

LEADERS' DIGEST

Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club

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The New Beat

A Day in Venezuela



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President's Message

By Ramana Boyani, CC, CL

The purpose of Leaders' Digest is to connect all the members, old and new, with the Club and to encourage them to be a part of the Club's activities.

You may be working in a high profile company with superior designation. But, why are you working in this job? For the sake of earning or is it what you love to do? The latter is known as Passion.

Passion is what brought you to Toastmasters. Passion is what will keep you going as a Toastmaster. Passion is an essential fuel to rediscover your strengths and transform your Achilles' heel.

With correct tools, you can be a better leader. Something that tops the list of correct tools is your Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club – A family 'Eveready' to help you reach your goal and realize your dream.

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Rhythm of the New Beat

26 July 2011, 7:30 PM: The New Beat began...

Instead of the monotonous introduction session, we played a video depicting the legacy of Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters.

Our Guest-of-Honour, Division U Governor, Steven Choon, ACS, ALB, discharged the Executive Committee of 2010-2011 of their duties. He was also the Installation Officer for the Installation of Executive Committee 2011-2012.

The enthusiastic part of any installation ceremony is the inaugural address. Our President for the term 2011-2012, Ramana Boyani, CC, CL, delivered his inaugural address. In his speech, he answered the concerns of the club members and promised to help every member in reaching their goal – *“Your success... My ultimate goal.”*

It was a great coincidence that all the prepared speeches were informative and inspirational keeping in line with the importance of installation ceremony. Hearty congratulations to all our speakers – Geetha, Amy, Suhail, James and Rao.

The refreshment break also had a surprise in store. As Anthonius and Geetha successfully achieved Advanced Communicator Bronze and Competent Communicator respectively, we celebrated their achievement by cutting two beautiful cakes.

After a chocolaty break, was the moment of truth – The Speech Evaluations segment. We had three visiting Evaluators. Mohamad Saddiq, ACS, ALB, from Nee Soon East Toastmasters Club was the evaluator for Geetha. Patricia Lum, DTM, from Punggol Toastmasters Club was the evaluator for Amy. Wilson Santoso, CC, CL, from IPA Toastmasters Club was the evaluator for Suhail. The two in-house evaluators were Ng Bee Yan, ACB, for James and Amy Leung for Rao.

9:30PM: Time for some awards. Our Club Advisor, Edward Ma, DTM, presented Certificates of Excellence to the Executive Committee 2010-2011. Our Club Sponsor, Richard Sng, DTM, presented Club Officer pins to the Executive Committee 2011-2012. Achievers of the Year 2010-2011 were awarded certificates. Achievers of the Day were presented shining ribbons.

10:00PM: A few of us headed to a nearby coffee shop for an informal coffee session. With the administrative matters settled and jokes shared for an hour, we left for home with bright smiles on our faces.



Achievers of the Year 2010-2011

Best Speaker

Saritha

Best Table Topics Speaker

Raymond

Azhar

Best Evaluator

Wilson

Best Guest

Achievers of the Day 26 July 2011

Best Speaker

Suhail



Best Evaluator

Saddiq



A Day in Venezuela

Venezuela is a tropical country in South America. It is considered to be a country with extremely high biodiversity, with habitats ranging from mountains to rainforests. How would it be to spend a day relaxing on the Caribbean coast, sipping coffee and throwing behind any problems?

Our Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club planned an outing to experience the culture and cuisine and cultivate our knowledge with the history of Venezuela. For this tantalizing experience, we participated in the 'Venezuelan Friendship Day' organized by the Cairnhill Community Club on 23 July 2011.

The event commenced with a five-minute video exhibiting the beautiful images of Venezuela. The Guest-of-Honour gracing the event was the Ambassador of Venezuelan Embassy. After a speech by the Ambassador, a documentary was screened. Heard about [Orquesta Sinfónica Simón Bolívar](#)? The documentary featured this Venezuelan youth orchestra, its role in tackling the social problems of Venezuela and its success in transforming the lives of some of the nation's poorest children. The orchestra is an integral part of the unique music education system of Venezuela. It enlightened us about the power of music.



We had a short break. Then was the lecture by the Ambassador himself – Latin America: 200 years ago. He 'taught' us how Venezuela and the rest of Latin America reached the point they are today. The lecture mentioned the efforts of many great leaders who together form Venezuela's 'Past'.



There was a lucky draw contest and twenty winners would walk away with a book about history of Venezuela autographed by the Ambassador. Three of the winners were from our club – Ramana, Anthonius and Chuck. Congratulations, winners!

Culture, done. History, done. It was time to taste some Venezuelan Cuisine. Needless to mention, it was awesome. The Venezuelan Friendship Day ended but we still remember the fun moments spent there. It was as good as being in Venezuela (the Caribbean coast missing!)

"...It was an exciting, enthusiastic and exuberant session all about Venezuela..." – Ramana
"...in love with Venezuelan food. Where can I get it in Singapore?..." – Anthonius



Bulletin

Announcements

27 Aug 2011, 2:00 PM
Humorous Speech Contest and
Evaluation Contest
Venue: CSM Singapore

Upcoming Events

17 Sep 2011 Area U2 & U4
Humorous Speech and
Evaluation Contests
Venue: TBA
1 Oct 2011 Div U Humorous
Speech and Evaluation
Contests
Venue: Whampoa CC

Upcoming Events

District Workshops on
Sundays in October 2011
Venue: Leng Kee CC
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings

27 Sep 2011, 7:00 PM
KSTMC Chapter Meeting
Venue: TBA