



## **Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club (KSTMC)**

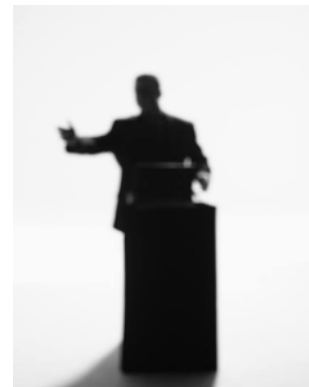
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## **District 80 Semi-Annual Convention – Singapore 2007**

The [District 80 Semi-Annual Convention](#) was held in Singapore from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at YWCA Fort Canning Lodge. The theme of the convention was “The Next Step – Taken in Style”.

**The Next Step – Inspiring Lives,  
Creating Opportunities,  
Encouraging Talents with Style  
Up Where You Belong!**

The Opening Ceremony was graced by Education Minister Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the Guest of Honour. With musical performances by the student groups, the event unfolded with a dramatic and spectacular start. The Key Note speaker was Mr Michael A. Podolinsky, a renowned speaker in the region.



The Gala Dinner and Hall of Fame evening saw the enthusiasm and excitement of the Toastmasters movement in its peak. For those who had not attended a toastmasters convention before, it was a totally different experience where one would not get from the normal chapter meetings. We would strongly encourage our members to actively participate in the future toastmasters conventions.

## **2007 December Club Meeting cum Christmas Party**

This club meeting was held at Mak's residence at River Valley Road. It was a special meeting as family members of the club members were also invited to the function. In order to have more time for the party, only prepared speech presentations were included in the programme. That evening we heard 5 speeches.



Carolyn, Francis' wife, presented her maiden speech without any notes. She was a natural speaker. Francis did his P3 project. We were delighted to find out that both husband and wife were very eloquent speakers. Yetti's advanced project "The Roast" was appropriate as Ganesan who was the target of the roast managed to attend the meeting despite her husband's health conditions. Edward's advanced project "Monodrama" was a very challenging project and he excelled in its delivery to the mesmerized audience.

Besides our club members, we also had two young guests attending for the first time a toastmasters meeting. With their active participation, we were very sure that they enjoyed the evening of the presentations as well as the friendly atmosphere within our club.

Despite the less than ideal weather, we had a good time. Mak and his wife did most of the hard work in ensuring abundant spread of food for the members and the guests.



There was so much food that we could not finish. As it was already late, we bid farewell to each other and wished each other a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year ahead.

## 2008 International Speech & Table Topics Contests

Our own 2008 International Speech & Table Topics Contests were organized on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 at Level 4 Conference Room, Toa Payoh Central Community Building.

The results of the contests were:

### International Speech Contest

Champion : Edward Ma  
1st Runner up: Yetti Chiu

### Table Topic Contest:

Champion : Edward Ma  
1st Runner up: Yetti Chiu  
2nd Runner up: Raymond Yuen



Congratulations to all the winners! Edward represented our club to take part in the Area U4 Contests held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2008. He came out as the 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up.

Taking part in speech contests is a sure way of improving one's speaking skills leaps and bounds. Yetti, the President, encouraged all members to participate in speech contests to be organized in the future. She also emphasized that we would have the chance to learn from the more experienced speakers by attending speech contests

## Speaking Skills Workshop

Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club organized a [Speaking Skills Workshop](#) in April. It was a 4-session workshop held on 4 Thursday evenings, i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008.



The response to the workshop was overwhelming. Although we only targeted for 8 to 10 participants, we ended up having 13 participants! We were very glad that we were able to see marked improvement in speaking skills being demonstrated by them at the conclusion of the workshop. The pleasure and the sense of satisfaction were beyond words.

As promised in our advertisement, we would register the participants as toastmasters with our club for 6 months. We do hope that they will stay beyond the 6-month period so that we may continue to learn and grow together.

## Meeting Place & Meeting Time

<b>Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club</b> Open to all interested parties who are over 18 years of age	
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Kowloon Club Conference Room, Toa Payoh Central #05-02, Toa Payoh Central Community Bldg, Singapore 319194 <a href="#">Click here</a> to see the Location Map
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<u>4th Tuesday</u> at 7.30 p.m. in January, March, May, July, September & November, and <u>4th Saturday</u> at 2.30 p.m. in February, April, June, August, October, and December
<b>Coming Meeting Dates:</b>	28 June 2008 (Sat) @ 2:30p.m. 22 July 2008 (Tue) @ 7:30p.m. 23 August 2008 (Sat) @ 2:30p.m. 23 September 2008 (Tue) @ 7:30p.m. 25 October 2008 (Sat) @ 2:30p.m. 25 November 2008 (Tue) @ 7:30p.m. 27 December 2008 (Sat) @ 2:30p.m
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[Kowloon-Singapore Toastmasters Club](#) holds regular chapter meetings where members gather to improve their communication and leadership skills.

**Guests are welcome to visit us!**

It's free of charge and there is no obligation that you have to join our club. Just come, relax and see what toastmasters are all about!

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