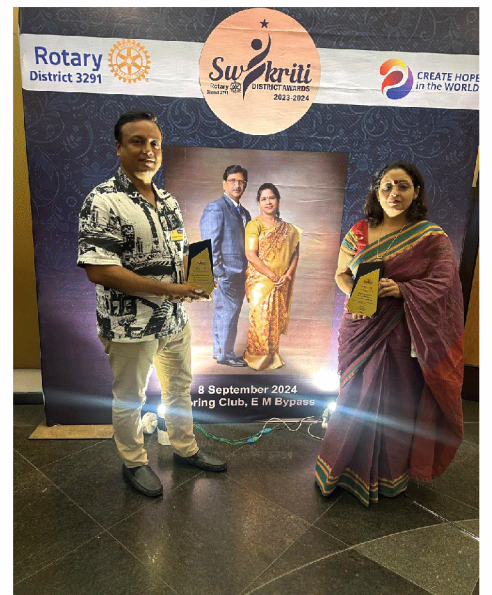
An outstanding Club Secretary exhibits:

- Meticulous organization, ensuring seamless administration and record-keeping
- Proactive communication, keeping members informed and engaged
- Dedicated support, enabling the President and members to focus on service

President Rtn Vivekanada and Club Secretary Rtn Angana lead RCCNE in RY 23-24 and formed a dynamic duo, driving Club success and making a lasting impact in the community. Their exemplary performance earns recognition and sets a high standard for others to follow."

Categories in which the awards were given

1. Star Outstanding Secretary for Rotary Year 2023-2024.
2. Star Outstanding President for Rotary Year 2023-2024.
3. Certificate of Appreciation 2023-2024 for TRF per capita APF.
4. Certificate of Appreciation 2023-2024 for Membership in Number.
5. Certificate of Appreciation 2023-2024 for Membership in Percentage.
6. District Governor's Citation for Outstanding Performance in all Five Avenues of Service.



SANGKOO YUN IS SELECTED TO BE 2026-27 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

By *Etelka Lehoczky*

– 5 August 2024

Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

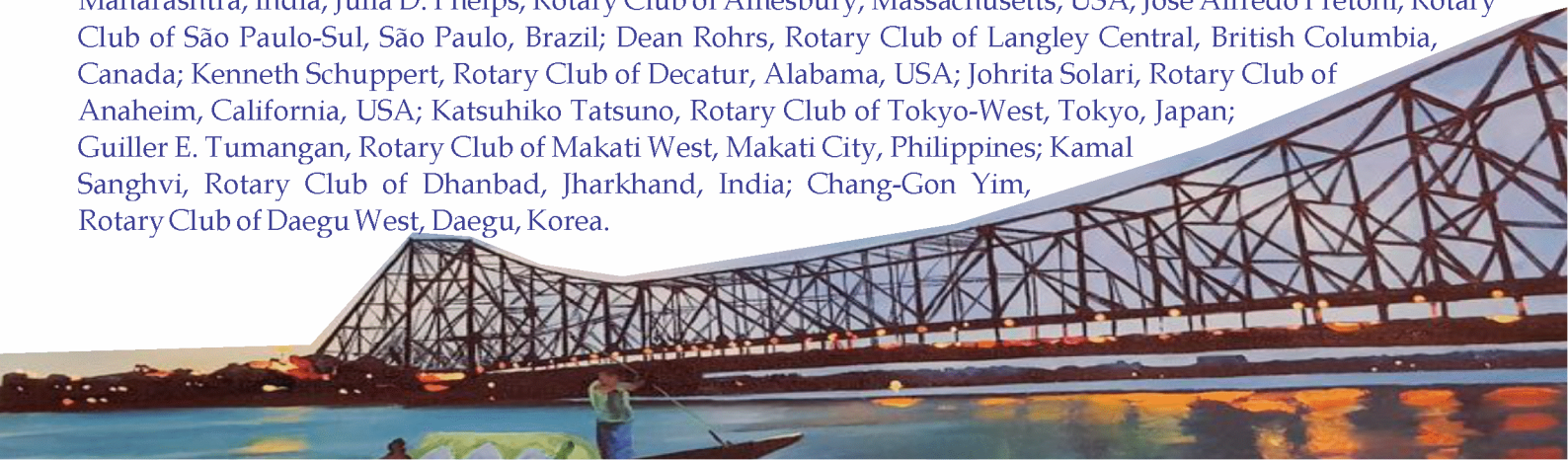
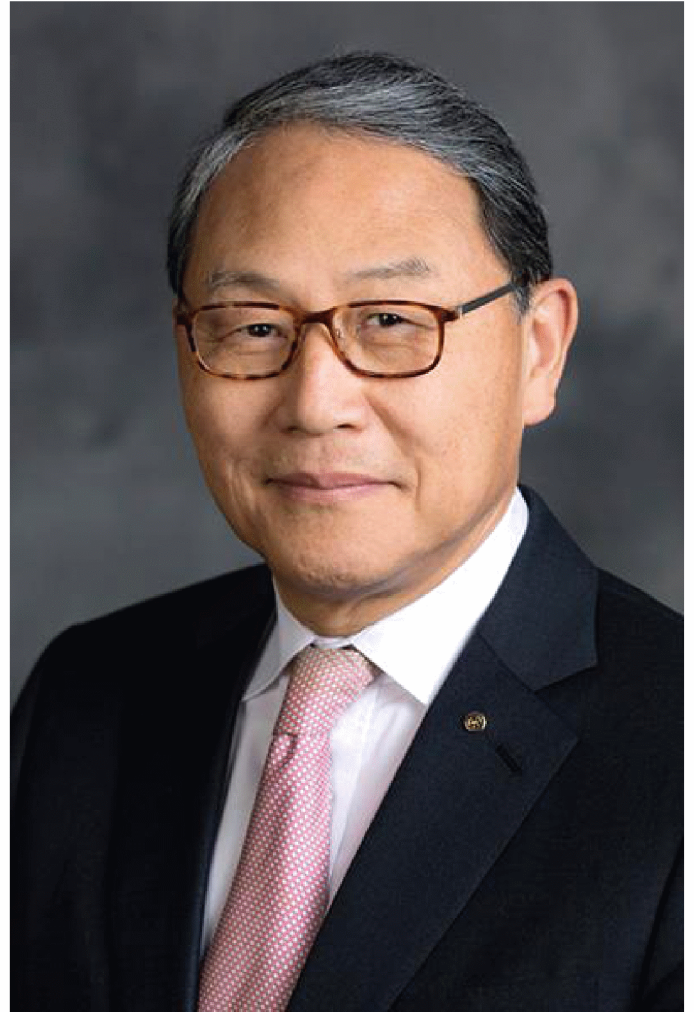
Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

To learn more about Yun, read his interview and vision statement, which outline his goals for Rotary.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2026-27 President of Rotary International are:

Jessie H. Harman (chair), Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, Victoria, Australia; Francesco Arezzo (secretary), Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Jeremy Hurst, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Jan Lucas Ket, Rotary Club of Purmerend, Netherlands; Urs Klemm, Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; Bharat S. Pandya, Rotary Club of Borivli, Maharashtra, India; Julia D. Phelps, Rotary Club of Amesbury, Massachusetts, USA; José Alfredo Pretoni, Rotary Club of São Paulo-Sul, São Paulo, Brazil; Dean Rohrs, Rotary Club of Langley Central, British Columbia, Canada; Kenneth Schuppert, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA; Johrita Solari, Rotary Club of Anaheim, California, USA; Katsuhiko Tatsuno, Rotary Club of Tokyo-West, Tokyo, Japan; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Kamal Sanghvi, Rotary Club of Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India; Chang-Gon Yim, Rotary Club of Daegu West, Daegu, Korea.



LINKED THROUGH SISTER CITIES, ROTARIANS SAVE NEWBORNS IN BRAZIL

By Vanessa Glavinskas Photographs by Robert Gill

A mother is in labor, and she's frightened. Her baby isn't due for three months. The closest hospital is 30 miles away, and although she makes it there in time, the baby is born weighing barely 2 pounds.

And there's another problem.

The hospital's neonatal intensive care unit has only seven incubators, and all are in use, so the baby must be transferred to another hospital to receive the critical care he needs. If he survives the transfer, his parents will need to find a way to make trips to that hospital for months.

Many new mothers were facing similar situations at Dr. Leopoldo Bevilacqua Regional Hospital, a state-run facility in Brazil's Ribeira Valley. Lack of equipment meant some of the hospital's most vulnerable newborns had to be transferred, which was a factor in São Paulo state's high infant mortality rate.

"There are two realities here: people who can pay for a private hospital and those who can't," says Lina Shimizu, who spearheaded the project for the Rotary Club of Registro-Ouro, Brazil. Those who can't, she says, often have to travel long distances to get to a state-run hospital such as Leopoldo Bevilacqua, which serves 24 towns.



By adding five incubators to the NICU, the hospital nearly doubled the number of babies its nurses and doctors can care for



The Rotary clubs also used the grant to launch a publicity campaign on importance of prenatal care and breast-feeding.

financial contributions to the project would be managed well. In addition, Shimizu, who is of Japanese descent and speaks fluent Japanese, helped build trust and effective communication.

A group of Japanese Rotarians visited the NICU after the project was completed.

"After 37 years," says Mitsuo Hara, a member of the Rotary Club of Nakatsugawa, "there's a friendship and bond between Rotary members of both countries."

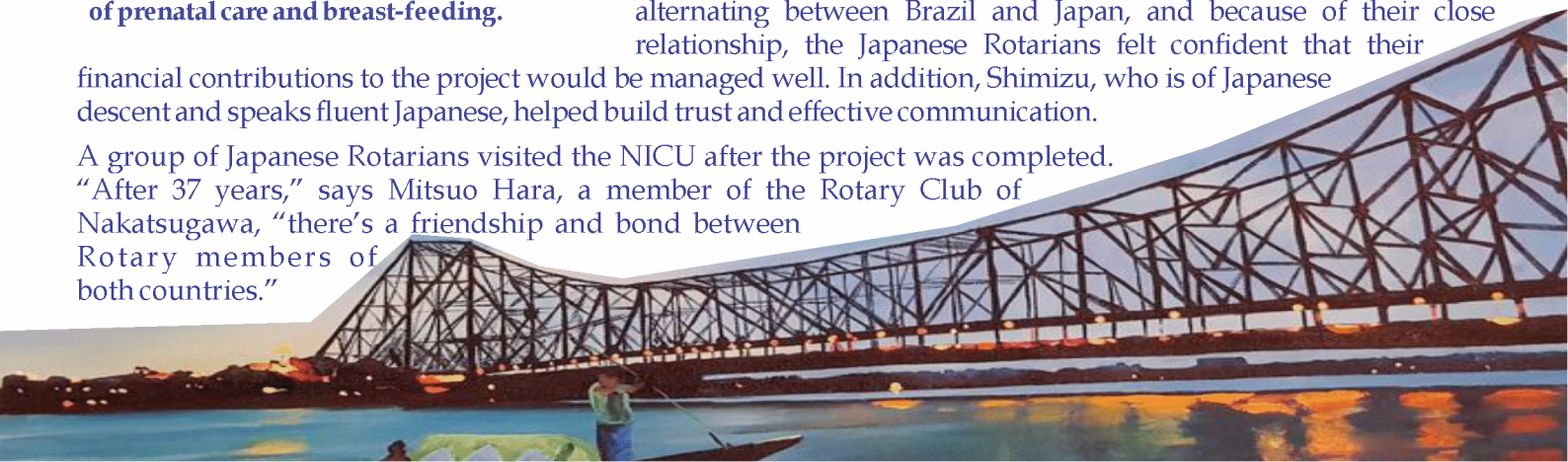
The Rotary Club of Registro-Ouro and the Rotary Club of Registro partnered on a Rotary Foundation global grant with two clubs in Nakatsugawa, Japan.

Through the partnership, Brazilian Rotarians raised \$172,500. They funded equipment including five incubators for the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), which nearly doubled the hospital's capacity to care for fragile newborns. In 2013, 129 babies were admitted to the NICU; since the completion of the project, the hospital has been able to care for about 220 babies per year.

Other equipment provided through the grant included five ventilators, a bilirubin meter, three heated cribs, five vital-sign monitors, and a super LED microprocessed phototherapy unit to treat babies with jaundice. The grant also funded the cost of publicity to inform residents about prenatal care workshops conducted by area health workers. The publicity campaign aimed to reach mothers in remote areas who may not know what services are available to them or about the importance of prenatal care and breast-feeding.

This global grant marked a turning point for Rotarians in Nakatsugawa, who had stopped contributing to international projects after experiencing difficulties on a past grant. The difference this time was in the relationship between the cities of Registro and Nakatsugawa, which established a "sister city" affiliation in 1980.

Rotarians from both cities meet regularly to foster their friendships, alternating between Brazil and Japan, and because of their close relationship, the Japanese Rotarians felt confident that their





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Environment

Minutes of the 1607th Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta North East held at The Antelope, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 on 05.09.24 at 8.00 PM.

- ❖ President Rtn Subasish Halder called the meeting to order. He requested PP Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri to lead the National Anthem.
- ❖ President informed the Club Members on the details of the joint meeting held on 24th August with Rotary Club of Calcutta Old City at Spring Club. The expenses for the meeting were shared with RC Calcutta Old City. Members, who had attended the meeting followed by the fellowship and dinner, paid their own contributions.
- ❖ President informed about the next Project with a NGO "MOHOR", working for specially abled children. They provide music therapy for their mental health. President has already visited the NGO along with the Club Treasurer.
- ❖ President informed about the "Teacher's Day" celebration at "Pratham Padakshep" on 5th August itself. President along with Rtn Salil Kr. Chandra, Rtn Suven Mukherjee and Rtn Rathindra Nath Dey attended the program. The teachers of Pratham Padakshep were felicitated and gifts were given to all the children.
- ❖ President discussed about the Blood donation camp organised by RCC Baksha. Club will contribute and take part in this project. President asked interested members to join the project on 22nd September at RCC Baksha.
- ❖ President informed that, the pre-primary school project for drinking water and sanitation project at Baruipara, Mashat, Hooghly, will start immediately. Club will visit once the work will be completed and decide a date for inauguration.
- ❖ President shared his idea to donate new clothes to some Old age Home and Orphanage on the occasion of "Durgapuja". President requested all the members to actively participate in this project.
- ❖ IPP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick apprised about his discussion with Rotary Club Of New Town Rajarhat about their ongoing project under global grant, Free Dialysis Centre. They have expressed their interest to jointly work on this with our club under the Global Grant. This will be discussed in the next Board meeting.
- ❖ Rotary Club of Harmony invited us to join them as an associate sponsor for their upcoming seminar on Environmental hazard- "Prakriti" on 6th September at Rotary Sadan.
- ❖ RCCNE flagship project "MAA", date is confirmed on 1st December 2024.
- ❖ Hilsha Festival Date is fixed up on 29th of September.
- ❖ Secretarial Business was done. The next Regular meeting will held on 19th September.
- ❖ Finally President terminated the meeting with no other agenda left and invited all the members to join for fellowship. Fellowship is sponsored by PP Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri and the refreshment is sponsored by Rtn Dr. Binayak Chanda.



President Elect Rtn Angana and other Club members at QUINTESSENTIAL the Installation Program of Interact Club of Megacity on 13th September.



President Subhasish with Rtn Salil, Rtn Suven and Rtn Rathindra at Pratham Padakshep on the occasion of Teachers Day



Teachers of Pratham Padakshep were felicitated on the occasion of Teachers Day



President Subasish represented RCCNE at Prakriti an Environmental Project of RC Harmony

Birthday Greetings

- 22 Sep : Rtn Subhashis Ghosh**
- 27 Sep : Devansh, S/o Rtn Rathindra N Dey**
- 29 Sep : Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri**
- 29 Sep : Rtn Rathindra Nath Dey**

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