

Inner Wheel Club of Kota Kinabalu 60th Anniversary Celebration and 61st Installation Night

The Inner Wheel Club of Kota Kinabalu (“IWCKK”) from Inner Wheel District 331, Malaysia & Singapore, celebrated its 60th Anniversary Celebration and 61st Installation Night on Sunday 2nd August 2015 at the Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

It was a grand celebration with Inner Wheel members from IWC Philip Island, Victoria, Australia; IWC Petaling Jaya, IWC Kuala Lumpur, IWC Subang Selangor, IWC Kuala Lumpur City Centre and IWC Ipoh East from District 330; and IWC Sandakan, IWC Sibul, IWC Singapore, IWC Singapore East and IWC Singapore West from District 331 joining in on this joyous occasion.









That night not only saw the installation of Yvonne Yeo as the 61st President of IWCKK by the outgoing President YM Tengku Adlina Marita Tengku Zainal Abidin, but also the signing of a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement between the Club, Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK) and the Sabah State Museum.

This was in respect of a joint project between the three parties concerned to rehabilitate the Inner Wheel Garden which was established by the Inner Wheel Club of Jesselton (or the Inner Wheel Club of Kota Kinabalu, as it was then known) some 53 years ago at the site of the iconic Atkinson Clock Tower. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Assistant Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Datuk Pang Yuk Ming, PP Gillian Lee, PP Tengku Puteri Marilyn Tengku Zainal Adlin and newly installed President Yvonne Mok. It was the vision of PP Gillian, during her term as President, and the ladies of IWCKK to not only revive the Inner

Wheel Garden for the enjoyment of the people of Sabah, but to also create a beautiful garden where visitors to the Clock Tower can capture wonderful memories of Kota Kinabalu.



The highlight of the evening's entertainment, however, must be the feature film entitled "IWCKK - 60 Years of Service and Friendship" which was produced by five members of the Club. The video clip took many of the ladies and their guests down memory lane, as footages of Jesselton and life in the 1950s and 1960s flashed by. Old photographs accompanied the video interviews given by PNR Puan Sri Helen Jayasuriya, PP Margaret Chin and PP Lily Marimuttu on the early days of IWCKK, the countless community services and fund raising projects undertaken during the last 60 years and the achievements of and accolades received by the Club. The film, which was directed by PP Gillian Lee and edited by the Club's youngest member Amira Mumtaz Iskandar, was very well received by all present at the celebratory dinner that night.

In his address, the Guest of Honour, Y.A.B. Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman, the Chief Minister of the State of Sabah, urged "Inner Wheel members from far and near to please keep up with your meaningful objectives of fostering true friendship, personal service to the community and promoting international understanding." He then surprised and delighted everyone by announcing that, to show the State Government's support for "this women-driven organisation", the State Government of Sabah would be pledging RM50,000 to IWCKK for the Club to "put the funds to good use to further your noble cause".





What a fitting end to a most beautiful and memorable evening of celebrations, an evening where faded memories of yesteryears were revived and the promise of more memories to be made in the years ahead is assured!