

The International Partnership between Hong Kong and Japan

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Tokushima Toastmasters Club is 17 years old now, and located in a small city in Japan. But we are one of the most active clubs in western Japan as 5 members have advanced to the District Contest and one of them won the District championship. To grow further toward our 20th anniversary in 2020, the year of Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, we planned to work on some Projects. One of them was to have a Partnership Club outside Japan so that we can visit each other and enjoy Toastmasters activities more together. Then, we found the picture of Victoria Club's outdoor event on TOASTMASTER Magazine August 2016 edition. "Hong Kong may be a good choice for us!" We thought. About 20% of Hong Kong people visit Japan every year, and there is an LCC (Low Cost Carrier) service between Hong Kong and Shikoku where Tokushima is located. Besides, in Shikoku there are many attractive points to the people in Hong Kong such as Nature, Culture, History, People, etc. We proposed this idea to Victoria Club's president. He and the members wholeheartedly accepted it.

To know more about each other, 3 members from Tokushima Club visited Victoria Club in Hong Kong and attended the regular meeting on Dec. 6th, 2016. They gave us the warmest welcome and a golden opportunity to explain our place Tokushima and our club. After our presentation, we were convinced that the club really wanted to establish partnership with us.



(3 members from Tokushima attended Victoria's regular meeting, Dec. 8, 2016)

Basically, the meeting structure was almost the same, but there were some differences we could possibly adopt for the improvement of our meeting: "easy-SPEAK" application to make a meeting agenda easier, encouraging Table Topics speech evaluation, comprehensive General Evaluation, and speedy ways of writing comments and votings using "WhatsApp" application.

In April, 2017, 4 members from Victoria Club paid a significant visit to Tokushima and finally the partnership agreement was signed by the representatives from both clubs.



(Signing Ceremony & Party)



(The members from Victoria Club joined the Division Contest hosted by Tokushima, Apr. 23)



(Sightseeing in Tokushima: Enjoy AWA Odori Dance, Visit the Orchid Garden)

We have differences in many ways; Tokushima is a quiet town with a wealth of nature and some members can provide some space for their homestay; while Hong Kong is proud of a rich diversity with millions of people. These disparities will surely inspire both club members to interact more and more. Victoria's 60th anniversary in 2018 and Tokushima's 20th anniversary in 2020 may be the major events for us to work together. Through mutual club visits and communication, we will enhance our friendship, grow together and enjoy together for many years to come.

徳島トーストマスターズクラブ 香港ヴィクトリアトーストマスターズクラブとパートナーシップ提携

私たち徳島トーストマスターズクラブは、2020 年に設立 20 周年を迎えます。

そこへの発展を期して、2016 年 12 月 18 日に香港の Victoria Toastmasters Club とパートナーシップ提携し、2017 年 4 月には徳島主催の Division Speech Contest にヴィクトリアクラブのメンバーに参加して頂きました。来年設立 60 周年を迎えるヴィクトリアクラブの祝賀会、2020 年の徳島クラブの祝賀会にお互い参加する予定です。オンラインミーティングも計画しています。

Tokushima Toastmasters Club established the partnership with Victoria TMC in Hong Kong

Tokushima Toastmasters Club is celebrating our 20th birthday in 2020.

In the hope of growing further, we established the partnership with Victoria Toastmasters Club on December 18, 2016. Several members from Victoria joined the 2017 Division Speech Contest hosted by Tokushima Club. We are going to join Victoria's 60th Anniversary next year and they are also coming to Tokushima for our 20th Anniversary in 2020. We are also planning online meeting.