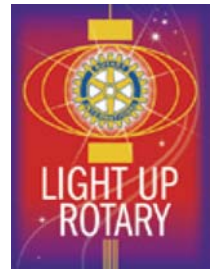




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The Taicang Handicapped Workshop is open!!!

On Thursday, March 26th a 2-year long journey finally came to its end or shall we say to its great beginning? The very first industrial workshop for training mentally handicapped people in mainland China was opened in Taicang, a project which Rotary Shanghai proudly supports!

We want to thank all Rotarians for their contribution, but especially Thilo Koepp, whose great, long term commitment and endless energy made the project to become true! The biggest achievement of this project is to integrate into a work environment mentally handicapped people. It is often believed they are not able to contribute and they are also often excluded from the society. From the legal point of view, mentally handicapped people furthermore are not entitled to a working permit in China due to the "severeness" of the disability. Therefore they are mostly forced to stay at home and their parents have to take care of them.



Thilo and his team successfully cooperated with the Taicang government, which agreed to give working permits to the handicapped, and therewith a chance for personal development. For the first time in their life these handicapped people can proudly contribute to the income of their families instead of being seen as "a burden". This also opens up new opportunities for their parents, who now are not obliged anymore to take care of their disabled children during day-time, but instead can have a job as well.

We sincerely hope that this inspiring "pilot" project is just the beginning and more of such workshops will follow soon.

If you are thinking of outsourcing simple work tasks and simultaneously engaging in an outstanding CSR project, the handicapped workshop is your perfect partner. Receiving production orders is the key to our sustainable success. Please pass this info to your expat friends who might be involved in production and encourage them to consider our handicapped work-shop for out-sourcing simple production orders.

If your company is interested in supporting the project, please contact Thilo Koepp for cooperation opportunities.



Help Wanted for 2015/2016

I am looking for Leaders to find where their passion, interest, and skill sets fit. It is important for you the Member as well as the Club to do something you really want to do. I am looking for creative new ideas to energize us and add more fun and fellowship into what we do. If everyone takes a little piece, no one gets burned out. If you do not see it on the list let me know and we will add it.

Committee Chairs

- 1) Service Committee – work with Bruno Bareteau
Global Grants, Sister Clubs, Project Leaders,
Many positions available - Shanghai local
projects, GOL - Prevention (not just surgeries)
- 2) Membership – work with Alexandra Taulin
New Member Involvement

3) Rotary Foundation

4) Youth

Rotaract – 3 clubs Interact – keeps growing

RYLA – new program

Percy Chu – expansion for 2015/2016

5) Rotary Trainer

6) 10th Anniversary of RCS

7) Club Elections

8) PR

9) Fellowship

10) Sargent at Arms

11) Treasurer Assistant – work with Yvon Russon

12) Any new committees that you want to form

Find one that interests you and catch me at a meeting or send me an email and we can meet and discuss your creative ideas.

Thanks

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date	Topic / Speaker	Venue / Time
April.14th	Water project Tibet	Jing An Hilton, 19:00
April.21st	Improving Child Safety in China, On the Go and at Home (James Feldkamp)	Jing An Hilton, 19:00
April.28th	A lesson in creativity (Suhail Nasir)	Jing An Hilton, 19:00
May.5th	Club assembly	Jing An Hilton, 19:00