

Ask What You Can Do For Your Club

District 80 Governor Goh Wei Koon, DTM, Division U Governor David Liem, ACB-CL, District Officers past and present, Fellow Toastmasters and Friends,

We observe this evening not installation of the Club Officers, but celebration of success of our Club - symbolizing an end, as well as a beginning—signifying renewal as well as change. For I have sworn before you the same pledge Dr Ralph C Smedley, founder of Toastmasters International, had made some 84 years ago.

The world is very different now. However one thing remains unchanged. That is our desire for excellence in our communication and leadership skills. We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, in order to assure the survival of our club and the continuous growth of our members.

To those old members, we pledge the continued support for each other. United, there is little we cannot do. Divided, there is little we can do—for nobody is able to run the club single-handedly.

To those new members, we pledge the renewed and unconditioned coaching and mentoring so that you may enjoy a much more peaceful and smoother sail on the journey to becoming a more effective communicator.

To our sister clubs on this island, we pledge our support and cooperation. We would encourage our members to visit other clubs and to participate in other activities more often so that experiences and knowledge may be shared and new ideas explored.

So let us begin by committing ourselves to helping more members conquer their fear of public speaking, and keeping their momentum in high learning spirit by planning quality meetings and organizing value-added programmes for them.

Let us never fail to try despite fear, but let us never fear to fail while trying.

In the history of our club, there was no better time than the present time. Currently we have a record membership of 36. We anticipate that our club shall continue to do well provided that we rally together and work closely towards the Distinguished Club Programme.

And so, my fellow club members: ask not what your club can do for you—ask what you can do for your club.

My fellow toastmasters of District 80: ask not what Kowloon-Singapore will do for you, but what together we can do for helping District 80 grow stronger.

Finally, whether you are members of this club or toastmasters from other clubs, ask of us the same high level of passion and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a sound knowledge of the 4 critical success factors, let us practise the core values of Toastmasters International to run the clubs we love, and realize our founder's dream of helping more and more ordinary people become better communicators so that misunderstanding due to miscommunication is minimized and that the world will be a better place to live in.

Toastmaster of the Evening