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## QUEENSTOWN TOASTMASTERS CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## We are 19!

The 29th June meeting is dedicated to the installation of the 19th Executive Committee of our club. It was our honour and privilege to have our Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC Dr Chia Shi Lu to grace the occasion again for the 5th time.

In his final address as the 18<sup>th</sup> President, Timothy shared an unknown part of his life in that how it was affected at the beginning of his term because of his passion and commitment to the Toastmasters movement as Club President and also as Division 'D' Director concurrently. Yet this did not bring him down but he steely steered the club to President's Distinguished Club status again! That's 17 years in a row except year one when the club was first chartered in 1998.

Timothy attributed the sterling achievement to the 18th Exco and members alike. He also gave tokens of appreciation to his team for their contribution to the club.



IPP Timothy Lin putting the President collar pin on 19th term President Ong Sin Tiong, signifying a change over of leadership.

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As we reminisce on the year past through a video montage by Timothy, we basked in the warmth and joy of being a part of the Queenstown Toastmasters family.

One of the new initiative in this term were the Best Speaker, Evaluator and Table Topic Speaker of the Year Awards, which went to Kelvin Ng, Poh Liang Siah and Rose Ho respectively.

To top it off, Rose was awarded the title of Distinguished Toastmasters. Kudos to Rose, it was a long but fulfilling journey we are sure.

## Message from our Guest of Honour

Dr Chia thanked the club for the support we lent to the Community Centre; especially in the area of Masters of Ceremony for various events. Our club was also the benefactor of the various kind gestures by the Community Centre such as the use of rooms and projectors; and the “unofficial time extensions” when our meeting overran.

He shared a story about a blind man with a placard that read “I’m blind, please donate some money”. Not much was collected until a man changed his sign to say “Today is spring, but I cannot see”. With this change, the clink-clanks of coins started ringing.



“The Toastmasters program trains each and everyone to be a better communicator and better leader so that he or she can do more for the community at large”

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- Dr Chia Shi Lu

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Same situation, different communication, a vastly different result. The effectiveness of our communication is also measured by the impact it creates. And to this end lies the value of the Toastmasters program.



Installation of the 19th Exco (from left to right): President Ong Sin Tiong, Installation Officer: Area D4 Director Hendri Candra, VPE Kelvin Ng, VPM Gabriel Thia, VVPR Rose Ho, Treasurer Chee Kim Loon, Secretary Tracy Wong, SAA Lim Lee Qing Ping

## President's Address

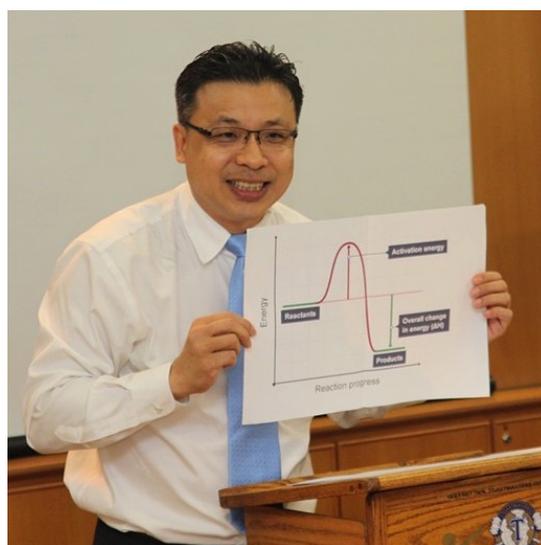
Sin Tiong related how the club was started by the Late Dr Lilian Lau and Late DTM Hee Kee Ming. Their attention to meeting quality had produced the quality club we are that carried their legacy thus far and beyond. He added

*“The capacity to learn is a Gift. The ability to learn is a skill and the willingness to learn is a choice”.*

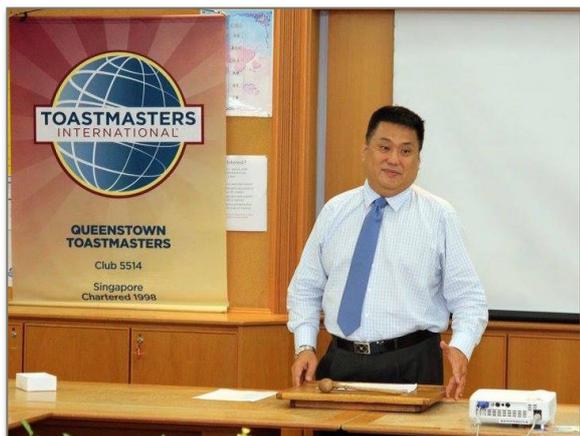
Therefore motto for this term is:

“Activate your Assets; Advance your Life Goals and Aspiration”.

Together, let us unleash our hidden potential and make the 19th term an even greater one.



## Keeping the Commitment by DTM James Lim



How do we keep the commitment in Toastmasters? We heard it some personal inputs from long time member James Lim.'s presentation from the Successful Club Series. 3 key factors:

1. Participation
2. Interaction
3. Quality Meetings

It takes time, commitment and effort to reap the full benefits of Toastmasters membership. We learnt from him the skills and standards we must strive to achieve in order for our club to be successful. A timely reminder indeed!

## BINGO!

Game master Shaun Sim added a delightful and thoughtful twist to the tradition game of Bingo! Personal characteristics like “never took a train before” and “watch a movie twice in the cinema” were tabled. We had fun getting to know the lesser known facts of our fellow members and visitors as well. Great job Shaun!



Richard Tan anxiously awaits Shaun to verify the answers



Visitor Xu Mei joining in the fun

## Memories!



Congratulations to Rose for attaining her DTM award!



Great to see Qing Ping fellowshiping with past Presidents Mindy and Tracy and visitor Sandra.

## Happenings!

Club Officer's Training at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, LT76, 10 July 2016, 1.30 to 5pm

1st Chapter meeting of the term 2016/17 will be on 20th July.

(Co-written by Rose Ho and Poh Liang Siah)