

# Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 2002-2003

## 扶輪青年領袖獎勵計劃

1<sup>st</sup> Stage: 18 / 1 / 2003

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: 14-16 / 2 / 2003

3<sup>rd</sup> Stage: 8 / 3 / 2003

The RYLA 2002-2003 theme, which was chosen to go along with The Rotary International theme of "Sow the Seeds of Love", was "Sow the Seeds of Leadership" and the three-stage programme was well planned.

The First Stage - Seminar and Briefing Session was held at The Boy's & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong on 18th January, 2003 to introduce the aims and targets of the RYLA programme. Our guest speaker was Dr. Rebecca Li, Explorer.

The Second Stage of the programme was a 3-day, 2-night camp held from 14th - 16th February, 2003 at HKAC Training Campsite. The 3-day programme had been very well-planned by them, with action training and interaction between groups and individuals.

On Day 1 (14th February, 2003), 108 RYLarians together with the 8 volunteers, were picked up by three buses which took us to High Island Training Camp in Sai Kung in time for our scheduled start of 10.30 am. After the welcoming address and RYLA flag hoisting ceremony (which was held every morning), 4 teams were formed, dormitories were allocated and everyone participated in ice-breaking games.

The Training exercises began in earnest after lunch with Training Circuit A (Parts I & II). Since the group was large, it was divided into 2 sections alternating between The Elementary Map Reading/Orienteering Exercise and the Radio Voice Procedures and exercise. There was no doubt that trainers and volunteers alike enjoyed taking part in these exercises.



After an early dinner, there was a night walk followed talent show, each group performed very well. The first day at the Camp had been so full of activities that everyone was quite tired, but happy.

Day 2 (15th February) began early with a 6.00 am Reveille rousing us for the RYLA flag hoisting ceremony and a sightseeing trip to East Sea Coffey Dam, High Island Reservoir, where a "Stretcher" Race was held before heading back to Camp for breakfast and the start of Training Circuit B (Part 1) at 9.00 am.

Teams rotated around 4 "stands" - Rock Climbing/Abseiling; Command Tasks; Drill Practice; and an Introduction to the Obstacle Course - each of which lasted 1 hour.

After lunch, Training Circuit B (Part 1) continued, followed by preparation for the field training and departure at 5.00 pm for the field training area where team bases were set up and dinner prepared. That evening they camped outside and since they had to be up early the following morning, probably only slept for about 2 hours.

Day 3 (16th, February) - the teams were collected at 7.00 am and were debriefed on the field training prior to breakfast, after which there were potted sports and an inter-team obstacle course competition. Although the Potted sports were very challenging, everyone had a go and enjoyed themselves. It was obvious through these games, that they learned quite a lot about leadership skills and getting along with other team members.

During the last day, we were joined by Rotary district officers who watched the competitions and were very interested to see that the Camp site was an ideal location for such training. The camp ended with an evaluation and closing address session. Comments from the Rylarians were encouraging that Rylarians wished the camp would not end just yet. We believe that the RYLA camp was quite a success.





At the end of the second stage each group had to select their leader, and they were all asked to write an essay about the camp and hand over to their group leader.

The Group leaders also had to write an essay on the topic "Sow the Seeds of Leader" which being the slogan of our RYLA 2002-2003.

The Group leader in turn had to collect all the essays and compile into a booklet along with pictures and present it to the committee by February 24, 2003.

The Third Stage of RYLA 2002-2003 Post-Camp Session took place at the USRC on March 8, 2003. During this session all the four leaders were asked to describe their

thoughts on the RYLA Camp. All the participants and Volunteers and Committee Members received a certificate from DG Gloria Chan.

The Committee read all the essays and interviewed each group leader and selected two from the four group leaders to attend the International RYLA Convention 2002-2003 to be held in Brisbane, Australia. The two leaders were Miss Tsoi Sze Man, Bee and Mr. Ho Tsz Lung, Joe.

My thanks to DG Gloria for giving me this opportunity to serve the RYLA project.

My thanks to all The RYLA Organizing Committee members, Youth Generation coordinator PDG Joseph Lee as well as Advisors PP Herbert Lau, DGN Jones Wong, PP Charles Cheng, PP Tony Wong, Host Club Representative IPP Grace Yen, Camp Warden PP Vincent Ng, District Rotaract Representative Ivy Yeung, Stephen Lo and Mr. Monty Loh of the Youth Institute.

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