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New Year's Greetings

District Governor, Keith Kiichiro Ohmi

Happy New Year,

I hope all of you are having a wonderful and peaceful New Year holidays with your family and friends. The New Year is a nice time to make resolutions. How about taking some time to remember your past half toastmaster year's performance and renew the goal for the coming half year?

By the way, do you know 2014 will be a memorable year for District 76? This year, we will have our 10th anniversary as a full district. I really appreciate our past leaders and member's hard work for our organization's growth. In 2002, when I joined Edo Toastmasters club, D76 had only 50 clubs. Now we have 147 clubs and 4094 members as of today. More than 100 new members are joining us every month on average and starting their Toastmasters journey.

I believe we will have 300 clubs, 10,000 members, in the near future. In this situation, our current young members will serve as our leaders, not only in each club or district but also in our families, companies, communities and country. Because of us, Toastmasters International is a place "Where Leaders are Made"

I hope all of you and your clubs will achieve your goals and have a fantastic 2014.



New Year's Greetings

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Hisashi Watanabe

Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for the support last year. I wish you all the best for the New Year!

Half my term as Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, LGET, has passed. I have been helped by a lot of people. Thank you so much! Looking back on the last 6 months, I was not sure if I could contribute to District 76. However, one thing I was convinced of was that each individual member, nothing else, adds value to all Toastmasters activities.



I would like to focus on the following for the coming 6 months.

● To facilitate communication among members

I strongly believe that communication beyond the club level is the best way to energize District 76. Of course, I would like to take advantage of all opportunities, such as club officer trainings and contests, for that. On top of that, I really want to foster the TMC Facebook group, which has over 900 members now. Although it is an unofficial group, it is one of the best ways for members to communicate. If you are not a member yet, please feel free to contact me, hmrw_wata@yahoo.co.jp.

The Facebook TMC group URL: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/TMCall/>

● To support those who want his or her ideas realized

Realizing one's own ideas is a great way to enjoy Toastmasters. These ideas could be suggesting a small improvement or organizing a big event. I want to support such members!

● To listen to members

As LGET, I enjoy the opportunities to listen to many members and I can learn from it a lot. One of the biggest advantages of serving as LGET is to have the power to spread such great ideas to District 76. I want to make all members happy to take advantage of this process!

For the next 6 months, I will do my best, and I really need your cooperation. I believe Toastmasters is a serious playground for grown-ups. Let's enjoy it together!

New Year's Greetings

Lieutenant Governor Marketing, Kiminari Azuma

Happy New Year, Toastmasters!

Looking back at the first half of 2013-2014, there were many fantastic things happened in District 76. Tokai Business, Shimonoseki, Morinomiya and Crescent Lunch officially chartered and their 85 members joined our "Toastmasters" family. Not only four new clubs chartered but we welcomed 667 new members to clubs in District 76. On top of that, 17 organizations and/or individuals sent me email asking for help to build Toastmasters clubs at their offices and in their communities. Aren't these exciting?



To keep this momentum going, I commit to make the following things happen in the second half of 2013-2014.

- There are 20 prospective clubs in District 76. I promise to help 7 most "vibrant" clubs charter, and to extend helping hands to the 13 clubs so they will gain momentum and become vibrant too.
- To run multiple marketing educational programs that will help clubs welcome more new members, and will help members feel the value of Toastmasters program so more members will renew their membership in April.

Ten of the D76 Marketing Committee members and I are more than happy to support all of you. Let's make it happen!

TMC in 2014



New Chartered Club!

We are pleased to inform you of good news.

Three clubs were chartered in November and December. Congratulations!

- * Shimonoseki Toastmasters Club, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi, Area 62, Division F
Chartered : November 11, 2013, Language : English
Founder: TM Keiko Miyake
- * Morinomiya Toastmasters Club, Sendai, Miyagi, Area 13, Division A
Chartered : November 25, 2013, Language : English/Japanese
Founder: TM Gerard Jimmy Paraison and TM Marie-Josée Brassard
- * Crescent Lunch Toastmasters Club, Hiroshima, Area 61, Division F
Chartered : December 3, 2013, Language : English
Founder: TM Mamie Sakamoto

Educational Achievers in December

Div. A

ACS Tominaga, Fumiko Saitama
 CL Sekine, Satoe Saitama

Div. B

ALB Okagaki, Tomoko Tsuno
 Omotesando Bilingual
 CC Matsuzawa, Daisuke Meguro
 Sekine, Yusuke Tokyo Metropolitan
 Sakurai, Yuko Sakura
 Yasui, Mamoru Iidabashi
 CL Higuchi, Yasunobu Yamanote

Div. C

ALS Noda, Setsuko Green Hills
 CC Kimura, Kenichi Nihonbashi
 Kawashima, Hiroichi Tsukuba
 Iguchi, Rie Nihonbashi Century
 Kimura, Atsushi AK Tokyo
 Nagatsu, Hirobumi Akihabara
 Tanaka, Nobuko Tsudanuma

Div. D

DTM Kato, Tsuneo Shonan
 ACB Nirmala, Junko Sakurazaka
 CC Kishi, Nobuyuki High Touch
 Yamaoki, Yuko Musashi-Kosugi

Div. E

ACS Sugiura, Yuki Tokai
 ACB Kuroda, Wakato Okayama
 PALB Suzuki, Kenshi Osaka
 CL Nagano, Sachi Kochi
 Hirano, Minoru Takamatsu
 Kanaji, Hiroko Kansai

Div. F

ACS Fujiyama, Setsuko Hiroshima
 CL Fujiyama, Setsuko Hiroshima

You can learn communication and leadership skills through educational programs at TMC.

When you accomplish both programs, communication and leadership programs, you will receive a title of DTM (Distinguished ToastMaster)



Communication Program

ACG (Advanced Communication Gold)
ACS (Advanced Communication Silver)
ACB (Advanced Communication Bronze)
CC (Competent Communication)



Leadership Program

ALS (Advanced Leadership Silver)
ALB (Advanced Leadership Bronze)
CL (Competent Leadership)



Editor's Postscript

'Please come visit us again anytime', my friend's mother said to me when I was leaving their house. This Christmas, I went to Kyoto to see my friend who now lives in the U.S. My friend was visiting her mother in Kyoto, and it has been 4 years since she visited her mother last. My friend's mother is a charming lady with incredible storytelling ability. She told us my friend's childhood stories with a great sense of humor. I wanted to stay longer but I had to leave to catch my train. She came to the door to see me off as I was leaving their house. My friend was walking me to the train station. On our way to the station, I turned around and there she was, still standing by the door. We will be out of her sight if we make a turn at the corner.

To show my gratitude, I waved my hand and nodded. My friend's mother waved me back and gave me a deepest bow. Her presence and giving me a bow were representing her message. The message was "Thank you for visiting my daughter all the way from Yokohama".

How can we deliver our message if voice cannot be heard? And how can we receive those messages? There are many ways to deliver our message. This Christmas I came to realize improving communication skill is endless. (Yasuno Handa)



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