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# Lutong Toastmasters Club Club No. 8515

Located in Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia

**Congratulation to Lutong Toastmasters Club on her 17<sup>th</sup> Installation  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Dynasty Hotel, Miri**



**A picture speaks a thousand words:-**

From left: William Kueh, Ramdas Nayar, Richard Wong, Francis Ng, DG KK Chee, Margaret Nawan, Dato Lau, ID. John Lau, Ritchie Chong, Joseph Chau, Amelia Chua, Jasmine Ngu.



**Members of the Lutong Toastmasters Club Executive Committee Members:-**  
From the left side: Kelvin Chong, Amelia Chua, Jasmine Ngu, Margaret Nawan, Betty Lew, Wilander Low, William Kueh

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**DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM FOR THE CLUB**

Goal No.	Goals	Members' Achievement
1.	2 CC	
2.	2 more CC	
3.	1 AC	
4.	1 more AC	
5.	1 CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM	
6.	1 more CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM	
7.	4 new members	
8.	4 more new members	
9.	Minimum of 4 club officers trained at each training period	
10.	One membership dues submitted on time and one club officer list submitted on time	

## **EFFECTIVE LEADERS HAVE A SENSE OF PURPOSE** by John Lau, DTM International Director 05-07

An effective leader creates a shared sense of purpose, because people really need purpose. Meaningful purpose. That's why we live. And I think the power of an organization will be that shared sense of purpose.

### **One: Have a Strong Defined Sense of Purpose**

Involve all the team members to define the sense of purpose. During the meeting, conduct a situational analysis to understand the present situation, realize what opportunities, what obstacles and solutions lie ahead of us.

Leading means doing the right things. Remind people continuously of what's important and create an environment where people know why they are there.

### **Two: The Capacity Clearly to Articulate a Vision**

To achieve a vision you need more than words. It's more than giving speeches, sending out memos and hanging laminated plaques in offices. It is about living the vision, day in day out. It is about embodying it - and empowering every other person in the organization to implement and execute the vision in everything they do. In other words, you have to anchor it in organizational realities, so that it becomes a template for decision making. If ever there was a truism it's this .... "**Actions speak louder than words.**"

### **Three: Generating Trust**

Leaders need to be candid in their communication and show that they care. They have got to be seen as trustworthy persons. I personally believe that all communication should be done eyeball to eyeball, rather than in newsletters, or videos or via electronic mails. The leader must be able to generate and sustain trust, and that also means demonstrating competence and constancy.

I would give tomorrow's leaders a quote from Henry James, a famous hockey player:- "To strike hard and try something," because it really means that you are never really going to get anywhere unless you risk and try, and then learn from each experience.

### **Four: Sharing**

The vision has to be shared. And the only way that it can be shared is for it to have meaning for the people who are involved in it. Leaders have to specify the steps that behaviorally fit into that vision, and then reward people for following those steps. Then they need some feedback loops, to make sure that the vision is still relevant, still salient and that it has some resonance. Again, without meaning and resonance, vision statements are only stale truths.

### **Five: Information Technology (IT)**

Using IT to stay connected with the members at all times. Motivating members by emails on a regular basis; congratulating a member's achievement by SMS and a phone call to ask for help.

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## **Understanding Toastmasters International Values** by Amelia Chua CC, VPE Lutong TMC

Toastmasters International's core values are:

- Integrity
- Dedication to Excellence
- Service to the Member
- Respect for the Individual

These are values worthy of a great organization, and we believe we should incorporate them as anchor points in every decision we make. Our core values provide us with a means of not only guiding but also evaluating our operations, our planning, and our vision for the future.

As an organization, we believe that:

- The Toastmasters program provides people with the opportunity to build confidence in their ability to express themselves articulately.
- A Toastmasters Club is the educational laboratory that contributes to the betterment of the world by providing people with the opportunity to learn the vital skills of thinking, listening, and speaking. The Club provides the enjoyable, positive, supportive, non-academic environment in which people can learn these skills.
- In a Toastmasters Club, learning by doing, coupled with supportive and constructive evaluation, is the best and most effective means for learning communication skills. Learning is self-directed and self-paced, so people may set learning goals that meet their individual needs and may progress as quickly as they choose through the programs.
- Toastmasters provides an opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills which help people assume the important leadership responsibilities that they face in life.
- Through Toastmasters, people can achieve happiness and success by acquiring the self-confidence that learning to speak in public inspires. This self-confidence enables people to further challenge themselves to learn and accomplish even more.
- The Toastmasters program helps people to broaden and expand their perception of how to interact with others. The program supports, facilitates and encourages personal growth and development, and recognizes people for their achievements.

- Toastmasters opens the way for people to be more creative, constructive, and observant, allowing them to take advantage of life's many opportunities.
- As leaders, Toastmasters enjoys a sense of responsibility, service, and contribution. This endeavor is exercised through positive support of our fellow members and ensuring that our Clubs meet the needs of its members.

By adhering to these values, Toastmasters International will support members' and Clubs' desires to learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking -- skills that help people reach their full potential, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

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## Leadership Tips from our International Director, Dr. John Lau DTM



### To be a charismatic leader, one needs to:-

- Lead the team with a sense of purpose by setting a clear vision
- Lead the team with extraordinary determination
- Master effective communication skills
- Have a sense of humour
- Have a high level of energy
- Be committed and dedicated to your cause
- Able to influence and attract people
- High level of tolerance
- Dress and groom professionally
- SMILE
- Extend your hand to help the team members

### News from District 51 (serving Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia)

This year District 51 emerged as the top district in the world for the number of clubs receiving the Smedley Award. The district would like to congratulate the following clubs who are the proud recipients of Smedley Award from Toastmasters International for **adding 5 or more new, dual or reinstated members** from August 1 2007 to September 30 2007. Well done and **go, go, go District 51. District 51 is ranked 4th in the WORLD.**

*"Our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney*

Fellow Toastmasters,

This achievement is not only for the District but for each and everyone of you!  
Every drop of sweat has created an ocean of success.  
It's Simply Amazing! ... so are YOU!

Much of the effort necessary to turn our dreams into reality lies within us as individuals.  
Our dreams won't come true without our personal commitment and dedication to excellence. However turning our dreams into reality requires the assistance of others.

The District's success begins at the club level, followed by the Areas and Divisions.  
And this was possible because all of you had given your best in serving as either our Club President or being part of the club Executive Committee, Area Governor, Division and respective councils, appointed and elected District Officers. And of course our Past District Governors for lighting the path ahead.

For the record, we achieved :

#### **CLUBS :**

46- Distinguished, 38- Select Distinguished and 71- President's Distinguished

#### **AREAS:**

17- Distinguished, 10 - Select Distinguished and 24 - President's Distinguished

#### **DIVISIONS :**

12 - President's Distinguished

... what an Amazing feat ... we cannot ask for more!

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for your remarkable performance.

As we SOAR to a new beginning, let's continue to give our best in **Shaping Our Aspirations and Results** to ensure that every club is Distinguished or better ... IT'S POSSIBLE because we are TOASTMASTERS:SIMPLY AMAZING!

With gratitude from all of us,

Sivanganam, DTM, District Governor 2006-2007  
KK Chee, DTM, District LGET 2006-2007  
Joseph Gomez, DTM, District LGM 2006-2007  
Richard Chong, ATMS, District PRO 2006-2007  
Koay Leeng Sze, DTM, District Secretary 2006-2007  
L Thannimalai, CL, District Treasurer 2006-2007



**Siva,DTM DG 06-07**



Lutong Toastmasters Club ranked as President's Distinguished Club, E1 by Jasmine Ngu

The NEW-BORN Lutong Toastmasters Club Website



Welcome to Lutong Toastmasters Club #8515



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Please visit <http://www.geocities.com/lt8515>

Drop your comments in the Guestbook.

**Let us attend the MEDAN Convention from November 15 to 18, 2007 !**  
**Register with our Club President, Margaret Nawan CTM/CL**

### What are the recognitions that my club can earn?

There are 3 different levels of recognition that your club can earn through the Distinguished Club Program:

- **Distinguished Club** -- Clubs that have achieved 5 of the 10 goals and meet the membership requirements
- **Select Distinguished Club** -- Clubs that have achieved 7 of the 10 goals and meet the membership requirements
- **President's Distinguished Club** -- Clubs that have achieved 9 of the 10 goals and meet the membership requirements

If at the end of the year your club is recognized at one of these levels, your club will receive a ribbon from International that you can attach to your club's banner. The ribbon will be mailed to the person who was club President during that year.

# Our Road to the Presidents Distinguished Club Award

*A repeat performance for the second time...*



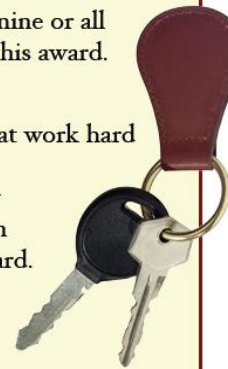
Toastmaster International offers three levels of club awards: Distinguished; Select Distinguished; and Presidents Distinguished club. The latter being the most cherished award a club can receive.

## *Presidents Distinguished Club*

Toastmasters International establishes ten annual goals that every club works towards for the three levels of club awards mentioned in the main article. Every club achieving five goals is eligible for Distinguished Club status. A club achieving seven goals is in the next group, Select Distinguished Club.

The highest level is Presidents Distinguished Club. A club must work hard to meet nine or all ten goals for this award.

Only clubs that work hard and strive for excellence, by definition, can reach this award.





*Let Toastmasters help you  
break out of your shell!*

**Having to make a presentation to your colleagues. Getting called on to answer a question in a meeting. Being stopped by your boss in the hallway.**

**All of these situations can cause much anxiety, especially if you're not comfortable thinking and speaking on your feet.**

**Visit our next meeting and learn how membership in Toastmasters can help you stretch your wings !**



**Public  
Speaking  
causes  
indigestion.**

**How do you  
spell relief?**

**T-O-A-S-T-M-A-S-T-E-R-S**



Angie Flinn, DTM