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HOT Events – DIVISION O COT



The first club officer training (COT) of District 89, Division O was held successfully on June 21, 2014 at the City University of Hong Kong. With support from more than 60 officers, about 90 enthusiastic attendants joined the COT of maximum capacity. The two speech winners in District 89, Ben Shao and Jimmy Ngai delivered their inspiring speeches in Putonghua and English respectively. They shared the secrets of preparing speeches for contests too.

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Then, the exciting establishment ceremony of Division O fully aroused the enthusiasm of the attendants again. The training sessions were conducted with professionalism that equipped our officers in their future undertakings. Also, it was the first time that we had a Mandarin session in COT. Many attendants departed with joy and satisfaction. – Christina Leung

OSCAR NIGHT

"I made humble contributions to the toastmasters community as contest judge, event organizer, webmasters etc. Can I have a trophy like those speech contest winners?" Yes! Division HKG organized Oscarnite on 28 June 2014 in Luk Kwok Hotel to recognize dedicated Toastmasters members who have contributed in various aspects for the division in year 2013-2014. In addition, outstanding toastmasters clubs as well as educational and social events were also selected and recognized. More than 80 participants in the Oscarnite dressed up and shone like movie stars. Delicious buffet and club performances also highlight the memorable event. Check our photos on the Division HKGO Facebook page. – Winnie Huang

ON THE SPOTLIGHT - MDC

"What does MDC stand for?" This question is often asked by our guests. Well, which answer would you like? Most Distinguished Club, Matching & Dating Club, Make Dots Connect, Meeting & Dancing Club, Mango & Durian Club.....

MDC Toastmasters Club started as an interest group in the then Management Development Centre of the Vocational Training Council in 1999. It is now a community club full of passionate members who are inspired to speak and aspire to lead. Each meeting is charged with positive energy, filled with laughter & fun learning, overwhelmed with warmth & care!



When and Where do we meet? We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month from 7pm to 9pm at Duke of Windsor Social Services Building, Wan Chai.

Who are we? People from all walks of life including students, teachers, artists, administrators, secretaries, the 4 'tants' (beauty consultant, IT consultant, management consultant, accountant), project coordinators and happy retirees!!! Among our members, we've 13 CCs, 1 CL, 1ALB, 1 DTM. While these numbers are growing, our members are glowing!! Several of our committed members have served the Hong Kong toastmastering community as Area Governor and Division Governor.

Why do we love MDC? Here are our enchanting answers: A place to Re-Energize! One Big Family! Feels Like Home! Passion & Warmth! 6Fs (Funny, Friendly, Family, Fun, Fulfilment, Fellowship), 3Es (Enjoyment, Enlightenment, Encouragement), Positive Atmosphere, Beyond Words.....

Our Achievements? 5 consecutive years of Distinguished Club Award and rising in rank from year to year!!

- 2013-14: President's Distinguished Club Award, Member Matt Steele achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster(DTM) title, Member Kevin Goh won the 1st Runner-up in the Division H Table Topic Contest, Member Agnes Lo won the 1st Runner-up in the Division H Evaluation Contest
- 2012-13: Select Distinguished Club Award, Smedley Award, Member Cecilia Li won the Champion in the Division H Humorous Speech Contest
- 2011-12: Select Distinguished Club Award, Member Agnes Lo won the Champion in the Division H International Speech Contest
- 2009-11: Distinguished Club Award, Smedley Award, Talk up Toastmasters Award
- 2003-06 Distinguished Club Award

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ON THE SPOTLIGHT - TGIT

What is TGIT? Chartered in 1999, Thank God Its Toastmasters Club is Hong Kong's first advanced toastmasters club.

*Every speaker has a mouth
An arrangement rather neat
Oft times it's filled with fowl
Till TGIT we meet*



The above poem is the 2014/5 slogan of our club, a club that takes pride in its special ability to turn a regular meeting into the most memorable evening of learning, fun and laughter.

Meetings start with a glass of wine and cheese, in order to lubricate the mouth and free up the mind, a promising start, for sure. It gets better than that. Unique to TGIT is providing double evaluations for each prepared speeches, where the 2nd evaluator is challenged to take a different perspective in evaluating the same speech. For regular meetings, there is no general evaluator, instead, the floor is open for a round of additional comments and suggestions for any speakers. Furthermore, there are no grammarian, ah-counter, or timer's reports, so more time is devoted towards advanced speaking skill development.

Highlights from the year 2013-2014 include joint meetings in Taipei, with the prestigious Legacy TM Club, a Tall Tales Contest, Arabian Nights dinner and a joint-club Christmas Murder Mystery Party. These activities clearly indicate how members at TGIT constantly push the boundaries to make our meetings and parties extraordinary.

Fancy talking about your favourite soap opera? Soap Opera Addicts is the theme of our regular meeting in July. If you'd like something more intellectually challenging, don't miss our meeting in September. That's Philosophers' Night! At the end of October, we're planning to turn our venue into a giant living room and have a Pajamas Night, sharing the scariest and coldest tales about Sleeping with Enemies. Come with your stuffed toy and security blanket!

We meet twice a month, with an outreach joint meeting with another club (at the host club's usual meeting time and venue) and a regular meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month. Would you like to attend one of our regular meetings? Email the VP of Membership, Ms Vanessa Li, at tgitvpm@gmail.com to find out more information.

HK JOCKEY CLUB AND NEW EXPERIENCE TM WILL BE FEATURED NEXT MONTH. WATCH OUT!

OH MY PULSE: Who inspired you to become part of the Toastmasters community?

- O1: *"There is no who, but a team building process, the culture of sharing and serving others inspired me. Learning through practice!" - Grace Tsoi*
- O2: *"Toastmasters provides a platform for members to share their thoughts and experiences in a safe and non-judgmental environment." - Michelle Ma*
- O3: *"I first came to know of Toastmaster because of Talis, my undergraduate mentor; and now thanks to Chia-huei and Irene, I am loving it." - Tian Yin Liu*
- O4: *"It would not be only one person, but many, all those who have demonstrated the power in public speaking. Susan Lau*

THOUGHTS from the Heart by Chia-huei Tseng

Summer is a popular time for travel – if you are out of HK, try to look for a local Toastmasters club to visit! I tried it several times, and found it the best way to connect with local people of similar minds. Your stories and experiences from Far East will be treasured and valued also. Try it – and let us hear your stories!

O-Lala – Leadership Tips by Andy Chan

A successful leader communicates the vision and inspires members to act for the greater good, and members are constantly motivated. A successful leader is a good servant to the team. The more you serve your team, the more extraordinary results and respects you will earn at the end of the day.



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At yOur Service



Winnie Huang, after suffering from a terrible stage fright in her academic presentation, joined Island Toastmasters Club in 2010 and HKU ASA Toastmasters Club in 2013. Fortunately, the encouraging environment in both clubs helped Winnie conquered the stage fright and she loved stages shortly after joining the clubs. Therefore, she actively introduced toastmasters to her friends and colleagues, and successfully turned them into members. In addition, Winnie enjoys serving the clubs and the toastmasters community, that helped her a lot all the way. She served as the Vice-president of Education and Club

President in Island Toastmasters Club, Sergeant-at-arms in HKU ASA Toastmasters Club and Area H3 Governor. With her passion and dedication, she will continue to serve the community as the Assistant Division Governor in Education and Training.



Andy Chan is the Immediate Past President of Centraler Toastmasters Club. Under his term, apart from regular meetings, Centraler had organized summer speakathon in a yacht club, a Halloween speakathon and a spring speakathon, as well as a murder-themed Christmas party with scrumptious food and actors from over 10 countries with TGIT TMC and HKU ASA TMC. Centraler also issued a newsletter in first quarter of 2014 and recruited 25 new members during the year.

Andy is the CFO and Company Secretary of Kingdom Holdings Ltd, the largest linen yarn manufacturer in China and is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He is a CPA by profession. He is married with 2 kids, aged 10 and 6. He likes to play badminton and golf.

My O-some Journey *by David Auyeung*



TGIT is currently holding Orson on the basis of its sending the most exco members to the Div O COT on June 21. Rumors of an unnatural relationship between Orson and an unknown member of TGIT could not be independently confirmed. Nonetheless, MDC will send its president and its VPPR to TGIT on July 24 to defend Orson's honor and innocence, and relocate him to a more wholesome home, like MDC Toastmasters. Thursday, July 24, come and see the MDC knights in Operation Rescue Orson, at the usual TGIT venue. Follow his journey on <http://travelingorson.wordpress.com>.

O1: Towngas Club, Chung Chi College, Kowloon Club, Centraler **O3:** Dynamic, HKIE, HKUASA, New Experience
O2: HKUST, TGIT, MDC, HK Jockey **O4:** Mandarin TM, Bauhinia, Kowloon Putonghua, Health Century

Molly Yip is the founding member of Aon Toastmasters Club (corporate club) and a dual member of Kowloon Toastmasters Club. For her, leadership and communication skills are absolutely essential when she deals with her clients and colleagues in Asia. The skills that she learned in Toastmasters enable her to host the conference calls



with confidence. Molly has been a club president (4 times), area governor, assistant division governor, District Public Relations Officer, and the ambassador of the Revitalized Education Programme. For 2014-2015, she takes up the role of assistant division governor, focusing on enhancing the experience of corporate clubs.



David Auyeung was a retiree from America and teaching Workplace English part-time when he first joined Toastmasters. When he realized he didn't have enough time for both teaching and toastmastering, he quitted teaching.

As one of the Assistant Division O Governors for Marketing, David is the primary assistant to the division governor in the formation of new clubs. He is the sole club mentor for the newly-born State Street Toastmasters club. He will serve as club mentor to Baptist University School of Business Toastmasters club if and when it gets chartered.

David has also assisted in a number of secondary school Youth Leadership Programs. Another duty he carries as Assistant Division O Governor is to monitor the movements of Orson, the Travelling Bear. He is currently the president of MDC Toastmasters Club and the Treasurer of Centraler Toastmasters.