



Minutes of the 2nd Multiple District 308 Council Meeting FY 2009-2010
On 30/10/09 from 1:30pm – 5:30pm and 1/11/09 from 8:30am – 12:30pm
Held at Bayview Georgetown Hotel, Penang, Malaysia

Present:

1. Lion Simon Koh	Council Chairperson
2. IPDG Kenneth Saw	Council Vice Chairperson
3. DG 308-A2 Karen Koh	Council Secretary
4. DG 308-A1 Anthony Tay	Council Treasurer
5. DG 308-B1 Datuk Danny Ooi	Fellowship
6. DG 308-B2 Choong Kiew Loi	LCIF
7. ID Hjh Ellis Suriyati	Council Advisor
8. PID Dato' Douglas KK Lee	Council Advisor
9. IPDG Sim Boon Chuan	CCC – Alert/Environment
10. PDG Eric JP Ng	CCC – Constitution & By-Laws
11. PCC Tommy Choo	CCC - Convention
12. PDG Khoo Khoo Wah	CCC – Diabetes Awareness
13. PCC Dr Winston Koh	CCC – Extension
14. PDG James Teo	CCC – Information Technology / Protocol / Public Relations & Lions Information
15. PCC Dato K Nagaratnam	CCC – International Relations
16. PDG Leong A Sam	CCC – Leadership Development
17. PDG Siah Yok Lin	CCC – Leo Club
18. PDG Dato' Dr Foo Wan Kien	CCC – Youth & Campus Clubs
19. PDG Philip Ooi In Hee	CCC – Lions Services for Children
20. PDG John S C Loh	CCC – Long Range Planning
21. PCC Jeffrey C S Quah	CCC – Membership / Family & Women's Membership Development
22. PDG Mary Law	CCC – Retention
23. PDG Tan Kiang Hoo	CCC – Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind / Hearing & Speech & Work with the Deaf
24. Lion Steven Seah	1 st VDG 308-A1
25. Lion Dato' Yeow Wah Chin	1 st VDG 308-B1
26. Lion Hudson Hah	1 st VDG 308-B2
27. Lion Ratnam Singa	2 nd VDG 308-A1
28. Lion Dr Tan Tzu Hun	2 nd VDG 308-A2
29. Lion Shawn Lee	2 nd VDG 308-B2

1. Meeting Called To Order

CC Simon Koh called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

2. Roll Call and Apologies

CS/DG Karen Koh reported apologies received from:

1. PDG Dr William Voon – CCC Cultural & Community Activities
2. 1st VDG A2 Augustine Ngu
3. 2nd VDG B1 Dr. Ben C Ng

3. Remarks by Council Chairperson

- 3.1 CC Simon extended a warm welcome to all for their attendance and thanked District 308-B2 for playing host and RC Lee Bong Hoe and his hard working committee for their help with hotel booking, logistics and fellowship activities.
- 3.2 MD's theme is 'Think Legacy'. CC Simon stressed that legacy means leaving the MD in better shape for the next council and that includes sustainability, best practices, raising minimum standards etc. All Council Committee Chairpersons (CCC) must put in extra efforts to realize the MD theme by planning at least one signature project and implementing it at sub-district level with involvement of District Chairpersons and support of District Governors.
- 3.3 He again requested cooperation that 'reply' be sent only to those directly related to the matters and not to c.c. to all by sparing use of the 'reply all' key. This is to minimize inconvenience and volume of cyber traffic.
- 3.4 He requested for support of the 4 districts and all POAs in donating to the Philippine Typhoon and Indonesia Earthquake victims through the MD, in the true ASEAN spirit. Target: RM15,000 - 20,000

4 Confirmation of Minutes of 1st MD Council meeting held on August 29-30, 2009 in Kota Kinabalu

- 4.1 Page 18, Item 14.3 to read as DC Khoo Chee Seng not PDG.
- 4.2 Page 14, item 14.1.9 to rephrase LCI new program – 'Lions In Sight' promotion of Lionism will be observed on 3rd – 4th week of January 2010.
- 4.3 Page 12, item 9.1.11 should read as 3 convention logo designs were submitted. PDG Eric recommended 1 for circulation and it was accepted.
- 4.4 Page 12, item 9.1.13 to read as the late PID Eng Ah Koon trophy
- 4.5 The 1st Council Meeting Minutes FY 2009-2010 was then adopted as proposed by PDG Eric Ng and seconded by 1st VDG Hudson Hah.

5 Matters Arising

- 5.1 To go through matters for discussion along with reports from DGs and Council Committee Chairpersons

6 Report by Council Secretary

- 6.1 CS/DG Karen requested for a copy of written report from all CCC by email, as verbal report does not suffice.
- 6.2 She requested all CCC to send in their confirmation of attendance and arrival details at least 2 weeks before meeting date, for easy transfer from Airport to hotel and smooth organizing of the meeting.

7 Report By Council Treasurer

- 7.1 CT/DG Anthony Tay advised cheque payments for council claims for FY 2008-2009 are now ready for collection.
- 7.2 He advised that certain figures of the Account FY 2008-2009 did not tally; hence, his report is based on figures received.

- 7.3 He confirmed receipt of MD Dues in full from all 4 sub-districts.
- 7.4 He reported total expenditure of RM 27,442.30 thus far.
- 7.5 He seek approval to make another Council Rubber Stamp as it was not handed over by the previous Council. Approved.
- 7.6 CC Simon requested CT/DG Anthony to keep an inventory of the Council's property, to be handed over as a check list to the next Council.
- 7.7 CT/DG Anthony advised CCC to submit their travel claim together with supporting e-ticket to him for immediate payment. Reminder: a thank you note will be sent to those who failed to submit within 30 days.
- 7.8 2nd VDG A1 Ratnam Singa advised that he will not claim for travel expenses of the previous meeting.
- 7.9 The Council account was confirmed as proposed by DG B2 KL Choong and seconded by DG B1 Datuk Danny Ooi

8 Report by District Governors

- 8.1 **DG A1 Anthony Tay** reported that:
 - 8.1.1 Membership as at 30/1/09 was 1,795.
 - 8.1.2 1 new club to be chartered and 1 Leo Club to be formed soon.
PDG Sylvester is in charge of rebuilding and merger of weak clubs.
 - 8.1.3 Extended invitations to ID, CC, DGs and all PDGs of other 3 Sub-Districts to Chingay Parade 2010 on 19-20/2/2010 and requested publicity in MD website and support of the MD in applying for PR grant of USD10,000.
 - 8.1.4 RM3,500 raised for victims of Philippine Typhoon and Indonesia Earthquake. Breakdown is as follows:-
 - LCSF – RM 2,000
 - DG Anthony – RM 500
 - 1st VDG Steven Seah – RM 500
 - 2nd VDG Singa Retnam – RM500
 - 8.1.5 Leadership Development – 2 days Train-The-Trainers' workshop to impart to selected Lions trainers the relevant knowledge and skills, was organized on 17-18/10/09 in Johor Bahru. 15 attended.
 - 8.1.6 Yellow Ribbon Project jointly organized by 48 Lions Clubs with Singapore Prison. Clubs donated RM12,000. Objective was to give the inmates opportunities to integrate with outside world, give love and care to the elderly with served luncheon.
 - 8.1.7 Organize monthly District Fellowship lunch at different venues for Lions and non-Lions, to strengthen the Lions' relationship with the community and as a strategy for membership drive.
 - 8.1.8 16 Lions registered for 48th OSEAL Forum, Pattaya
 - 8.1.9 Observed the World Sight Day. 200 people were screened for preventable blindness. Minister Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan attended as GOH.
 - 8.1.10 Tentatively, 6 POAs including DG Anthony confirmed attendance to POA's Retreat 10-12/11/09, Berjaya Hills Resort.
 - 8.1.11 Both CC Simon and PCC Dato Naga congratulated DG Anthony for his achievement in a positive membership figure for 4 consecutive months.
- 8.2 **DG A2 Karen Koh** reported that
 - 8.2.1 A2's extension goal of 5 new clubs.
 - 8.2.2 3 new clubs chartered in October 2009. They were

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| a. | LC Sipitang | Sponsor: LC KK Central | 12/10/09 |
| b. | LC Sungei Merah | LC Sibul Pahlawan | 12/10/09 |
| c. | LC Tuaran | LC KK Mandarin | 21/10/09 |
- 8.2.3 Total 75 clubs as at 31 October 2009.
- 8.2.4 Recruited 223, dropped 36, Net Gain 187, Total 1,938 members as at 31/10/2009.
- 8.2.5 97% clubs submitted MMR on time.
- 8.2.6 Concluded District event – Lions In Action Rally [22-25/10/09] to mark 50 Years of Lionism in Malaysia with total participation of 72 clubs in the Districts. Meaningful service projects and activities were carried out by the Lions and Leo clubs during the Rally while converging from town to town. The Rally ended in Miri with a grand induction of 32 members.
- 8.2.7 MERL Conferences headed by 1st & 2nd VDG were organized on 4/10/2009 concurrently in Kota Kinabalu (Sabah) and Sibul (Sarawak).
- 8.2.8 Leadership seminars and orientations by clubs in the District either at club, zone or region level, conducted by District Trainers.
- 8.2.9 District will work on leadership development and retention in the 2nd half of the fiscal year.
- 8.2.10 2 Lions will attend the SLLI in Pattaya and 6 to attend RLLI in KL.
- 8.2.11 2 Leo Clubs were formed in the first quarter. Will add 2 more Leo Clubs before the fiscal year ends.
- 8.2.12 To confirm actual numbers of registered delegates to OSEAL Forum
- 8.2.13 District Leo Forum will be held in KK from 5-7 June, 2010. Forum committees have been formed.
- 8.2.14 PCC Dato Naga congratulated DG Karen for her achievement in significant membership growth.
- 8.3 **DG B1 Datuk Danny Ooi** reported that:
- 8.3.1 B1 has a total 99 clubs. Closed 1 club. 2 more new clubs will be chartered while another 2 inactive clubs will be closed soon.
- 8.3.2 Total 2,933 members as of 30/9/2009, with 240 new members and a net gain of 116.
- 8.3.3 Held 2 District Cabinet Meetings
- 8.3.4 Completed official club's visitation to all clubs and will focus on District administration in the second half.
- 8.3.5 13 POAs from B1 confirmed attendance to POA's Retreat at Berjaya Hills Resort on 10-12/10/09.
- 8.3.6 Carried out YE Program smoothly with a participation of 90% YE from Lions families and 10% from non-Lions.
- 8.3.7 District project, 1st World Dance Championship scheduled on 9-10/4/2010. Tentative venue is Sunway Lagoon.
- 8.3.8 Rotation on PDRM [Police DiRaja Malaysia] twinning program needs to be looked into.
- 8.3.9 Organizing Miss World Tourism Contest and celebrating the closing of celebration of 50-year of Lionism in Malaysia on 31/12/2009. Special price for Lion @ RM 130 per head with dinner. Room rate at Sunway at RM275/room with breakfast.

Proposed MD Fellowship at 5-6pm on 31/12/2009, and will allocate

10-15 tables for Lions from 3 other Sub-District. DG Datuk Danny requested DGs from A1, A2 and B2 to promote this opportunity for fellowship among Lions from MD.

- 8.3.10 PDG Sam proposed each Sub-District to take turn to organize this sort of MD Fellowship, as referred to 8.3.9
- 8.3.11 Proposed MD fellowship on 20/2/2010 to coincide with LC KL Host's 50th Anniversary celebration.
- 8.3.12 To organize Rolling 20th on 20/3/2010 to pay tribute to all Lions with active membership record of 20-year and above.
- 8.3.13 2 members who recruited 72 members and 13 members respectively were awarded with IP Certificates.
- 8.3.14 PCC Dato Naga congratulated DG B1 Datuk Danny for his approach and strategy on membership recruitment. For month of October, 2009 B1 was among the top 50 Districts of the world in terms of membership growth.

8.4 DG B2 Choong Kiew Loi reported that:

- 8.4.1 2 contributions to MJF received thus far; and expect to have additional 2 shortly.
- 8.4.2 Environmental projects were carried by clubs in the District.
- 8.4.3 B2 will bid for MD Lions Convention 2011. Clubs in Perak, Langkawi and Penang are interested to host the Convention. Details of bidding will be shared at the 3rd Council Meeting in KL.
- 8.4.4 Has approved RM 50,000 from B2 Foundation Fund to LC George Town and LC Alor Star Host for Diabetes Awareness project.
- 8.4.5 2 clubs were cancelled while 2 new clubs are in the pipeline.
- 8.4.6 Net loss in membership, however, anticipates membership growth by end of 2009.
- 8.4.7 3 B2 clubs will twin with clubs in Kuching, Miri and Hong Kong respectively
- 8.4.8 3 Lions to attend SLLI, Pattaya and 20 confirmed attendance at RLLI, KL
- 8.4.9 Leo District 308-B2 has been successfully formed, which would allow the Leo to engage in more self sustaining program and to work with Leos from other Districts in the world.
- 8.4.10 PDG Eric cautioned DG KL Choong that the formation of Leo District may get out of hand. DG KL Choong advised that such formation is in accordance with LCI procedures.
- 8.4.11 PDG Dato Foo commented that Leo Cabinet is nothing new. He encouraged B2 to start a Leo Council since B2 has a large number of Leos; and the district should look into fund to fund the Leo District Cabinet.
- 8.4.12 PDG Philip Ooi advised 6 Leo Clubs can form a Leo District. They are called Leo District President and not Leo Council Chairperson.
- 8.4.13 ID Ellis encouraged MD to form a Leo Council.
- 8.4.14 Youth & Leo Camp will be organized 4-6/12/2009 in Penang. The organizing committee would like to get subsidy and sponsorship from MD or the CLD for the organizing cost.
- 8.4.15 Had appointed PDG Khoo Koon Wah to head the District Long Range Planning committee. Other committee members are 1st & 2nd VDGs and the 5 Region Chairpersons
- 8.4.16 Donated RM 2,000 from the District Foundation Fund in aid of the disaster victims in Indonesia and Philippines.

- 8.4.17 Youth Exchange program with Japan, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. And, working to establish YE program with District in China.
- 8.4.18 DG B1 Datuk Danny advised DG B2 KL Choong to write directly to DGs and DC YE in Japan to establish YE Program with them.
- 8.4.19 Convoy by bus to Pattaya for OSEAL Forum has been cancelled due to poor response.
- 8.4.20 2nd VDG Shawn Lee appointed as coordinator for International Global Musical Youth Competition.
- 8.4.21 PCC Dato Naga congratulated DG KL Choong on this great effort, though the District suffered losses of membership as a result of the closure of 2 clubs, but the District has gathered momentum in membership growth.

9 Report by Council Committee Chairperson

9.1 Alert/Environment – IPDG BC Sim

- 9.1.1 MD has taken initiative to assist Disaster victims in Philippines and Indonesia with donation of RM 2,000 each from 4 Sub-Districts. In addition, donations also received from individual Lions as follow:
 - A1 = RM 500 each from DG Anthony, 1st VDG Steven Seah and 2nd VDG Ratnam Singa [Total RM 1,500]
 - A2 = RM 500 each from CC Simon, IPDG BC Sim, DG Karen, PDG Mary Law and PDG Tan Soh Har [Total: RM 2,500]
 - B1 = RM 500 from 1st VDG Dato Yew and balance of RM1,000
 - B2 = Balance of RM 1,500
 cheque is to be made payable to MD account.
- 9.1.2 CC Simon proposed RM 5,000 to Philippine Typhoon and RM10,000 to Indonesia earthquake victims through donation to their respective MD with request for a joint project of lasting benefits to local community
- 9.1.3 MD 307 will be celebrating 40th Year of Lionism on 26/11/2009 in Jakarta. CC Simon will attend as it will be a good opportunity for MD308 to officially hand over our contribution to Indonesian Lions
- 9.1.4 He was glad that many clubs in all 4 sub-districts have carried out environment and green projects.
- 9.1.5 He reported that A2 will participate in the Environment Photo Contest organized by LCI.
- 9.1.6 He thanked all 4 DGs for the environment projects implemented in their respective District.
- 9.1.7 PDG Khoo Koon Wah gave a briefing on the right mix for making of ‘enzyme’ to turn waste into safe drinking water
- 9.1.8 CC Simon suggested ‘Mud Ball’ to activate ‘dead pool of water’ and requested DG B2 KL Choong to forward the formula of “Mud Ball” to IPDG BC Sim to disseminate to all 4 Sub-District for implementation.

9.2 Cultural & Community Activities – PDG Dr. William Voon

- 9.2.1 Written report submitted.
- 9.2.2 PDG Dr William Voon highlighted the progress of Lions Culture Asia - Cultural Dance Festival, which will be jointly organized by clubs in Region 1, Kuching, District 308-A2 from 25-28/3/2010:
 1. Symposium on 26/3/2010 – hope to identify how Lions can contribute to world peace and the needy through cultural activities.

2. Cultural Show Extravaganza – inviting Lions Clubs from MD, as well as, the ASEAN to perform and showcase their most unique cultural dance and music. Local cultural groups will highlight our own cultural dances and music.
3. Please visit website: www.lionscultureasia.com for more information

9.3 Diabetes Awareness – PDG Khoo Koon Wah

- 9.3.1 CC Simon requested PDG Khoo Koon Wah to write to DC Diabetes of the 4 Sub-Districts to have them observe November as the month for Diabetes, with a related and appropriate activity.

9.4 LCIF – DG KL Choong

- 9.4.1 All 4 DGs committed to meet the MD target of 100 MJFs, which translated to a district target of 25 MJFs.

9.5 Leadership Development – PDG Sam A Leong

- 9.5.1 PDG Sam reported total 9 from MD will attend SLLI in Pattaya, out of which A1 = 1, A2 = 2, B1 = 3 and B2 = 3
- 9.5.2 He had received VDG program from LCI and the appointment as the point person to conduct VDG exam.
- 9.5.3 He confirmed approval from LCI for DGe School @ USD75/pax.
- 9.5.4 He informed role of 1st VDG is to take charge of MERL whereas 2nd VDG to take charge of leadership development.
- 9.5.5 1st VDG B2 Hudson proposed to have MD Train-the-Trainers Conference for District Trainers.
- 9.5.6 PDG Eric commented that MD Trainer Contest can also work out a conference for MD Trainers. He suggested encouraging the trainers to participate through invitation from PDG Sam.
- 9.5.7 A1 has MD Trainers’ seminar and only those attended are licensed District Trainers as approved by DG. Others are not allowed to conduct seminars.
- 9.5.8 DG Datuk Danny advised that B1 has set up LLI and all DTs have gone through assessments, as well the process of training for the DTs.
- 9.5.9 PDG John Loh suggested renewal and re-certification of DTs. He also suggested recognizing the DTs at Lions functions.
- 9.5.10 CC Simon requested no mass production of DTs unless there is a program for DTs to utilize their skills and pathway to escalate. He advised 1st VDG Hudson to work closely with PDG Sam to come out with a working paper.
- 9.5.11 PCC Jeffrey was from the 1st batch of MD Trainer. He tried to train as many Lions as possible; teach them skills as presenters. However, not many know how to conduct seminar. It will be good for them to attend refresher courses.

9.6 Membership/Family & Women’s Membership Development – PCC Jeffrey Quah

- 9.6.1 PCC Jeffrey thanked CC Simon for his initiative and foresight in organizing the first ever POA’s Retreat to discuss matters of concerned to the development and future of our MD. He urged full attendance of POAs to this unprecedented event.

- 9.6.2 He urged districts to have at least 10% nett growth and analyzed problems and importance of retention.
 - 9.6.3 He reported women membership for A1 = 26%, A2 = 30%, B1 = 24% and B2 = 18%.
 - 9.6.4 ID Ellis reminded that a women membership grant of US\$2,000 is available from LCI and we should tap into it to increase awareness among female potentials
- 9.7 Retention – PDG Mary Law**
- 9.7.1 As per written report submitted.
 - 9.7.2 PDG Mary reported that seminars on retention will be organized by A1 and A2.
 - 9.7.3 She will work closely with the MERL Team.
 - 9.7.4 CC Simon requested PDG Mary to share success stories, best practices on retention through the MD website.
 - 9.7.5 CC Simon advised that it may be good to invite grass root Lions, who are committed but possessed no aspiration to climb the leadership ladder. They just want to do good and serve the community, to tell us why they remain active and why Lions is a good platform?
 - 9.7.6 DG B1 Datuk Danny said that in B1, many left our movement due to conflicts and frustration. We must look into these as well and find ways to overcome them.
- 9.8 Extension – PCC Dr. Winston Koh**
- 9.8.1 PCC Dr. Winston reported that total 6 new clubs have been chartered. A1 = 1, A2 = 3, B1 = 1 and B2 = 1
 - 9.8.2 He expects 12 – 14 new clubs in the MD by end of FY 2009 - 2010
 - 9.8.3 He advised DGs to pick up Extension Kits from him, if required.
 - 9.8.4 PDG James will post the dates of Charter Night on MD website.
 - 9.8.5 CC Simon reminded all to look into formation of Bahasa speaking clubs. It does not have to be entirely Malay members but other races as well with meetings to be conduct in Bahasa. If Mandarin speaking clubs can be successful, there is no reason why we can not grow in this direction.
- 9.9 Constitution & By-Laws – PDG Eric Ng**
- 9.9.1 PDG Eric Ng enquired from CC Simon if there’s any proposal for amendment of MD C&BL in the coming Convention, while CC Simon advised there’s no issue at this point of time.
- 9.10 International Relations – PCC Dato Dr K Nagaratnam**
- 9.10.1 PCC Dato Dr Naga commented that all 4 Sub-Districts have done well in International Relations, with a string of club twinning with different countries. However, for MD to MD Twinning, there is a need to look into its feasibility and whether it is workable?
 - 9.10.2 He further commented that for District to District Twinning, one needs to put in a lot of work to sustain the relationship. His personal opinion is that District/District Twinning is not advisable as successive DGs would have different agenda and priorities.

- 9.10.3 CVC/IPDG Kenneth proposed to have e-twinning before committing to MD/MD Twinning.
- 9.10.4 DG B1 Datuk Danny requested MD to put on record the rotation of hosting the Twinning pacts between Indonesia/Thailand/Malaysia.
- 9.10.5 CVC/IPDG Kenneth briefed the floor on hosting of Twinning pact 9.10.4:
 1. At the meeting held in FY 2007-2008 hosted by the Thai, Medan Committees approved the District Twinning between 307-A1 [Indonesia], 301-B [Thailand] and 308-B1 and 308-B2 [Malaysia].
 2. Twinning pact extended invitation to District 308-A1, however, no representative present at the meeting. Subsequently, DG 2008-2009 Bobby Eng declined the Twinning invitation.
 3. SuratThani will play host after Medan due to new membership as agreed by DG B2 KL Choong. This courtesy by DG B2, however, will not affect the actual rotation of the hosting of Twinning pacts set forth.
 4. The committee of District Twinning between the 3 countries comprises of DGs, VDGs and DC International Relations of the countries involved.
- 9.10.6 PCC Dato Nago advised Ginko Quick Start Award will be presented at the OSEAL Forum. He asked DG Anthony and DG KL Choong to be present to receive the award.
- 9.10.7 He reminded DGs the date of meeting International President at the OSEAL Forum is on 21/11/09.
- 9.10.8 He proposed to organize Inter-District 2D/1N Fellowship with first get together in Melaka for all Lions
- 9.10.9 PDG Eric suggested organizing the inter-district fellowship during Lions Convention instead.
- 9.10.10 CC Simon suggested a Lions fellowship activity which will have Lions working with local Tourism office and city hall to organize a publicity event to highlight Melaka's heritage status and to invite Lions from other Districts to join in. And to rotate this with B2, which will run a similar event next fiscal year to mark Penang's heritage status.
- 9.10.11 ID Ellis advised that LC Kuching Kota Sentosa, A2 will twin with a club in Indonesia.

9.11 IT/Protocol/PR & Lions Information – PDG James Teo

- 9.11.1 PDG James requested for local training materials in English and Chinese from 4 sub-districts to be uploaded to MD Website.
- 9.11.2 PDG Sam commented that LCI has already had good training materials, of which we should make good use of it instead of making new one. However, the District Trainers [DT] should customize the training materials to suit his/her needs and local conditions.
- 9.11.3 Will upload information relating to B1 Fellowship Night on 31/12/09 in Sunway Lagoon, KL
- 9.11.4 PDG James requested from Lions in B1 and B2 who have leadership modules to share with other Sub-Districts to contact him.
- 9.11.5 CC Simon advised all CCC to write to PDG James suggesting ways to improve MD website; and requested the 4 DGs to promote MD Website through their District newsletter/e-bulletin and club visits.

- 9.11.6 PDG James will upload Protocol list for MD once completed.
- 9.11.7 CC Simon commented that DG is the number one Lion in the District, and not to diminish his/her role and ability to lead, all clubs should invite DG as their GOH.
- 9.11.8 PDG Sam advised that for 100% Lions function, DG should be the GOH. However, in situation where outsider is invited, e.g Minister, then it is advisable to get the local dignitary to be GOH.
- 9.11.9 PDG John Loh added that in the case of protocol, local custom prevails.
- 9.11.10 PCC Tommy commented that Protocol means 'basic courtesy' to each other. If club invitation is received, it is basic courtesy as senior Lion to inform the club the correct and right procedures.
- 9.11.11 CC Simon concluded that there should be consistency in protocol for all Districts. For club functions, DG shall be the GOH. If he/she is unavailable, he/she shall assign a representative. Any POAs being approached by club to be GOH, must have the courtesy to inform the DG before accepting such invitation.
- 9.11.12 CC Simon commented on the mis-information in some Directory and requested from All DGs for an update on the status of all POAs. active, resigned, deceased and also their marital status

9.12 Leo Club – PDG Siah Yok Lin

- 9.12.1 PDG Siah Yok Lin reported total 225 Leo Clubs in MD, out of which, A1 = 12, A2 = 70, B1 = 81 and B2 = 87
- 9.12.2 He commented that Lions should promote good relationship with school headmaster, so that Leo Club Program can progress.
- 9.12.3 Omega Leos are from open college or open based. PDG Siah Yok Lin seek DGs' consideration to increase the age group of Omega Leos from 30 - 35 instead of the LCI age for 18-30.
- 9.12.4 Leo Council to be formed at Region level
- 9.12.5 MD Leo Forum date fixed on 4 – 6/6/2010, to be organized by B1. Participation will be from B1 and B2.
- 9.12.6 CC Simon informed that A1 and A2 will organize own District Leo Forum, while B1 and B2 will take turn in organizing the MD Leo Forum.
- 9.12.7 DG Anthony advised date of District Leo Forum for A1 has yet to be confirmed.
- 9.12.8 DG Karen advised District Leo Forum for A2 will be 5-7/6/2010 in KK.
- 9.12.9 DG B1 Datuk Danny will revert with final date of MD Leo Forum after consultation with local clubs.
- 9.12.10 PDG Dato' Foo suggested A1 to join B1 and B2 to the MD Leo Forum and he commented that the DC for Leo Club should be a 3-year term instead of 1 year. DG Karen confirmed that LCI has revised such portfolio to 3-year term.
- 9.12.11 PCC Jeffrey informed that Leo Council of Penang has operated for more than 20 years under the leadership of DC Leadership.
- 9.12.12 CVC/IPDG Kenneth advised LCI Grant of USD 2,000 for organizing MD Leo Forum may be applied to help in alleviating cost.
- 9.12.13 CC Simon requested MD Leo Forum organizers to extend invitation to A1 and A2 Leos.

- 9.12.14 DG B2 Datuk Danny requested the Long Range Planning committee to look into the reasons why not many of the former Leos join Lions?
- 9.12.15 CC Simon commented that sponsoring Lions Clubs should inform LCI on closure of Leo Clubs; otherwise, the club will continually be billed for LCI Leo Levy annually.

9.13 Lions Services For Children – PDG Philip Ooi In Hee

- 9.13.1 PDG Philip seek information from A1 on Lions Quest.
- 9.13.2 He advised that B2 would like to apply for LCI Standard Grant of USD75,000 for an autistic home.
- 9.13.3 ID Hjh Ellis advised that LCI Grant for Children symposium is USD 1,000.
- 9.13.4 DG Karen informed that as of this fiscal year, A2 is in collaboration with McDonald's on a long term Cleft Lip Project. Lions will look for needy children with inborn cleft lip problem while McDonald's will bear the entire cost of plastic surgery, traveling and accommodation expenses of the patient and one immediate family member to KL. Each patient would have to undergo 3 surgeries. McDonald's will take care of the patient till they reach the age of 18. The cost of surgeries and related expenses is around RM30,000 per patient. The fund from McDonald's for this project with District A2 is RM1 million.

9.14 Long Range Planning – PDG John Loh

- 9.14.1 PDG John reminded all 4 Sub-Districts to form their Long Range Committee. Status so far,
 - A1 – developed
 - A2 – in the midst of forming committee
 - B1 – committee had met and deliberated. At this time B1 is ready for bifurcation. The DG will take this proposal to Cabinet meeting for approval; also to table at the same meeting the proposal for a new MD within the present boundary of B1. He seek MD Council's blessing to proceed. CC Simon responded that bifurcation is a district matter and that the proper step to take is for DG to first have cabinet's approval before bringing it to sub-district convention for a vote. On the issue of MD within B1, he requested close consultation with B2 and a look at redistricting instead.
 - B2 – Committee meeting scheduled on 31/10/09 evening.

9.15 Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind/Hearing & Speech & Work with the Deaf – PDG Tan Tiang Hoo

- 9.15.1 As referred to written report
- 9.15.2 A1 – Seminar on SightFirst Prevention of Diabetes was held.
- 9.15.3 A1 2nd VDG Singa Ratnam informed that PDG Han Thien Fong gave a talk for Singapore 'Save Sight Centre' with participation of 25 clubs.
- 9.15.4 A2 – SightFirst projects were carried out by the clubs in conjunction with the Lions In Action Rally.
- 9.15.5 B1 – As at 10/10/09 Eye Clinic conducted and 101 patients operated on.
- 9.15.6 B2 – SightFirst Project will be carried out in November 2009.

9.16 Convention – PCC Tommy Choo

9.16.1 93rd LCI Convention, Sydney

PCC Tommy reported that PCC Jeffrey has made some arrangements for hotels in Sydney, which he will forward to PDG James to upload on MD website.

10 Progress report on 48th MD 308 Lions Convention

10.1 COC-C PDG Eric reported that:

10.1.1 On-line registration is encouraged

10.1.2 Total registrations to-date is about 300 plus, ie. A1 = 100+ A2 = 100+, B1 & B2 = less than 100 each

10.1.3 Program for District Convention will be sent to DGs for input.

10.1.4 To take measurement of Convention uniform on 3/12/09 to coincide with DG Anthony's home club 13th anniversary dinner.

10.1.5 CC Simon requested to have a site inspection of the Convention floor on 4/12/2009.

10.1.6 PDG Eric will work for meeting package for the 4th Council Meeting on 29/4/09 afternoon.

10.1.7 Convention uniform in brown colour can be used for the International Convention in Sydney and the colour is suitable for men and women. Uniform is complimentary to the Council of Governors.

10.1.8 COC uniform – black pant for Council of Governors, while for others the choice of colour for the pant is up to individual.

10.1.9 CC Simon appointed PCC Tommy Choo to head a Committee to work on Rules of Procedures.

10.1.10 PDG Eric informed that the DGe/VDGe School will be held in Johore, as cost will be cheaper. The session will close on Monday 3/5/2010. He advised DGe/VDGe to get their departure air tickets after 3pm.

10.1.11 Has invited 2nd International VP Dr. Tam as LCI representative but received no feedback yet. ID to follow up with 2nd IVP at OSEAL.

11 Convention bids for 49th MD 308 Lions Convention

11.1 PCC Tommy advised that it will be B2's turn to organize the 49th MD 308 Lions Convention in 2011.

11.2 Penang, Ipoh and Langkawi all indicated interests to play host. Penang however will allow others to bid, failing which, Penang will step in.

11.3 PCC Tommy acknowledged receipt of 1 bid from Ipoh submitted by PDG Dato Foo.

11.4 PDG Dato Foo briefed the floor that the last convention held in Ipoh was 17 years ago. It is timely that Ipoh be given the chance to host the Convention again. He advised that:

➤ Transport – not a problem

➤ Banquet hall – can accommodate maximum 1,500 pax

➤ Man-power - will be jointly organized by 90% clubs in Perak including clubs in Cameron Highland

11.5 PDG Khoo Koon Wah will submit a bid for Langkawi as venue for the same convention.

11.6 CC Simon commented that bidding at the Convention should be done professionally, involving Tourism office, city hall, a good A/V presentation rather than just unfolding a welcome banner.

- 11.7 PCC Tommy advised that a site visit and inspection is necessary for evaluation before making a recommendation to the Council and delegates for accepting the Convention bid. CC Simon appointed an inspection team of 3, comprising of himself, PID Douglas KK Lee and PCC Tommy Choo.
- 11.8 All Convention bids to reach DG B2 KL Choong by 15/12/2009 at 12:00 hrs. Bidders are advised to refer to C&BL and to furnish accurate and full information to support their bids. Should they require any clarification, they can write or call PCC Tommy.
- 11.9 Inspection will be conducted in mid-late January, 2010

12 48th OSEAL Forum, Pattaya, Thailand

- 12.1 CC Simon announced that the MD will host a Hi Tea reception for all registered delegates in OSEAL and CVC Kenneth will take charge.
- 12.2 ID will contribute to the Hi Tea Reception, 12.1
- 12.3 PCC Dato Naga suggested the event be held on 20/10/09 after the opening ceremony.
- 12.4 PDG Eric advised that funds for fellowship can come from PID Peter Fu's Fund.
- 12.5 4 DGs are requested to come back with a final confirmation of the respective numbers of registered delegates within 2 weeks.

13 Progress Report on:

13.1 RLLI

- 13.1.1 PDG Sam Leong reported that a total 60 participants to RLLI. All Council of Governors are invited to attend.
- 13.1.2 CC Simon will preside at the opening ceremony on 13th November while CVC Kenneth will officiate at the closing ceremony on 17th November
- 13.1.3 RLLI OC, PDG Jason Kon, requested the Council for release of fund to settle the hotel deposit.

13.2 H1N1 Initiatives

- 13.2.1 CC Simon thanked 1st VDG B2 Hudson Hah for leading his committee in the successful launch of MD H1N1 awareness project.
- 13.2.2 1st VDG B2 Hudson reported that H1N1 project was launched by CC Simon in Penang on 21/10/09. He had made full use of the fund of RM2,500 allocated by MD in the printing of 40,000 copies of flyers in 4 languages, i.e. English, Chinese, BM and Tamil. Flyers in Tamil will be given to B1 and B2 only.
- 13.2.3 Flyers will be sent to A2 by sea freight, and balance to be handed to DG of the other 3 districts at the Council meeting in Penang.
- 13.2.4 He thanked his committee, PCC Dr. Winston Koh, PDG Dr. William Voon, 2nd VDG Singa Retnam of A1 and Dr. Tan Tsu Kun of A2 for their assistance and support.
- 13.2.5 He also thanked PDG Dato Foo for his personal contribution of 100 boxes of face mask, which cost RM 996.

13.3 POA's Retreat

- 13.3.1 CC Simon emphasized that POA's Retreat is not a holiday. It is unprecedented and we must have a good start, we must aim for a more than 50% attendance of POAs. Since we have a generous donor giving money to the Lions, we must make a special effort. CC Simon was disappointed with the poor response thus far.

13.3.2 PDG John Lo suggested to include the spouses, to encourage better attendance, whilst PCC Dato Naga proposed to arrange separate program for the spouses, as Berjaya Hills has available good program for the spouses.

1. Program as follow:

Tuesday, 10th November	
1.30 - 2.00pm	Welcome, introduction and Overview
2.00 - 3.30pm	Caucus of sub-district 308 A1, A2, B1, B2
3.30 – 3.45pm	Tea Break
3.45 – 5.15	S.W.O.T. analysis
6.00 - 7.00pm	Dinner
7.15 - 9.00pm	Long Range Planning committee meeting
Wednesday, 11th November	
8.15am	Opening remarks
	Breakout groups a) Campaign Guidelines – facilitator: PDG Isabel Cheong (A1) b) Back to the basics – facilitator: PDG James Teo (A2) c) Lions Image/code of behavior – facilitator: PDG Laylah Loh (B1) d) Weak clubs & membership retention – facilitator: PCC Hong Khay Chai (B2)
8.45 - 10.15am	1st session
10.30 - 12:00pm	2nd session
1.30 - 3.00pm	3rd session
3.15 - 4.45pm	4th session
4.45 - 6.15pm	MD Caucus (Bifurcation/redistricting issues)
	Dinner Group activity - Night jungle walk
Thursday, 12th November	
8.15 – 10.15am	Presentation by Breakout group leaders
10.30 - 11.45am	Group discussion (implementation process)
1.00 – 3.00pm	LRP committee – developing strategic goals and plans

2. Funds from sponsor is RM 30,000 and our cost is around RM23,000
3. CVC Kenneth will take charge of rooming and 1st VDG B1 Dato Yeow will be in charge of transportation – airport/hotel/airport for outstation POAs.
4. All POAs are to confirm their attendance and flight details to 1st VDG Dato Yeow directly
5. 1st VDG Dato Yeow suggested meeting point at Lobby of Berjaya Time Square at 10am. Those arriving after 10am, are requested to make their own way to Berjaya Hills Resort.
6. PDG Eric advised the committee not to take into consideration that A1 will split and leave the MD, when conducting Long Range planning.

13.4 **DT's Presentation Contest**

- 13.4.1 PDG Sam Leong is working on the rules and guidelines of contest, with reference to those from Toast Masters and will keep DGs in the loop. Topics will be based on those available from LCI and materials will be given to the DT contestants.
- 13.4.2 PDG Eric proposed to apply PID Eng Ah Koon Trust Fund, which covers cost of competition prizes, venue and refreshment and to name the challenge trophy after PID Eng Ah Koon.
- 13.4.3 PDG Sam suggested the DT's presentation contest be in 2 languages – Chinese and English and be organized at District level as a selection process, with 2 winners advancing to the MD contest.
- 13.4.4 PDG Eric commented that DG from each sub-District will decide how they want to implement the DT's presentation contest.
- 13.4.5 PDG Eric advised the time for contest during MD Convention will be on Friday morning [30/4/2010].

13.5 **Musical Competition – Violin**

- 13.5.1 2nd VDG B2 Shawn Lee reported that for The Global Musical Competition, selection has been moved from OSEAL Pattaya to Hong Kong in March 2010, whilst exact date has not been fixed yet.
- 13.5.2 He commented that as the international standard is very high, we are unable to get qualified violist contestants at short notice, which in usual cases; will require 12-18 months advance notice be given for preparation and selection.
- 13.5.3 ID Ellis informed that this is the first year for organizing Musical Contest. This event will be continued but with a different musical instrument in the following year
- 13.5.4 CC Simon advised 2nd VDG Shawn to consider one venue to bring together B1 and B2 candidates in one single contest, for better audience and lower budget; and to keep him in the loop on the progress.

13.6 **MERL**

- 13.6.1 DG Karen advised A2 has already organized MERL Conference in KK and SibU on 4/10/2009, which was headed by 1st and 2nd VDG respectively.

14 **Comments by 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors**

- 14.1 1st VDG A1 Steven Seah informed that there were requests for orientations and inductions to be held at District level, though he has suggested these be held on a decentralized basis. He commented that this could be due to the geographical nature of Singapore and as such, will undertake both methods concurrently. In the long run with the setting up of the Trainer's Committee in Singapore which will make more trainers/presenters available to undertake orientation and other programme, the move towards decentralization of such activities will be better received.

On retention, 1st VDG Steven advised that the MERL team will also attempt to focus on the sponsors of the new Lions. It must be impressed upon the sponsors that they have duties and responsibilities to nurture and develop the new Lions. An

analogy was made to a mother of 10 children and her responsibilities to feed, clothe and educate them.

- 14.2 1st VDG B1 Datuk Yeow reminded all POAs to contact him if transport to POA's retreat is required.
- 14.3 1st VDG Hudson proposed to look into renewal license. DTs are to report back to the DC Leadership on the sessions done by them.
- 14.4 2nd VDG A1 Ratnam Singa – no comments
- 14.5 2nd VDG A2 Dr Tan Tzu Kun – no comments
- 14.6 2nd VDG B2 Shawn Lee – no comments, but to confirm his attendance for POA's retreat.

15 Comments by Council Vice Chairperson

- 15.1 CVC/IPDG Kenneth requested all 4 DGs to share with the registered delegates the schedule of MD Hi Tea Reception at OSEAL Forum, Pattaya.
- 15.2 He requested all POAs attending the Retreat to inform him on their arrival date/time and room requirement.

16 Comments by Council Advisors

- 16.1 ID Hjh Ellis congratulated CC Simon for conducting a smooth and productive meeting. She hoped all will leave behind a legacy.
- 16.2 ID briefed on update from LCI as follow:
 - 1. Approved the term of 'adult companion' in place of 'spouse'.
 - 2. 2nd VDG is authorized as a 'signer' for the voting delegate of District
 - 3. Elimination of Club Branch Coordinator, to be replaced by President, Secretary and Treasurer. Minimum 5 to form a Club Branch and they are eligible to serve as Board members in their parent club.
- 16.3 She advised DGs to look into the Clubs' Health and Assessment Report.
- 16.4 She commented and encouraged clubs to sing/play Lions song at Lions functions.
- 16.5 She congratulated all DGs for carrying out activities successfully and to DG B1 Datuk Danny for a quality District Bulletin
- 16.6 She informed that LCI is looking into revision of the MERL Term. She asked MERL term to give input and ideas to LCI, if MERL is working.
- 16.7 PID Dato Douglas KK Lee congratulated CC Simon for conducting the meeting professionally, with lots of constructive ideas and suggestions. He hope that the next Council will be as good.
- 16.8 PID Dato Douglas further commented that LCI closed many clubs due to non payment, lack of members, lack of activities. The respective RC/ZC should deal with it promptly and not let the situation get out of hand and likewise, the respective DG.

17 Any Other Business

- 17.1 For the MD Peace Poster Contest, CC Simon requested the 4 DGs to send their winning drawing to PDG Dr. William Voon for MD level judging by November 15.
- 17.2 CC Simon advised all 1st VDGs to get together and set a weekend date free in July for the 1st Council meeting next fiscal year, which should be held before their 1st District Cabinet Meeting
- 17.3 PDG Dato Foo noted the fellowship dinner on 30/10/09 in Penang was the first time Penang grass roots had the chance to interact with MD Council members. He suggested a dialogue or talk to be held in conjunction with future Council meetings. PCC Dato Naga advised that Peter Fu's Fund can be drawn from for a Fellowship

event and Club Presidents be invited to come for the said dialogue. DG Karen advised that dialogue sessions were held at Region or Zone level during her clubs' visit. CC Simon agreed with the idea of more interaction with MD Council members; however, dialogue should be under District and conducted with their District Governor, Region/Zone Chairpersons.

18 Date and Venue of 3rd and 4th Council Meeting

18.1 3rd Council Meeting on 20-21/2/2010, KL

18.2 4th Council Meeting on 29/4/2010, Singapore

19 Adjournment

19.1 There being no other business, CC Simon adjourned the meeting at 12:25pm [1/11/2009].

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