

Do It NOW!



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District Governor's Message

青出于蓝而胜于蓝，
冰出于水而寒于水。

The above is an ancient Chinese saying. It reads: "Green comes from blue yet green is better than blue, Ice comes from water yet ice is colder than water"

It reflects the universal hope of parents since time in memorial - each generation shall build on the progress of their parents while their parents take great pride that their children shall fare better.

If Toastmasters International (TI) District 80 is a plant; we can say that this bud was grafted from very good stock – TI District 51. This parent stock was the #1 district in the world for the past 5 consecutive years. I have no doubts that District 80 will also rank among the top districts one day.

Let us fulfill our obligations in life - to make our parents proud, to help the next generation do better and to help all members achieve their dreams to become better speakers, to become better leaders and to become better persons.

Let us work together at changing lives – one at a time. Do it now.

Sincerely,

Gea Ban Peng DTM
District 80 Governor

The Mission of the District

To enhance the performance & extend the network of Clubs, thereby offering greater number of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational programs by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District educational and membership goals
- Ensuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members
- Providing effective training & leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers.

Congratulations!

The Toastmasters International website states that **FOUR clubs** were chartered as of 08 Sept 2004:

ACE TMC (charter 09 Aug '04)

Sponsors:

Daniel Choo Song Hwee ATMG

Wee Seng Teo ATMS

Mentor:

Lim Ah Peng DTM

Grassroots TMC (charter 09 Aug '04)

Sponsors:

Patrick Chang Kuang Fu ATMB

Edmund Tee Khiang Chew DTM

Mentors:

Shillina Phua CTM

Michelle Lo Swee Oi CTM

Stardus Club (charter 09 Aug ' 04)

Sponsors:

Lin Ming

Lilian Lau DTM

Mentors:

Michael Wee DTM

Richard Sng DTM

Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan

Mandarin TMC (charter 07 Sep '04)

Sponsors

Chek Inn Boh, ATMB

Kee Teang Chua, CTM

Mentor:

Emily Chao Ho-Pei, CL

Hong Shun Wang

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HISTORY OF DISTRICT LEADERS

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District Governor 2001-2002. District 51

TERRITORIAL COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

1990 - 1992	1st Territorial Council Chairman	Gerald Green DTM
1992 - 1993	2 nd Territorial Council Chairman	Dr Foo Say Wei DTM

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

1993 - 1994	1 st District Governor, District 51	Kelvin Ong DTM
1994 - 1995	2 nd District Governor, District 51	Li Yo Wei DTM
1995 - 1996	3 rd District Governor, District 51	Augustine Lee DTM
1996 - 1997	4 th District Governor, District 51	Dunstan Chan DTM
1997 - 1998	5 th District Governor, District 51	Liew Seow Looi DTM
1998 - 1999	6 th District Governor, District 51	Datuk Adeline Leong DTM
1999 - 2000	7 th District Governor, District 51	Maimunah Natasha DTM
2000 - 2001	8 th District Governor, District 51	Christopher Teo, DTM
2001 - 2002	9 th District Governor, District 51	Lilian Lau DTM
2002 - 2003	10 th District Governor, District 51	Dr John Lau DTM
2003 - 2004	11 th District Governor, District 51	Ho Fong Ming DTM
2004 - 2005	12 th District Governor, District 51	Dr A. Arulnathan DTM
	1 st District Governor, District 80	Gea Ban Peng DTM

Notes :

May 1995 (District Council Meeting, Jakarta)

Approved that Division S would be split into 3 Divisions - Divisions B, D & S wef 1 July 1995.

May 1998 District Council Meeting, Kuching

Approved that Hong Kong join District 51. Hong Kong became part of District 51 as Area T3, Division T.

May 1999 District Council Meeting, Singapore

- 1) Approved that a new division be formed for Hong Kong. Division H came into effect 1 July 1999.
- 2) Approved that a Mandarin Division be formed for Mandarin Clubs in Singapore, Johor Bahru, Malacca & Penang. Division M came into effect 01 July 1999. The Mandarin Clubs in Singapore came from Division S.

Nov 1999 Semi-Annual District Council Meeting, Thailand

Endorsement for Macau and Brunei to join District 51. Macau to be in Division H (Hong Kong) and Brunei to be in Division K (Sabah, Malaysia).

May 2001 District Council Meeting, Hong Kong

Council informed of approval by TI Board of Directors that Macau and Brunei be included in District 51 wef. 1 July 2001.

May 2002 District Council Meeting, Kuala Lumpur

- 1) Approved that Division M be split into Division L (for Mandarin Clubs in Singapore) and Division M (for Mandarin Clubs in Johor Bahru, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur and Penang).
- 2) Approved that Division B be split into Divisions B and Z.
- 3) Approved that Division H be split into Divisions H and V.

May 2004 District Council Meeting, Penang

it was approved that Division S be split into Divisions S and U. Division V has requested to be renamed as Division K as they wish to identify their 2 divisions as H & K for Hong Kong.

“Conducting Quality Contests” - A report on the First Education & Training (E & T) Task Force Project on 7th August 2004

Jackson Chua ATMS
Division U Governor



On August 7th at Clementi CC Seminar Room, approximately 110 Toastmasters and friends are gathered for an afternoon of scintillating speeches, brilliant wit and breathtaking analysis of speech techniques, ideas and presentation skills.

“Conducting Quality Contests” is a workshop conceived by the Education & Training Task Force, a group of volunteer Toastmasters who came forward to support LGET Professor Dr Khong Chooi Peng's efforts in fulfilling the District's Education Goals.... and much more.

This workshop exceeded the expectations of many Toastmasters. The “X” factor, which made the workshop memorable, was seen in the design of this workshop.

One of the training modules recommended by Toastmasters International is to guide members for the upcoming contest season. But the methodology determines the extent participants can be entertained and educated at the same time, beyond the monotony of the stone-cold contest rules and regulations.

The Core Organizing Team comprised Division Z Governor Goh Wei Koon ATMS, Dr Khong DTM, Dr Nimmi Agnes Jayathurai (Task Force Project Coordinator) CTM and Jackson Chua CTM, Division U Governor. Members of other Divisions came forward to help out on the actual day.

Drawing inspiration from the popular television show “American Idol” the E&T Team divided the workshop into two sessions. The first session was an update of the latest contest rules and a sharing of the experience in delivering a Quality Contest. The second session was a gem: Three test speakers presented three speeches and a panel of judges gave feedback and shared their insights and perspectives on specific areas such as structure, stage technique, speech value and language use.

The success of this event was due largely to the speakers and judges who were invited to participate in this event – Toastmasters who are competent, technically accomplished and engaging personalities in their own right. And it is small wonder that history was made at this event.

The speaker in the first session was none other **Ho Fong Ming** DTM, the IPDG of District 51. In the second session, **John Sih** DTM, Past District Champion and 1st Runner Up Regional Winner, **Ramesh Muthusamy** ATMB, **Wekie Tay** DTM and **Ng Seng Chuan** ATMG were the Judges who shared their insightful comments on the speeches presented by test speakers **Violet Lim** CTM, **Kan Kin Fung** DTM and **Kenneth Tan** CTM .

The highlight of the workshop was the scintillating speeches delivered by the test speakers and judges. Their performances and thoughtful insights laced with natural wit and humour made learning fun and captivated the audience.

The Team is grateful to **Clementi Toastmasters Club** for providing the venue, to Toastmasters who gave valuable suggestions, feedback and assistance, and to everyone who contributed in one way or another to the success of the Workshop.





Two events were planned to celebrate the launch of District 80. The first was a Boot Camp for Toastmasters presented by Darren LaCroix during the afternoon of July 10, 2004. This event was followed by a banquet later that same day.

Presenter's Boot Camp

The **launch of District 80** was a milestone event for the Toastmasters of Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand and Singapore. Darren LaCroix, World Champion of Public Speaking 2001, was invited to conduct a Boot Camp for Toastmasters and share the secrets of his success.

Darren's workshop was educational, entertaining and informative. His mantra for improvement "Stagetime, stagetime, stagetime" left the audience with a clear appreciation of the effort and perseverance required to successfully compete in the World Championship of Public Speaking.

Participants of the Boot Camp were inspired by the videos that Darren showed of his preparation for the World Championship. The videos documented how Darren continually improved his speech content and delivery through practice and feedback in preparation for the World Championship.

The participants of this workshop included Toastmasters from Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand and Singapore who were joined by Toastmasters from Malaysia and Indonesia. This event was indeed a fitting celebration of the launch of District 80.

Banquet

To celebrate the launch of District 80, a banquet was held on the same evening. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Chan Soo Sen, MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS. He enthralled the audience with his public speaking skills by using both Mandarin and English to deliver his speech to the Toastmasters.

The District Governor of District 51 2004-2005 Dr. A. Arulnathan, DTM and the Immediate Past District Governor Ho Fong Meng, DTM together with Toastmasters from District 51 joined in the celebration with the District Officers and Toastmasters from District 80.

The highlights of the celebration included a Lion Dance, and speeches by Mr. Chan Soo Sen and Darren LaCroix. This event provided opportunities for fellowship between the Toastmasters of Districts 51 and 80.





"Boot Camp"



District 80 Launch

"Banquet"



WORLD CHAMPION **DARREN LACROIX VISITS GRASSROOTS TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Aneurin Kang, Vice-President (Public Relations)
Grassroots Toastmasters Club

It's "fall in and drill time" again! Do you still remember "The Presenters Bootcamp" conducted by Darren LaCroix, World Champion of Public Speaking 2001?

Darren was invited as a special guest of the newly chartered Grassroots Toastmasters Club, first club to be chartered in Division Z. The venue of the meeting was at 190 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8, Singapore.

About 60 Toastmasters attended the Division Z Humorous Workshop conducted by Darren LaCroix which was held on the evening of 30th July 2004, and hosted by Grassroots Toastmasters Club.

The event was graced by District 80 Governor Gea Ban Peng, DTM, Lieutenant Governor of Education & Training Dr Khong Chooi Peng, DTM, Lieutenant Governor of Marketing Poh Kim Siong, DTM, and Division Z Governor Goh Wei Koon, ATM-S.

After a welcome address by the President of the Grassroots Toastmasters Club, Koh Eng Hwa, the room reverberated with peals of laughter when Darren presented his award winning speech and shared tips on how to craft humorous speeches.

It was a rare opportunity to have such a close interaction with the world champion, and many Toastmasters took photographs with Darren to remember that delightful evening.

"We appreciate Darren's kind support in giving us a wonderful workshop on Public speaking. The response was overwhelming and the workshop was a great success.

I must say we are really honoured and privileged to host this event. We are grateful to all the governors and participants for giving their strong support to us, at the new Grassroots Toastmasters Club." said Koh Eng Wah.



国际讲演会 80 区域 - L 区华语讲演会 分会执委就职典礼暨分会第一期执委训练



国际讲演会 80 区域 L 区华语讲演会，执委与嘉宾合照。

左五是 L 区总监萧桂蓉，左六是 80 区域总监倪万平，左七是大会主席杨海镇，左八是 80 区域市场总监傅金祥。

国际讲演会 80 区域 L 区华语讲演会联合杨厝港讲演会，已于 2004 年 7 月 31 日下午二时至六时，在杨厝港民众俱乐部大礼堂隆重举行 2004/2005 L 区分会执委就职典礼暨培训讲座

筹委会主席杨海镇致开幕词后，由卸任总监余金郛颁发最佳会员奖和 51 区域演讲比赛得奖者。

L 区分会执委就职典礼由 L 区总监萧桂蓉主持仪式，接着一系列的培训讲座由各分区总督主讲。

80 区域总监倪万平 DTM、教育与训练总监 Dr Khong Chooi Peng DTM 和市场总监傅金祥 DTM 都到场支持当天的盛会，傅金祥 DTM 呼吁全体会员发挥 L 区精神：“温馨、和气和团结”，同时以 80 区域今年的口号：“马上行动！”鼓励大家齐心协力，共创美好将来。

国际讲演会 80 区域 L 区 2004/2005 年度执委名单：

- L 区总监：萧桂蓉 AL。
- L 1 分区总督：杨海镇 CL，
- L 2 分区总督：傅永辉 CL，
- L 3 分区总督：林保玲 CTM，
- L 4 分区总督：范文斌 ATM-B, CL，
- L 5 分区总督：简碧如 ATM-B, CL，
- L 6 分区总督：郑来发 ATM-S。
- L 区文教与训练助理总监：黄玩月 ATM-B, CL。
- L 区市场助理总监：郑福安 ATM-S, CL。
- L 区公关助理总监：沈来银 ATM-B。
- L 区秘书：陈小萍。
- L 区财政：余明珠。

From The Editor

Lynn Desker DTM

The first issue of the District 80 Newsletter "DO IT NOW" is available from the District website at www.district80.org

The focus of the District 80 Newsletter is to highlight the accomplishment of educational and membership goals for the District, and to feature events and celebrations that are significant to Toastmasters in District 80. In this issue, we feature an article on the first event organised by the LGET's Education and Training Task Force "How to conduct Quality Speech Contests". The issue includes an article on one of the first clubs chartered in District 80 to highlight the importance of new clubs to the District.

Many of the articles and photographs of these significant events were contributed by the Toastmasters in the various Divisions in District 80. Future issues of the District newsletter will continue to feature newsworthy events from across the District. We look forward to contributions of articles and photographs of newsworthy events from our members across the District.

One of the challenges in producing this newsletter was to decide on the masthead or name of the newsletter. Toastmasters in District 80 were asked to submit their suggestions for the name of the District Newsletter. We received entries from several Toastmasters- Gurmit Singh, Eskay Ng, Lim Phai Ik, Thomas Chen and Kan Kin Fung. After due consideration by the panel of judges, it was decided that the District theme was the most appropriate masthead for the District 80 Newsletter – DO IT NOW.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the Editorial team: Michael Wee DTM, Albert Ng ATMS, Susan Wong DTM and Chay Wen Liang ATMB, CL.

Look out for the next issue of the District newsletter which will feature articles on the Reno Convention, Toastmasters International Day celebrations and articles from the Toastmasters of District 80.

IGNITE YOUR PASSION at KL 2004

Kiang Faang Pyng, DTM
Organising Chair of KL2004

KL 2004 November 26-28 2004
Hilton Kuala Lumpur, KL Sentral
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Friends in District 80,

Greetings from Kuala Lumpur, your host for the coming District 80 and District 51 Joint Semi-Annual Convention, KL2004.

As Kuala Lumpur receives you with her all familiar warmth and hospitality this November, we are both anxious and excited to present to you a weekend of fun and learning.

Education with Entertainment, or 'Edu-tainment', encapsulates the essence of the KL2004 Programme, because we believe in striking a delightful balance between fun and learning. It is through fun and learning that we 'Ignite our Passion' to 'Fuel the Power of Toastmasters'.

To honour and appreciate the respective traditions and culture in and around us in the Pan-South East Asia Region, we invite contest teams from District 80 to participate in our 'Cultural Booth' Content. This is the time to flaunt your talents, to exhibit your creativity and above all, to showcase and to communicate your colourful culture and rich traditions.

Check the terms and conditions of this contest in our Convention website www.kl2004.com

Don't miss the opportunity to listen to the champion of public speaking, David Brooks, from Texas, USA, as he impresses and inspires us with his signature talks.

The fact that this is the very first Joint Convention for the reformed District 51 and District 80, makes this event even more meaningful. The split of District 51 might have divided us geographically but it should not divide the spirit that had bonded our friendship over the years.

KL2004 will bring together a fusion of the best of District 80 and District 51 to collectively '**Fuel the Power of Toastmasters**'.

In District 51, we are committed to '**Turning Dreams into Reality**' and we can certainly echo your theme, '**Do it Now!**'

See you November 2004 in KL!