

ROTARY DAYS



INDIA 1) On 7 December, Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang visited Chennai for a Rotary Day event called My Flag, My India. **2)** To celebrate India's Flag Day and its polio-free status, District 3230, led by District Governor I.S.A.K. Nazar, brought together over 40,000 people to form the Indian national flag. **3)** They set a new record for the world's largest human national flag, earning an



acknowledgement from Guinness World Records. **4)** Huang and Nazar (left) celebrate with a certificate from Guinness World Records. **5)** “What impressed me most was that all of Rotary was represented: Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotarians,” Huang says. “They brought their classmates, friends, and co-workers. That says a lot about how important it is to the people that India is polio-free.”



INDIA 6) In addition to events in Chennai, Huang participated in Rotary Days in Mumbai and Patna (pictured) in December. **7)** Students from a Patna school sing “Carol of the Bells” to Rotarians and their guests in a full auditorium. **8)** During the event, local schoolchildren received donated backpacks. Rotarians were encouraged to contribute funds to help the students continue their education. **9)** A flag ceremony kicked off the event. India, Taiwan, and the United States were all represented at the Rotary Day in Patna.



SRI LANKA 10) Huang holds up the Rotary flame during the Ride to Light Up Rotary, in which over 300 cyclists took part in a night ride through Colombo to celebrate a polio-free Sri Lanka. **11)** Rotary International President-elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran (left, on bike) also participated. **12)** A high point was the lighting of the Rotary flame, which is traveling around the world. **13)** Proceeds from the event will benefit The Rotary Foundation. **BANGLADESH 14-15)** Huang attends a Rotary Day event hosted by District 3281 in Bangladesh.



CALIFORNIA 16) At a Rotary Day event in Anaheim, Calif., District 5320 presented a surfboard featuring artwork by Huang's wife, Corinna Yao. The board will be auctioned off during the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. **17)** One of the evening's highlights was the unveiling of a surfboard made in honor of Huang. **18)** Huang and Jim Paddock, governor of District 5320, pose with the Platters, a legendary doo-wop group. **19)** The Platters entertained hundreds of attendees from Southern California. **20)** More than 100 Special Olympians and their families also came to the event, with tickets donated by local Rotary clubs.



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THAILAND 21) In December, Huang traveled to Thailand for a Rotary Day event marking the birthday of Bhumibol Adulyadej, the king of Thailand and royal patron of Rotary in Thailand. More than 300 Rotary clubs organized the celebration. **22)** The 11,313 participants enjoyed live entertainment, a job fair, activities for youth, and free medical services from volunteer doctors. **23)** The Rotary Day ribbon-cutting ceremony included Huang, Past Rotary International President Bichai Rattakul (right), and Admiral Chumpol Pachusanon. **24)** Huang and Yao offer their best wishes to the king. **25)** Huang recognizes Arnaud Verstraete, a member of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and the first Arch Klumph Society member from Thailand. **26)** Rotarians offered vocational training services to the public, teaching a variety of skills that can help generate income.